



HUMAN RELATIONS  
COMMISSION

**TROY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**  
*Thursday, May 20, 2021, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.*  
*Troy Senior Citizens Center, 134 N. Market Street*

**AGENDA**

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| I.   | Call to Order  | M. Major      |
| II.  | Roll Call  | S. Brown      |
| III. | Approval of April 15, 2021 Minutes   |               |
| IV.  | Presentation – Partners in Hope  | Carol Jackson |
| V.   | Approval of the Proposed List of Books and Transmittal Letters to Troy City Schools, Troy Christian Schools, St. Patrick Catholic School, and Miami East Local Schools |               |
| VI.  | Adjourn  |               |

**Next Meeting: June 17, 2021, 6:00 p.m., City Hall, 100 S. Market St., Second Floor, Council Chambers**  
**Speaker: Laura Bruns, Director of Miami County Board of Elections**

# Roll Call

	1/14/2021	2/11/2021	3/18/2021	4/15/2021	5/20/2021	6/17/2021	7/15/2021	8/19/2021	9/16/2021
<b>Mr. Major</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓					
<b>Ms. Brown</b>	✓	X	X	✓					
<b>Mr. Fong</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓					
<b>Mr. Feltner</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓					
<b>Ms. Holycross</b>	X	✓	✓	✓					
<b>Mr. Keller</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓					
<b>Mrs. Phillips</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓					
<b>Mr. Severt</b>	✓	✓	✓	X					
<b>Ms. Villalobos</b>	<del></del>	<del></del>	✓	X					

## MINUTES OF HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

A regular session of the Human Relations Commission was held at 7:00 p.m. at Troy Senior Citizens Center after the tour of the Troy Police Department at 6:00 p.m.

Members Attending: Brown, Feltner, Fong, Holycross, Keller, Major, Phillips.

Presiding Officer: Chairman Marvin Major, Sr.

Others Attending: City Staff

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting commenced at 7:10 p.m. by the Chairman's call to order.

ROLL CALL: Roll call was conducted by Ms. Brown. Mr. Severt and Ms. Villalobos were absent.

MINUTES: Upon motion of Mr. Feltner, seconded by Ms. Holycross, the February 11, 2021 minutes were approved by the commission unanimously, having no corrections or additions to these minutes.

PRESENTATION: The City of Troy Chief of Police Shawn McKinney gave a quarterly update to the HRC about the number and types of generated calls police officers had responded to, training, and administrative changes. Pursuit policy and procedure, handling threats, menacing, and hate speech were also discussed. Further, the Chief informed the HRC that the Troy Police Department was purchasing 30 in-car and body cameras. He noted that if more grants were available in the future, the Police Department would buy more cameras. Chief McKinney also mentioned that the City is moving forward with the Cadet Program (internship opportunity at the Police Department), and it will seek approval from the Civil Service Commission. He added that approval of the City Council might also be necessary.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Ms. Holycross reported on the Community Relations Advisory Committee meeting. She gave an update on the Juneteenth event and noted that the Juneteenth planning committee would meet on April 16 to continue organizing the event. She also added that The Troy Foundation might provide the funding for the event. The HRC members suggested seeking other donors as well. The upcoming meeting with the local Pastors was also discussed. Mr. Major reminded the HRC that the meeting was scheduled for April 20, 2021. Ms. Phillips and Mr. Feltner noted that they had been compiling a list of diverse books to recommend to the Troy City Schools to incorporate those books in the reading materials.

NEXT MEETING: May 20, 2021, 6:00 p.m., at Troy Senior Citizens Center.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments were provided.

