



## Arlington Human Rights Commission Minutes

Date: Thursday, May 27, 2021

Time: 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Location: Conducted by Remote Participation

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Attendees: Co-Chairs Pusey and Jolin, Commissioners Soneja, Bauer, Grossman, Minton, Horowitz, Brown, Carey

Absent: Commissioners Haynes, Rogers, Carney

DEI Office: Jillian Harvey, Christina Coleman

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Co-chair Pusey

Land acknowledgement by Co-chair Jolin

### Agenda

1. Review and edit of draft AHRC statement regarding Palestine/Israel
  - a. Statement writing process was discussed
    - i. All writing volunteers should be included in process
    - ii. Commissioner Grossman was not included in the initial draft of the statement
    - iii. Going forward Co-chairs will follow up with all volunteers to ensure everyone who wishes to assist in the drafting of statements are included
  - b. 4 drafts were reviewed by the commission
    - i. Statement discussion
      1. Role of the AHRC, to notify or to educate to public
        - a. Commissioners felt AHRC should notify and support the community
        - b. Provide impartial links if decision is made to include additional information
      2. Focus on getting the statement right vs getting out quickly for publishing
      3. Focus on local impact in order to support the Arlington community
  - c. *Motion by Commissioner Minton to allow co-chairs to send drafts to commissioners for review, comments should be sent to co-chairs only. Co-chairs will create single statement for review at next ad-hoc meeting - Seconded by Commissioner Brown - passed with unanimous approval*
    - i. Amended to include; timing to be determined by co-chairs. *Motion by Commissioner*

*Brown, seconded by Commissioner Minton - passed with unanimous approval*

*Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Carey and seconded by Commissioner Minton, passed with unanimous approval*

**Next meeting:** June 16, 2021, 8:00 pm, Remote Participation.

Anyone needing accessibility information or other assistance to attend this meeting should contact Jillian Harvey, [jharvey@town.arlington.ma.us](mailto:jharvey@town.arlington.ma.us). This meeting is open to all interested individuals.