

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP HUMAN RELATION COMMISSION

November 6, 2024 – 5:30 P.M.

Solebury Township Hall

MEETING MINUTES

Attendance: Dr. Thomas Lyon, Chair, Paul Barnes, Vice-Chair, Susan Hollander Whitman, Donald Bentivoglio, Mark Baum Baicker, Supervisor Liaison and Catherine Cataldi, Township Secretary.
Absent: Dr. Cynthia Baum-Baicker

I. The meeting was called to order.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes – August 1, 2024 Meeting

Upon a motion by Ms. Hollander Whitman, seconded by Mr. Bentivoglio, the minutes of the August 1, 2024 meeting were unanimously approved as prepared and posted.

III. New Business

2025 Meeting Dates

The Commission reviewed and unanimously agreed to approve the meeting dates for 2025. The meetings are scheduled “as needed” with the exception of February 6, 2025; May 1, 2025; August 7, 2025; and November 5, 2025, which are confirmed meeting dates.

Human Relations Commission (Held at 5:30 pm the 1st Thursday. as needed)

January 9 – (2nd Thurs. due to Reorg)

February 6

March 6

April 3

May 1

June 5

July 3

August 7

September 4

October 2

November 5 (Wed. due to conflict with BOS Meeting)

December 4

Dr. Lyon gave an overview of his meeting with Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission’s Director of Education & Outreach, Desireé Chang, M.S. Highlights of this meeting included in-person and virtual training opportunities. Discussion ensued regarding a Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission member meeting with Solebury Township Human Relations Commission to review the similarities and differences between the Township Ordinance and State Law.

IV. Commission Member Updates

Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission – Review and Review/Compare Township Ordinance and Pennsylvania State Law

Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission’s (PHRC) Director of Education & Outreach, Desireé Chang, M.S. informed Dr. Lyon and Ms. Cataldi that the PHRC Legal team has not had the opportunity to review

the Solebury Township Human Relations Commission's bylaws to compare them to PHRC jurisdiction. Ms. Cataldi is to follow-up with Ms. Chang to reschedule this topic for the February 6, 2025 meeting.

Tri-States Human Relations Commission

Dr. Lyon announced that the survey answers were submitted on behalf of the Solebury Township Human Relations Commission. Dr. Lyon also updated Commission members on the last Tri-States Human Relations Commission meeting, which included survey results. The Coalition is waiting on additional responses to be received but so far training was a high demand.

V. Public Comment

No Public Comment was received.

VI. Adjournment

Unless a complaint is filed the Commission will not meet again until Thursday, February 6, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Cataldi
Secretary