

Minutes
Manhattan Human Rights and Services Board
City Commission Room, City Hall
June 2, 2016 7:00 P.M.

Board Members Present: Mary Beth Reese (Chair), Matthew Jepsen, Thomas Kerrigan, Janet Dean

Board Members Absent: William Gill (Vice Chair), Stephanie Morris

Staff Present: Larry Hackney, Board Staff Liaison
Robyn Dreher, Board Staff Liaison

Members of the Public: Susan Enns, Kenny Faust

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by board Chair Mary Beth Reese just after 7:00 p.m.

Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the March 10, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Janet Dean, seconded by Thomas Kerrigan.

June Meeting

The board's initial discussions centered on the possible or appropriate nature and extent of board involvement in any active, future discrimination complaints. Board member experience and credentials were noted (legal and HR), and other comments were made about having professional involvement (attorneys or municipal judge).

There was discussion about the City Commission Work Session that had been held just two days prior, on May 31, as that exchange of information and discussion was fresh on everyone's minds. Overall, the board's discussion was wide-ranging and covered many aspects of the possibility of extending protections to GLBT citizens.

Robyn Dreher was introduced as the new board staff liaison. Robyn will be replacing Larry Hackney as the City's Human Resources Specialist.

Election for board officers was conducted. Matthew Jepsen was elected as Chair, and Thomas Kerrigan was elected as Vice Chair.

Adjournment and Next Meeting Date

The board voted to adjourn the meeting and directed staff to establish a meeting date for the September, 2016 meeting.