



Human Rights Commission Meeting  
Thursday, September 3, 2026  
4100 Lakeview Avenue North  
Robbinsdale, MN  
7:00 PM

## **AGENDA**

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1. ROLL CALL:
  2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
    - A. Approval of agenda for meeting of Sept 3, 2026
  3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES
    - A. Review of minutes from meeting of June 18, 2026
  4. CHAIR REPORT
    - A. Chair Report
    - B. Vice Chair Report
  5. OLD BUSINESS
    - A. Draft eviction notice ordinance – planning for presentation to city council
    - B. Operation Metro Surge follow up: RPD/observer interactions at North Memorial inquiry
    - C. Apartment Outreach
      - Robbins Landing Saturday Food Shelf
      - Others?
  6. NEW BUSINESS
    - A. Main Street Meet & Greet

- B. Flock Cameras
  - C. Revive the Human Rights award?
  - D. Other?
7. COMMISSIONER REPORTS:
8. OTHER BUSINESS
- A. Staff Updates
9. ADJOURNMENT

## **MINUTES**

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### **ROLL CALL**

#### A. Introductions and welcome to community members

Present: Ralston-Aoki, Fox, Viana Carlson, Carlyle, Jones, Nailon, Kirkeeng, Lee

Excused: Murphy

Absent: Smith, Dlugose

City staff: Brookes

Community Guests: 5

Welcome to new members, Tracy Carlyle, Arminda Viana Carlson, and Cathy Jones.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

#### A. Approve agenda for June 18, 2026

Ralston Aoki: proposes removing item A under old business, table item C under new business.

**Motion** to approve agenda of June 18, 2026 with changes: Lee

Second: Jones

**Motion carries.**

### **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

#### A. Review and approve minutes from meeting of May 28, 2026

**Motion** to approve minutes of May 28, 2026: Kirkeeng

Second: Carlson Viana

**Motion carries.**

### **CHAIR REPORT**

#### A. Juneteenth

Ralston Aoki: event at HyVee on 6/19 from 3-6 pm. Golden Valley is highlighting local black business owners on their website. Juneteenth in Motion 8 mile run/bike at Blackbird Revolt. Ralston Aoki was moved by listening to Frederick Douglass speech "What to a Slave is the Fourth of July"- will send out links.

Jones spoke about her experience of Juneteenth as a young person and its lasting importance.

Kirkeeng: Metro Blue Line is doing quarterly community update on June 25th, at Crystal Community Center 5-7 pm.

- B. Other

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. HRC Applications

- B. Review and approve corrected report from Strategic Planning meeting

**Motion** to approve and adopt strategic planning report: Kirkeeng

Second: Jones

**Motion carries.**

- C. Apartment outreach

i. Robbins Landing: Resident Joe Wells has been running food pantry at Robbins Landing. Could use 4-5 volunteers Saturday 6/20 10-2 to organize the shelf: Carlson Viana & mom, Greg, Lee, Sofie, Ian, Cathy.

- D. Operation Metro Surge Follow-up

i. Housing committee update- Review draft ordinance

Subcommittee drafted an ordinance to extend eviction notice period from 14 days to 30 days. Some neighboring cities also have 30 days. Extension will allow renters extra time to secure rental assistance.

**Motion** to send recommendation to City Council for consideration at a future work session : Nailon

Second: Carlson Viana

**Motion carries.**

ii. RPD/observer interactions at North Memorial inquiry

Fox and Ralston Aoki are developing the data request, more to come.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Rental properties discussion (see staff memo from 6/9/26 city council work session)

Issues have been raised to Council by renters about absentee and out of state landlords not keeping properties well maintained. Continue to monitor.

- B. Mid-year checkin with the City Council

**Motion** to give updates at future work session when draft ordinance is presented:

Kirkeeng

Second: Carlson Viana

**Motion carries.**

C. Revive the Human Rights Award

D. Roles for local businesses in supporting human rights

Carlson Viana: Hire from community, hire underrepresented groups, celebrate events like Pride and women's history.

Greg: There was a recent reconciliation effort at a local business and it went well. Businesses are making efforts to support human rights.

E. Whiz Bang Days

Parade is Sunday July 12, lineup at 1:00 pm

Rita, Cathy, Arminda, Kristyn volunteered to join.