OTHER: Mr. Feltner announced that Community Conversation Earth Day event would be held on April 22, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., at McKaig Race Park. He noted that the goal of the event is to start with a clean-up and then have a community conversation to educate youth on diversity.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Title	Author First Name	Last Name	Grade Level
Red: A Crayon's Story	Michael	Hall	Pre-k through 2nd
Deena Misses Her Mom	Jonae	Haynesworth	Pre-k through 2nd
We Are Family	Patricia	Hegarty	Pre-k through 2nd
Last Stop on Market Street	Patricia	Hegarty	Pre-k through 2nd
All Are Welcome	Alexandra	Penfold	Pre-k through 2nd
Black Girl Magic: A Poem	Mahogany	Browne	Pre-k through 2nd
Don't Call Me Grandma	Vaunda	Nelson	Pre-k through 2nd
Drawn Together	Minh	Lê	Pre-k through 2nd
Hot Hot Roti for Dada-Ji	F.	Zia	Pre-k through 2nd
I Am Enough	Grace	Byers	Pre-k through 2nd
Last Stop on Market Street	Matt	Peña	Pre-k through 2nd
Let the Children March	Monica	Clark-Anderson	Pre-k through 2nd
Looking for Bongo	Eric	Velasquez	Pre-k through 2nd
Mixed	Arree	Chung	Pre-k through 2nd
Pinkis for Boys	Robb	Pearlman	Pre-k through 2nd
The Librarian of Basra: A True Story from Iraq	Jeanette	Winter	Pre-k through 2nd
The Name Jar	Yangsook	Choi	Pre-k through 2nd
Dreamers	Yuyi	Morales	Pre-k through 2nd
Busy Toes	C.W.	Bowie	Pre-k through 2nd
Lola Goes to School	Anna	McQuinn	Pre-k through 2nd
Bein' with You This Way	W.	Nikola-Lisa	Pre-k through 2nd
Max and the Tag-along Moon	Floyd	Cooper	Pre-k through 2nd
Meet Mae Jemison	Kate	Pistone	Pre-k through 2nd
My First Kwanzaa Book	Deborah Newton	Chocolate	Pre-k through 2nd
Viva Mexico!	Robin	Ramirez	Pre-k through 2nd
Whoever You Are	Mem	Fox	Pre-k through 2nd
Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns	Hena	Khan	Pre-k through 2nd
From Anne to Zach	Mary Jane	Martin	Pre-k through 2nd
Floating	Margret	Nevinski	Pre-k through 2nd
Paper Wishes	Lois	Sepahban	3rd through 5th
Drita, My Homegirl	Jenny	Lombard	3rd through 5th
Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History	Vashti	Harrison	3rd through 5th
Wonder	R.J.	Palacio	3rd through 5th
Alvins Ho: Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things	Lenore	Look	3rd through 5th
Get Ready for Gabi	Marisa	Montes	3rd through 5th
Juana and Lucas	Juana	Medina	3rd through 5th
Rickshaw Girl	Mitali	Perkins	3rd through 5th
Shai & Emmie Star in Break an Egg!	Quvenzhané	Wallis	3rd through 5th
The Great Cake Mystery: Precious Ramotswe's Very First Case	Alexander	McCall	3rd through 5th
You Should Meet Katherine Johnson	Thea	Feldman	3rd through 5th
Freedom Summer	Deborah	Wiles	3rd through 5th
Talkin' About Bessie	Nikki	Grimes	3rd through 5th
Follow the Drinking Gourd	Jeanette	Winter	3rd through 5th
The Colors of Us	Karen	Katz	3rd through 5th
Can You Say Peace	Karen	Katz	3rd through 5th
He's Got the Whole World in His Hand	Kadir	Nelson	3rd through 5th
Hair Love	Mathew A.	Cherry	3rd through 5th
The Story of Ruby Bridges	Robert	Coles	3rd through 5th
Ruby Bridges Goes to School	Ruby	Bridges	3rd through 5th
Princess Grace	Mary	Hoffman	3rd through 5th
Boundless Grace	Mary	Hoffman	3rd through 5th
George Washington Carver	Laura	Driscoll	3rd through 5th

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George Carver	Mary	Taylor	3rd through 5th
Chicken Sunday	Patricia	Polacco	3rd through 5th
Ida B. Wells	Mary Grace	Becker	3rd through 5th
Shake to the One You Love the Best	Warren	Mattox	3rd through 5th
Uptown	Bryan	Collier	3rd through 5th
Lift Every Voice and Sing	James Weldon	Johnson	3rd through 5th
Luciana Braving the Deep	Erin	Teagan	3rd through 5th
Masai and I	Virginia	Kroll	3rd through 5th
Jackie Robinson	Francene	Sabin	3rd through 5th
I Just want to Say Goodnight	Rachel	Isadora	3rd through 5th
When Africa was Home	Karen Lynn	Williams	3rd through 5th
Mermaid Janine	Iolette	Thomas	3rd through 5th
The Rose That Grew from Concrete	Tupac	Shakur	6th through 8th
The Arrival	Shaun	Tan	6th through 8th
The Skin I'm In	Sharon	Flake	6th through 8th
Under the Mesquite	Guadalupe Garcia	McCall	6th through 8th
Ghost	Jason	Reynolds	6th through 8th
American Born Chines	Gene Luen	Yang	6th through 8th
George	Alex	Gino	6th through 8th
Amal Unbound	Aisha	Saeed	6th through 8th
Amina's Voice	Hena	Khan	6th through 8th
Betty Before X	Ilyasah	Shabazz	6th through 8th
Esperanza Rising	Pan Muñoz	Ryan	6th through 8th
Fish in a Tree	Lynda Mullaly	Hunt	6th through 8th
Front Desk	Kelly	Yang	6th through 8th
Habibi	Naomi Shihab	Nye	6th through 8th
Harbor Me	Jacqueline	Woodson	6th through 8th
Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish	Pablo	Cartaya	6th through 8th
The Corssover	Kwame	Alexander	6th through 8th
The House That Lou Built	Mae	Respicio	6th through 8th
The First Rule of Punk	Celia C.	Pérez	6th through 8th
The Gauntlet	Karuna	Riazi	6th through 8th
The Poet X	Elizabeth	Acevedo	6th through 8th
The Stars Beneath Our Feet	David Barclay	Moore	6th through 8th
Broken Voices	Winona	Rasheed	6th through 8th
Black, Blue & Gray	Jim	Haskins	6th through 8th
Black Soldiers in the Civil War	Rick	Beard	6th through 8th
Talkin' About Bessie	Nikki	Grimes	6th through 8th
The Story of Underground Railroad	Peter F.	Copeland	6th through 8th
Ghost: Running for His Life, or from it!	Jason	Reynolds	6th through 8th
The Absolutely True Story of a Part-time Indian	Sherman	Alexie	9th through 12th
Bless Me, Ultima	Rudolfo	Anaya	9th through 12th
The Hate U Give	Angie	Thomas	9th through 12th
The Autobiography of Malcolm X	Alex	Haley	9th through 12th
They Both Die at the End	Adam	Silvera	9th through 12th
The Namesake	Jhumpa	lahiri	9th through 12th
The House on Mango Street	Sandra	Cisneros	9th through 12th
All American Boys	Jason	Reynolds	9th through 12th
American Street	Ibi	Zoboi	9th through 12th
Dear Martin	Nic	Stone	9th through 12th
I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter	Erika L.	Sánchez	9th through 12th
Little & Lion	Brandy	Colbert	9th through 12th

