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HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, August 12, 2026 | 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.

Utah State Capitol, Elk Room | Google Meet

Unapproved

Members: Rand Lunceford, Michelle Mooney, Daneka Souberbielle, Michelle Love-Day, and Claudia Loayza

Absent: Scott Hughes, Latonya Howell, Kameron Abilla, Liz Owens, Jamey Williams.

Staff: Eddy Thompson, Igor Limansky, Jenny Hor

Guests: N/A

Quorum not established at 10:05am.

Welcome – Daneka Souberbielle & Rand Lunceford

Utah Division of Multicultural Affairs Updates – Kat Potter appointed as CCE Commissioner and Heidi Tak appointed as Deputy Director.

MLK Chair/Co-Chair update - Governor Cox approved Commissioner Souberbielle as Chair and Commissioner Lunceford as Vice-Chair of the MLK Human Rights Commission.

Roberts Rules of Order Training : By Michelle Love-Day

Mandatory Open and Public Meetings Act (OPMA) Training to be requested for October Commission meeting.

Quorum Established : Review the June Meeting minutes by Vice Chair Lunceford.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Michelle Love-Day moved to approve the meeting minutes from March. Aliana Marti seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 6-0-5 vote.

Yeas – 6

Daneka Souberbielle
Claudia Loayza
Michelle Love-Day
Rand Lunceford
Alaina Marti
Michelle Mooney

Nays – 0

Absent – 5

Liz Owens
Latonya Howell
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Subcommittee reports:

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- **MLK Day:** The subcommittee is building outreach lists across Utah regions (covering non-profits, cities, libraries, and higher education) to invite community participation for MLK Day celebrations and offer the MLK toolkit as a resource.
- **New Commissioner Onboarding Guide:** The committee reviewed the draft Onboarding Guide created to orient new members. The guide covers mission, non-violence principles, legal authority, and past community partnerships.
- **Statewide Student Competition Proposal:** The commission formally voted and approved moving forward with a statewide MLK Day student competition (covering K–12 and potentially higher ed) for essays, poetry, and visual arts centered on the Six Principles of Nonviolence. Launch is targeted for mid-October with submissions due mid-December.

Motion: Moved by Vice Chair Rand Lunceford to approve and move forward with the statewide MLK Day essay, art, and poetry competition; seconded by Commissioner Claudia Loayza. The motion passed on a 6-0-5 vote.

Yeas – 6

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Claudia Loayza
Michelle Love-Day
Rand Lunceford
Alaina Marti
Michelle Mooney

Nays – 0

Absent – 5

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- **Communications:** The Communications Subcommittee introduced an internal "Committee Digest" newsletter template to keep commissioners updated on subcommittee actions between monthly meetings. They are also establishing standard reporting templates and exploring informal communication tools.

Community Digest Newsletter Vote:

- **Vote to approve Subcommittee Motion:** Moved by Commissioner Michelle Mooney, seconded by Commissioner Alaina Marty. The motion passed on a 6-0-5 vote.

Yeas – 6

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- **Procedural Note:** Following the roll call, Vice Chair Rand Lunceford and legal counsel (Katharine Potter) clarified that because this item was an internal communication tool, it did not strictly require a formal public vote under OPMA rules, though the commission agreed to proceed with the newsletter as approved.

Commission Scheduling & Logistics

- **October Commission Meeting:** The next full commission meeting is planned for Wednesday, October 7, 2026, time to be determined.
- **Meeting Format:** The commission plans to hold every other meeting in person, with the October meeting expected to take place at the Utah State Capitol.
- **Doodle Polls:** MCA staff will send out Doodle polls to finalize exact times for the October meeting as well as upcoming August/September subcommittee meetings.

Other Business and Open Comment – Commission Discussion

Community Events & Recognitions

- **Spy Hop Backyard Film Bash:** Short film competition and event information will be distributed to commissioners.
- **Health and Wellness Summit & Expo:** Scheduled for Saturday, September 26, 2026, at the University of Utah Union Building.
- **Afro Utah Festival:** Taking place Saturday, September 5, 2026, at Library Square in Salt Lake City.
- **Commissioner Recognition:** Commissioner Michelle Love-Day to be recognized at the France A. Davis Scholarship event on August 22 at the University of Utah Marriott.

Adjournment: Moved informally by Commissioner Michelle Love-Day. Per meeting rules, motioning to adjourn did not require a formal roll call vote or second, and the meeting was adjourned without objection.