F. Reschedule August meeting to 9/3/26

Reschedule ok.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Lee: Human Rights Watch came out with report about Metro Surge "A Manufactured Crisis"  
No other updates.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

8:58 pm



TO: Human Rights Commission  
PREPARED BY: Tim Sandvik, City Manager  
DATE: September 3, 2026  
RE: Response to HRC May Meeting Minutes Item

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**Background:**

In June, the Human Rights Commission (HRC) formally adopted (and forwarded to City Council for acceptance) the May HRC meeting minutes. The adopted language includes the following under New Business Item C:

*C. Implementation of the separation ordinance by the RPD and City Staff*

*Fox: How is it being implemented by staff? Earlier this month, there was a situation at North Memorial- ICE related activity happened, ICE and RPD vehicles were present. Observers were on site and felt that they were the ones being observed.*

*Brookes: All staff participated in required training, Brookes will send out the training for all to review.*

*Motion to delegate chair to submit a data request for events of late May 8 and early May 9 at North Memorial, involving RPD and federal agents. and to invite police chief to HRC meeting to discuss implementation of separation ordinance: Fox*

*Discussion: Nailon mentions that more detail would be helpful. Fox mentions that there are detailed reports from observers who were present.*

*Second: Smith*

*Motion carries*

**Analysis:**

Following review of the minutes, Chief Foley reached out to the City Manager for clarification. Through discussions with the staff liaison, Ms. Brookes, limited information was available.

As City staff, including the City Manager and Police Chief, take this kind of allusion very seriously, the Chief started an immediate investigation as no data request was made by the public nor any HRC member following the meeting. The attached memo summarizes the investigation — this information was shared via phone with the Chair of the HRC on August 20th. Subsequently, Ms. Ralston Aoki submitted a formal data request on August 26th, 2026.

As the City Manager maintains a continued priority of open and transparent communications between advisory Commissions/Committees and staff, I would implore the group to consider how this kind of language, left unattended, can create unintended consequences. More directly, if the HRC has questions, comments, or concerns (especially about City operations), I would ask that you be intentional to seek responses, as we are all in a capacity to serve the Robbinsdale

Community. To do that effectively, I believe transparency, communication, and a willingness to engage with one another must be in the forefront.

I applaud the continued efforts of the HRC, and hopefully the City Manager's support remains apparent. Support through resources to facilitate increased events, city resources (including staff time for things like communications, etc..) and the most recent Strategic Planning meeting. To the latter, the HRC identified an Action Area, under Partnerships, as "Evaluating work with RPD", as well as "There's a culture change in community relations at the Police Department" under Imaging Victory in 2030. From staff's perspective, progress in those areas will only be limited, if there is a hesitation towards communication and engagement.

The HRC Chair and staff liaison will be able to share additional insights, with the hopes of continued engagement between the HRC and City staff so we can work towards our many shared goals.

**Recommendation:**

NA

**Attachments:**

1. Memo to City Manager 8.6.26

**ROBBINSDALE  
POLICE DEPARTMENT**



# Memo

Date: August 6, 2026

To: Tim Sandvik

From: Chief Patrick Foley

**RE: Human Rights Commission – Meeting Minutes**

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City Manager Sandvik,

Police Administration became aware of statements contained in the public minutes of a recent Human Rights Commission meeting alleging that Robbinsdale Police Department officers were involved in ICE related activity at North Memorial Hospital on May 8 or 9, 2026. The minutes referenced witnesses and detailed reports suggesting Robbinsdale officers were working with ICE agents in potential violation of the City's Separation Ordinance. These allegations are taken seriously, and upon receiving concerns regarding the public record, I immediately directed an administrative review to determine whether any Department personnel were involved in such activity.

The review included identifying all calls for service at North Memorial Hospital during the dates identified, followed by a review of body worn cameras and squad videos. The review was expanded to include additional days at North Memorial Hospital and calls for service at the North Memorial Outpatient Center. I also contacted North Memorial Hospital and requested that they review their records and available video. After dedicating significant staff time and resources to these reviews, neither the Robbinsdale Police Department nor North Memorial Hospital identified any evidence supporting the allegations.

Based on the information available, I conclude that the Robbinsdale Police Department was not engaged in ICE related activities during the identified dates or the expanded review period. The Department has not received additional information or "detailed reports" referenced in the public minutes, which is a major concern and created a much larger workload on staff. Given the substantial commitment of Department resources required to conduct this review, I respectfully request that the Human Rights Commission provide the "detailed reports" or other information from the individuals who witnessed the alleged activity so that the Robbinsdale Police Department can look into this with a more direct focus.