

MINUTES
HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY BOARD
March 26, 2025 – 5:30 PM
City Commission Room – City Hall
1101 Poyntz Avenue
Manhattan, Kansas 66502

- **Call to Order – Time: 5:44 PM**
(Due to technical difficulties involving audio for remote participants, the meeting start was delayed.)
- **Roll Call – Note Attendance**

• Lakesha James (Chair)	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
• Dana Vanlandingham (Vice Chair)	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
• Jim Fenton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent <i>Attending Remotely</i>
• Carmen Schober	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent <i>Attending Remotely</i>
• Julie Gabbard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent <i>Attending Remotely</i>
• Shelley LeValley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
• Rachel Pate (RCPD Liaison)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent <i>Attending Remotely</i>
- **Public Comments**
 - None submitted online.
- **Approval of meeting minutes December 18, 2024**
 - Discussion: No Discussion
 - Motion: Jim Fenton
 - Motion 2nd: Shelley LeValley
 - Pass Fail Vote Outcome: 4-0
- **Liaison Update**
 - During its December meeting, the Board requested the staff liaison speak with Jerry Harper about his attendance, in accordance with Article III, Section 7 of the Bylaws. Mr. Harper has resigned from the HRAB.
 - The staff liaison was asked to email board members regarding participation in two upcoming events: Little Apple Pride, which is scheduled for Saturday, April 12, 2025, and Juneteenth, date not yet announced.
 - No edits were recommended for the HRAB informational brochure.
- **Proposed New Business**
 - Shelley LeValley inquired about the availability of funds for the Board to purchase t-shirts for public events, making members more identifiable.
- **Next meeting: June 25, 2025**
- **Adjourn – Time: 6:05 PM**
- **Liaison Follow Up:**
 - Email board members regarding participation in Little Apple Pride and Juneteenth.



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