

Hingham Human Rights Commission
Monday January 5, 2026
6:30PM
Hingham Town Hall, East Hearing Room, 3rd Floor
210 Central Street
Hybrid Meeting

1. **Call the meeting to order - 6:30PM**
Commission members in attendance: Stephen Leary, Tim Miller-Dempsey, Ruth Bennett, David Alshuler, Mike Tessler, Graeme Baker, Michelle Ayer, Nes Correnti, Stephanie Gertz, and Ardith Wieworka
2. **Land Acknowledgement**
3. **Review and Approve the minutes of the 11/17/2025 meeting**
Unanimously Approved
4. **Hilary Jenison - Hingham Anchor**
 - Hilary Jenison introduces herself, explains the inception of the Hingham Anchor, initially as a small side project, but quickly growing into a critical community resource.
 - The Hingham Anchor now reaches 65,000 unique visitors per month, with robust Facebook, Instagram, and email newsletter presence.
 - Hillary details the team structure, including freelance journalists, a sports editor, and a full-time employee, Jessica Wright.
 - Discussion of potential collaboration with the Hingham Anchor, including articles and events, previous successful collaborations, e.g. articles on the Hingham Human Rights Commission and the Menorah Lighting event.
 - Emphasizes the importance of community collaboration to enhance the Hingham Anchor's, and HHRC's impact.
 - Ms. Jenison showed a strong willingness to partner with the Hingham Human Rights Commission on various topics, including community incidents and events.
5. **Katie Roberts - Superintendent Hingham Schools**
Tabled Until February.
6. **MLK Day 1/19/2026**
Tim will write a piece for the Anchor.
7. **February - Black History Month**
A working group will meet with Dierdre Anderson, President of the Hingham Historical Association, to have a discussion about Hingham's black history, to be worked into an Anchor piece.

8. Bystander/Upstander

The working group will meet with “Right To BE” and make a tentative plan for community wide bystander intervention training, to bring back to the HHRC’s February meeting.

9. Health Resource List

The working group is being reconvened to finalize this project.

10. LOGO Work Group

The Commission expressed appreciation and admiration for the logo, created by Graeme Baker. Urged consistency in the double H for Hingham, and in using the same marketing messaging wherever possible.

11. MAHRC - 12/12 meeting report

Stephanie Gertz gave a report on the 12/12/2025 Meeting of the Massachusetts Association of Human Rights Commissions.

12. Matters not anticipated within 48 hours

The commission had a brief discussion on how to diversify the HHRC and make certain that marginalized voices are represented on the committee.

13. Adjourn 7:45