

Human Relations and Equity Committee Special Meeting
Madison Heights, Michigan
May 27, 2026

A Human Relations and Equity Committee Special Meeting was held on Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at 6:30 PM at Library - Breckenridge Room, 240 W. 13 Mile Rd.

CALL TO ORDER

at 6:53 p.m. by Vice Chair Brown.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Vice Chair Aaron Brown
Kate Kapas
Teresa Scott
Ashley Strunk
Council Representative Quinn Wright

ALSO PRESENT

Alternate Staff Liaison Vanessa Verdun-Morris

ABSENT

Andrew Attard
Rebecca Chambliss
Tanner Langdon
Chair Alec Yu
Council Representative Alternate Emily Rohrbach
Student Member Aaron Dockery
Alternate Hannah Jarvie
Staff Liaison Heather Hames

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of April 16, 2026
Motion made by Council Representative Wright, Seconded by Kapas. Passed unanimously.
2. Approval of Minutes for May 21, 2026.
Motion made by Council Representative Wright, Seconded by Kapas. Passed unanimously.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

WORK PLAN ITEMS

3. Accessibility and Community Resources

Approve events: Sensory Friendly Movies, Adaptive Game Night, Novels & Neighbors Heated Rivalry Party & Discussion.

Motion made by Council Representative Wright, Seconded by Kapas. Passed unanimously.

4. Juneteenth Scholarship entries

Award Juneteenth scholarship to Jordan Aaron in the amount of \$619.

Motion made by Kapas, Seconded by Strunk. Passed unanimously.

5. Novels and Neighbors Book Club

Next occurs on June 9.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

6. Arts and Pride

Approve site plan and budget, and allow subcommittee to adjust and change as needed within budget and time frame.

Motion made by Council Representative Wright, Seconded by Kapas. Passed unanimously.

HREC reaffirms its commitment to the event as planned.

Motion by Kapas, Seconded by Strunk. Passed unanimously.

Strunk and Council Representative Wright volunteered to work the table for part of the event. Kapas volunteered to assist with set-up or teardown.

7. Juneteenth Event

Allocate \$80-\$100.

Motion made by Scott, Seconded by Kapas. Passed unanimously.

8. Paradise Eve Lantern Festival

Approve the subcommittee working with event partners, payment of the DJ invoice with corrected date for \$500, and additional \$100 to be used for the event at the subcommittee's discretion.

Motion made by Kapas, Seconded by Strunk. Passed unanimously.

9. Revin' in the Heights

Work with Pfaff design and budget expenses up to \$8000 or the amount raised in fundraising, whichever is greater.

Motion made by Council Representative Wright, Seconded by Kapas. Passed unanimously.

Apply for MH Community Foundation \$5000 grant.

Motion made by Kapas, Seconded by Scott. Passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 7:20 by Vice Chair Brown.