



ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL
HUMAN RESOURCES AND HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MINUTES
Jahmel Robinson, Chair

Meeting called by: Jahmel Robinson, Committee Chair | Date: September 22nd, 2025 | Time: 5:39PM

Committee Members Present: Robinson, Chair | Johnson | Love | Keegan | Farrell

City Personnel Present:

Bryan Jimenez (Legislative Director), Robert Wenner (Research Counsel), Carly Johnson (Junior Legislative Aide); Arianna Costello (9th Ward Intern)

Minutes

Topic(s) of Discussion:

- Interviewing prospective applicants for appointment to the Commission on Human Rights
- **LOCAL LAW A OF 2025**
A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 42 (DEPARTMENTS AND COMMISSIONS) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY BY ADDING A NEW PART 43 THERETO CREATING THE CITY OF ALBANY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Public Comment:

No public comment was heard.

Discussion

- Committee Chair Jahmel Robinson invited to Micaela Robinson discuss her interest in appointment to the Commission on Human Rights.
- Committee Member Meghan Keegan spoke on Local Law A of 2025.
 - Committee Member Keegan shared a question that Council Member Richard Conti had previously posed, which inquired about why the Commission would be staffed by council staff, rather than the Department of Administrative Services when ADA Compliance falls under Administrative Services. Committee Member Keegan responded that Administrative Services did not have the capacity to staff this particular board and was unwilling to compromise on this matter.
 - Majority Leader Ginnie Farrell shared her appreciation for the legislation and Council Member Conti's question, and noted the ability to amend legislation at any time in the future.
 - Committee Member Keegan noted the fiscal impact was not exact as the Commission will have varying needs to fulfill ADA Compliance; but she stated that it was important to highlight this monetary association.
 - Committee Member Keegan raised a concern regarding the lack of accessibility for City Hall.

- Committee Chair Robinson asked Committee Member Keegan whether she wanted Section 43-411, regarding an annual report, to have specifics. Committee Member Keegan shared that wanted to leave it open, and reiterated Majority Leader Farrell's note that legislation can be amended. Committee Member Keegan also noted that because the Council is primarily able-bodied, she wanted to let the Commission self-direct, guided by their knowledge, expertise, and experiences.
- Majority Leader Farrell motioned to move Local Law A of 2025 out of committee with a favorable recommendation, which was seconded by Committee Member Joyce Love and passed by voice vote.
- Committee Chair Robinson moved to enter executive session to discuss the prospective appointee for the Commission on Human Rights, which was seconded by Committee Member Keegan.
- Committee Member Keegan moved to recommend the candidate selected during executive session out of committee, which was duly seconded by Majority Leader Farrell, and passed by voice vote.
- Committee Chair Robinson moved to exit executive session, which was seconded by Majority Leader Farrell.

Adjourn:

Council Member Jahmel moved to adjourn, duly seconded by Council Member Keegan. The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 6:16 PM.

Link to meeting:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lVmdl3MyStQ>

Respectfully Submitted,

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Junior Legislative Aide