



Town of West Hartford – Human Rights Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: May 6, 2026

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 PM.

Attendance

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

Absent: Michael Bloom, Sue A Collins

Election of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary: -

Election for Chair

Commissioner Greg Collins was nominated by Commissioner Eric Schoenberg

Second – Commissioner Robin Santiago

Commissioner Andrew Rasmussen Tuller – Self-nomination

Second – Commissioner Carol Blanks

-Commissioner Andrew Rasmussen Tuller elected as Chair with majority votes

Election of Vice Chair

Commissioner Greg Collins was nominated by Commissioner Eva Jacobson

Second – Commissioner Eric Schoenberg

Commissioner Jessica Serrano was nominated by Commissioner Carol Blanks

Second - Commissioner Robin Santiago

-Commissioner Jessica Serrano elected as Vice Chair with majority votes

Election of Secretary

Commissioner Eva Jacobson was nominated by Commissioner Jessica Serrano

Second – Commissioner Carol Blanks

Commissioner Greg Collins was nominated by Eva Jacobson

Second- Commissioner Eric Schoenberg

Request to remove Commissioner Eva Jacobson's name from the secretary nomination list

Motion – Commissioner Eva Jacobson

Second- Eric Schoenberg

-Commissioner Greg Collins elected as Secretary of the West Hartford Human Rights Commission

Approval of Meeting Minutes- April 8, 2026

Motion to approve meeting minutes-

Motioned by – Commissioner Eva Jacobson

Second – Greg Collins

Approved

Hall High School Human Rights Club

Tenzin Lhadol Thubten, Hall High School Human Rights Club, student club member, presented and highlighted the activities of the club.

Public Comments-

No one from the public signed for public comment.

Unfinished Business

1. **Hate Crimes & Hate Speech –**

Motioned to table the discussion on the Hate Crimes & Hate Speech Group and discuss at the June meeting

Motioned by Commissioner Robin Santiago

Result – Approved

2. Commissioner Eric Schoenberg updated the Commission on a sexual abuse case at Bright Path Daycare in Avon, CT.

New Business:

Commissioners Chair Andrew Rasmussen – Tuller requested to have the commissioners' nameplate (tent card) for the meeting.

Next Meeting Date:

June 3, 2026

Proposed Agenda Items:

1. West Hartford Human Rights Commission Summer Recess (July 2026 & August 2026)

Motion by Commissioner Eric Schoenberg

Second- Commissioner Robin Santiago

Result – Approved

2. Discussion on The Hate Crime and Hate Speech.

Motioned by Commissioner Eric Schoenberg

Second – Robin Santiago

Result – Approved

3. Invite West Hartford Mayor Shari Cantor to address the Commission at the June Meeting
Motion by Commissioner Eric Schoenberg
Second – Greg Collins
Result –Approved

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Pramod Pradhan (Staff Liaison)

Date submitted: 5/11/2026

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. May 6, 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.
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MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Attendance
3. Election of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes- April 8, 2026.
5. Hall High School Human Rights Club – Presentation by Lhadon Thubten
6. Public Comments
7. Unfinished Business
 - Hate Crimes & Hate Speech - Eva Jacobson
8. New Business
9. Set agenda for next meeting: June 3, 2026
10. Announcements
11. Adjournment