



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION

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Thursday, February 8, 2018

5:00 PM

City County Building  
210 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard  
5th Floor, Room 523

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Staff present:** Byron Bishop, Josue Peralta, Clifford Blackwell, Norman Davis  
**Others present:** Samuel Owens, member of public.

**The meeting was called to order at 5:06 PM.**

**Present:** 9 - Caitlin D. Badsing; Sheray L. Wallace; Melanie G. Ramey; Richelle R. Andrae; Arlette Kambwa-Gitau; Danielle A. Dieringer; Charles E. McDowell; Zach A. Madden and Corinda Rainey-Moore

**Absent:** 1 - Rebecca Kemble

**Excused:** 1 - Dion A. Jones

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Commissioner Madden moved to approve the minutes from the November 9, 2017 meeting without correction. The motion was seconded by Dieringer, and passed by voice vote.**

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

**Carl Landsness address the commission on agenda number 8. Commissioner Ramey motioned to extend the speaker's time by 3 minutes. The motion was seconded by McDowell and passed via voice vote. Toriana Pettaway spoke to the commission on a housing issue. Commissioner Ramey motioned to extend the speaker's time by 3 minutes. The motion was seconded by Dieringer and passed via voice vote.**

### 4. DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

**There were not disclosures or recusals.**

5. [50283](#) EOC Appeals Committee

Hearing Examiner Clifford Blackwell spoke with the commissioners in reference to the manual drafted for the members of the commission. He gave a brief overview of the appeal process as a whole and how the appeals manual could be useful. The hearing examiner suggested setting up semi-regular trainings to get a deeper dive on specific aspects of the appeals process and the commission's role in it. Commissioner Richelle Andrae will be the new member on the appeals committee, replacing alternate Corinda Rainey-Moore.

### REPORTS

6. Equal Opportunities Manager

Equal Opportunities Manager Byron Bishop updated the commissioners on the RFP designed to handle case processing. Other parts of his report included issues on staffing (in need of two investigators), and the goals for the Division for 2018.

7. Zach Madden: Update on Legislation Threatening Protected Classes in Madison

After an update given by Zach Madden on state bills affecting the Department of Civil Rights, the commission had some discussion.

### DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

8. [48643](#) Establishing a Plan for the Confederate Monuments in Forest Hill Cemetery.

Drawing from the insight gained during the joint meeting in January, the commissioners talked about their thoughts walking away from the meeting. They discussed some possible alternatives. Zach Madden motioned: Affirm the removal of the 1981, remove the 1906 monument and offer them both to the Wisconsin Historical Society. Erect a contextualized historical marker to be put in place by the Landmarks Commission with the consultation of the Wisconsin Historical Society. The motion was seconded by Sheray Wallace. After a roll call vote, the motion did not pass. Commission President Rainey-Moore closed further discussion for the night.

9. [50282](#) Officer Elections for the Equal Opportunities Commission

The Commissioners were made aware of the elections occurring in their next meeting, March 8th, 2018.

10. [50284](#) Discussion of 2018 Commission Retreat

The commissioners desired for the invitation of Torrie Kopp Mueller from Continuum of Care and Brenda Konkel. The retreat will be during the regular meeting time, though a little longer.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner McDowell moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 PM. The motion was seconded by Dieringer and passed via voice vote.