## CITY OF TERRE HAUTE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Terre Haute Human Relations Commission

Wednesday, May 14, 2025, Minutes

City Hall, 5:00 PM

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Vice President Dana Simons at 4:59 PM..

**Present:** Director, AT Ryan. Commissioners: Vice President Dana Simons, Dee Reed, Amber Stewart, and Nichelle Campbell-Miller. Non-voting members: Justin Sears (virtual).

**Absent:** Commissioners: President Sandy Mutchler, Uzziah Hutchinson, Jacqueline Lower, Non-voting members: Katie Lugar.

**Approval of April Minutes** – Amber Stewart made a motion to approve the April minutes with corrections to the attendance section to accurately reflect that Dana Simons and Dee Reed were absent. The motion was seconded by Dana Simons. The motion passed.

#### **Director's Report**

Director Ryan gave updates on ongoing projects and initiatives. A motion to accept the Director's Report was made by Dana Simons and seconded by Dee Reed. The motion passed.

#### **Old Business**

**Women in Leadership Mastermind 2025 Update** – Director Ryan shared that she would no longer be participating in the Women in Leadership Mastermind 2025 program due to anticipated scheduling conflicts that would cause her to miss too many sessions.

Language Matters Consulting – The Commission revisited discussion from April about the proposed Language Matters Consulting initiative. The group reaffirmed support for the project and emphasized the importance of finding ways to connect with underrepresented communities. Some members shared examples of difficulties other groups have had making these connections. Director Ryan will prepare a formal recommendation for Mayor Sakbun.

#### **New Business**

**PrideFest 2025 Sponsorship** – Commissioners discussed potential support for the upcoming PrideFest 2025 event, including the possibility of a \$3,000 sponsorship. The group agreed that they would be willing to support the event at that level, but requested Director Ryan return to the organizers to negotiate a custom sponsorship package that better aligns with HRC priorities.

**2026 Budget** – There was a discussion around raising the line item for sponsorships in the 2026 budget to allow the Commission to better support community events and initiatives.

### **Statements from Commissioners**

No statements were made.

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Statements from the Audience on Items Not on the Agenda
No public comments were made.

**Adjournment** – A motion to adjourn was made by Nichelle Campbell-Miller and seconded by Dana Simons. The motion passed.