

MINUTES
HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY BOARD
June 25, 2025 – 5:30 PM
City Commission Room – City Hall
1101 Poyntz Avenue
Manhattan, Kansas 66502

- **Call to Order – Time: 5:32 PM**

(Due to technical difficulties involving audio for remote participants, the meeting start was delayed.)

- **Roll Call – Note Attendance**

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| • Lakesha James (Chair) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present | <input type="checkbox"/> Absent |
| • Dana Vanlandingham (Vice Chair) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present | <input type="checkbox"/> Absent |
| • Jim Fenton | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present | <input type="checkbox"/> Absent |
| • Julie Gabbard | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present | <input type="checkbox"/> Absent |
| • Stephanie Jacobs | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present | <input type="checkbox"/> Absent |
| • Shelley LeValley | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present | <input type="checkbox"/> Absent |
| • Carmen Schober | <input type="checkbox"/> Present | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent |
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| • Rachel Pate (RCPD Liaison) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present | <input type="checkbox"/> Absent |

- **Public Comments**

- None submitted online.

- **Approval of meeting minutes March 26, 2025**

- Discussion: No Discussion
- Motion: Shelley LeValley
- Motion 2nd: Julie Gabbard
- Pass Fail Vote Outcome: 4-0

- **Liaison Update**

- No Report

- **Election of Officers**

- **Chair:** Shelley LeValley asked Lakesha James if she was interested in continuing to serve as the Chair to which Lakesha expressed a willingness to continue in the role.

Motion: Shelley LeValley nominated Lakesha James as Chair

Motion 2nd: Jim Fenton

Nominations: Lakesha James

Discussion: None

Pass Fail Vote Outcome: 6-0

- **Vice Chair:** Dana Vanlandingham announced that she would not seek reappointment as Vice Chair. A request for interest in the position was made to which Julie Gabbard said she would be willing to serve.

Motion: Shelley LeValley nominated Julie Gabbard as Vice Chair

Motion 2nd: Dana Vanlandingham

Nominations: Julie Gabbard

Discussion: None

Pass

Fail

Vote Outcome: 6-0

- **Proposed New Business**

- The board discussed reduction in federal funding for the Manhattan Area Resettlement Team and its potential impact on individuals in the community seeking access to housing and employment. No action proposed but Board will continue to monitor.

- **Next meeting:** September 24, 2025

- **Adjourn – Time:** 5:58 PM



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