



**Town of West Hartford – Human Rights Commission
Meeting Minutes**

Date: April 8, 2026

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

Attendance

Present: Leon Davidoff, West Hartford Town Clerk (temporary Chair), Andrew Rasmussen-Tuller, Sue A. Collins, Eric Schoenberg, Carol Blanks, Greg Collins, Eva Jacobson, Robin Mark Santiago, Jessica Serrano, Pramod Pradhan (Staff Liaison).

Absent: Michael Bloom

Welcome, opening remarks: -

Pramod read the Welcome Statement from Mayor Shari Cantor, who was unable to attend.

Welcome and opening remarks were made by Adrienne Billings-Smith, Manager, Office of Employee Development & Community Engagement, Town of West Hartford.

New Commissioners' Introduction- All the commissioners present introduced themselves. The commissioners included –

Commissioner Andrew Rasmussen-Tuller, Commissioner Sue A. Collins, Commissioner Eric Schoenberg, Commissioner Carol Blanks, Commissioner Greg Collins, Commissioner Eva Jacobson, Commissioner Robin Mark Santiago, Commissioner Jessica Serrano

Meeting Essentials and FOIA presentation – Presentation was done by Leon Davidoff, West Hartford Town Clerk.

Public Comments- Three West Hartford Resident signed up to address the West Hartford Human Rights Commission

1. **Kathryn L.**
 2. **Chris**
 3. **Alberto C.**
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Vacancies – Currently there are no vacancies on the West Hartford Human Rights Commission.

Unfinished Business

1. **Hall High Human Rights Club-** Pramod gave an update on the Hall High School Human Rights Club. Members of the Club want to attend the May meeting and speak about the Club and their activities.
Motion to invite Hall High School Human Rights Club members to attend the May meeting and speak about the Club and their activities.
Motioned by Commissioner Eric Schoenberg
Second by Commissioner Robin M. Santiago
Result – All in favor.
Approved
 2. **Hate Crimes & Hate Speech** –
Motioned to table the discussion on the Hate Crimes & Hate Speech Group and discuss at the May meeting
Motioned – Commissioner Eva Jacobson
Result – All in Favor
Approved
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New Business:

Commissioner Eric Schoenberg informed the Commission about his work representing the victims of sexual abuse at Bright Path Daycare in Avon, CT.

Next Meeting

Date: May 6, 2026

Proposed Agenda Items:

1. Add appointment of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary on the top of the agenda for May meeting
Motion- Commissioner Eva Jacobson
Second - Commissioner - Andrew Rasmussen - Tuller
Result- Approved
2. Invite Hall High School Human Rights Club members to speak
Result - Approved
3. Discussion on The Hate Crime and Hate Speech.
Result - Approved

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Pramod Pradhan (Staff Liaison)

Date submitted: 4/13/2026

Town of West Hartford Human Rights Commission Mission Statement

The Town of West Hartford Human Rights Commission is dedicated to promoting and protecting the rights of all residents. We strive to foster an inclusive and diverse community where every individual is treated respectfully and equitably, regardless of their race, ethnicity, national origin, age, spiritual or religious beliefs, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, marital status, familial status, socio-economic status, immigration status, disability, present or past history of physical or mental illnesses, including but not limited to these characteristics.

Town of West Hartford Human Rights Commission Meeting

6:45 p.m. April 8, 2026

In-Person Meeting: Elmwood Community Center,
Room # 212 1106 New Britain Ave, West Hartford,
CT 06110

Public Meeting Viewing & Participation Instructions:

- Members of the public can attend the meeting in person.
- ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN A MEETING OR PUBLIC HEARING SHOULD CONTACT SUZANNE OSLANDER, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, 860-561-7580 SEVEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING OR PUBLIC HEARING.

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Attendance
3. Welcome, opening remarks, and introduction – Mayor Shari Cantor
4. New Commissioners' introduction
5. Commission Meeting Essentials and FOIA – Leon Davidoff - Town Clerk, Town of West Hartford
6. Public Comments
7. Vacancies
8. Unfinished Business
 - Hall High Human Rights Clubs – Pramod Pradhan
 - Hate Crimes & Hate Speech - Eva Jacobson
9. New Business
10. Set agenda for next meeting: May 6, 2026
11. Announcements
12. Adjournment