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Love, Hate & Other Filters	Samira	Ahmed	9th through 12th
Marcelo in the Real World	Francisco X.	Stork	9th through 12th
The Astonishing Color of After	Emily X.R.	Pan	9th through 12th
The Education of Margot Sanchez	Lilliam	Rivera	9th through 12th
The Sun is Also a Star	Renée	Watson	9th through 12th
The Dangerous Art of Blending In	Angelo	Surmelis	9th through 12th
To All the Boys I've Loved Before	Jenny	Han	9th through 12th
Will Grayson, Will Grayson	John	Green	9th through 12th
Wrong in All the Right Ways	Tiffany	Brownlee	9th through 12th
African History from Emancipation to Today	Ann	Byers	9th through 12th
Eyes on the Prize	Juan	Williams	9th through 12th
I know Why the Caged Bird Sings	Maya	Angelou	9th through 12th
The Secret Lives of Bees	Sue Monk	Kidd	9th through 12th
Warriors Don't Cry	Melba Pattillo	Beals	9th through 12th
Boys Among Men	Jonathan	Abrams	9th through 12th
Where the Crawdads Sing	Delia	Owens	9th through 12th
Next Year Havana	Chanel	Cleeton	9th through 12th
Interior Chinatown	Charles	Yu	9th through 12th
The Beekeeper of Aleppo	Christy	Lefteri	9th through 12th
Lost Vintage	Ann	Mah	9th through 12th
The Island of Sea Women	Lisa	See	9th through 12th
Such a Fun Age	Kiley	Reid	9th through 12th
Know My Name	Chanel	Miller	9th through 12th
Ayesha at Last	Uzma	Jalaluddin	9th through 12th
There There	Tommy	Orange	9th through 12th
Ill Be Your Blue Sky	Marisa De Los	Santos	9th through 12th
The Rock and the River	Kekla	Magoon	9th through 12th
More Happy Than Not	Adam	Silvera	9th through 12th
Dance Dance Dance	Haruki	Murakami	9th through 12th
Palace Walk: The Cairo Trilogy, Volume 1	Naguib	Mahfouz	9th through 12th
The Black Book	Orhan	Pamuk	9th through 12th
Things Fall Apart	Chinua	Achebe	9th through 12th
The Palace of Illusions	Chitra Banerjee	Divakaruni	9th through 12th
The Kite Runner	Khaled	Hosseini	9th through 12th
Crazy Brave	Joy	Harjo	9th through 12th



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Mr. Chris Piper, Superintendent  
Troy City Schools  
500 North Market Street  
Troy, Ohio 45373

Dear Mr. Piper:

Since its reestablishment, the Human Relations Commission (HRC) has been working hard to develop tools to increase awareness about diversity, inclusion, and equity in the community. One of those tools we have developed is the enclosed list of books for students from Pre-K through Grade 12. We would like to recommend and ask you to consider incorporating the suggested reading materials in the curriculum. We would like to meet with you and the School Board to present the list and share our perspectives about how those books can benefit your students. We believe that the recommended books offer different perspectives from the authors of diverse backgrounds and can help students widen their views to understand these important topics.

On behalf of the Troy Human Relations Commission, I would like to thank you for your time and consideration. We will contact you in the near future to inquire about the possibility of scheduling an in-person meeting for a brief presentation of the recommended books.

Sincerely,

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Troy Christian Schools  
700 South Dorset Road  
Troy, Ohio 45373

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St. Patrick Catholic School  
400 East Water Street  
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Dr. Todd Rappold, Superintendent  
Miami East Local Schools  
3825 North State Route 589  
Casstown, Ohio 45312

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