

Owatonna Human Rights Commission
Minutes – September 9, 2025

The Owatonna Human Rights Commission (OHRC) met on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, in the Second Floor Conference Room at City Hall. Chairman Bjore called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Present were Commissioners Bjore, Seykora, Hansen, and Esquivel; City Administrator Tuma; and Administrative Coordinator Clawson. Commissioners Hult, Ismael and Hill were unable to attend.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Bjore welcomed everyone to the meeting. Commissioner Seykora made a motion to approve the Meeting Agenda as presented, Commissioner Bjore seconded the motion, all members present voted aye in approval. After review of the previous OHRC Meeting Minutes, Commissioner Bjore made a motion for approval, Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion, and all members present voted aye in approval.

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

- 1) Downtown Thursday (DTT) Event – September 4, 2025
Commissioner Hansen commented event well attended despite cold/wet weather. Location on Broadway Street worked well with 18 books offered. Will plan for a similar event next year.
- 2) Meeting on the Fields – September 6, 2025
Commissioner Bjore and Seykora gave brief update that this was also a successful event and plan to offer again next year. Two teams participated with 12 players on each team.
- 3) 2026 MLK Jr. Day Event – January 19, 2026
Several speakers suggested but no decision made, want to review the speaker fee requested prior to making this decision. OHRC will discuss and decide during the next OHRC Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT – none heard

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:10 p.m., Commissioner Bjore made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Hansen seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned. The next OHRC Meeting is planned for Tuesday, October 14th at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanette Clawson, Administrative Coordinator