

**Hingham Human Rights Commission**  
**Meeting Agenda**  
**Monday February 2, 2026, 6:30 PM**  
**Hingham Town Hall, East Hearing Room, 3rd Floor**  
**210 Central Street**  
**Hybrid Meeting**

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**1. Call to Order** The chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and confirmed a quorum was present. **Commission members in attendance:** Stephen Leary, Tim Miller-Dempsey, Ruth Bennett, David Alshuler, Mike Tessler, Graeme Baker, Michelle Ayer, Nes Correnti, John Bradley, John Marquardt, Stephanie Gertz, Kelly Peguero, and Ardith Wieworka

**2. Land Acknowledgement** The chair read the land acknowledgement recognizing the ancestral homeland of the Neponset band of the Massachusett tribe.

**3. Minutes** The minutes of the January 5, 2026 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve was made and seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

**4. Katie Roberts, Superintendent, Hingham Schools** Superintendent Katie Roberts joined the meeting to discuss the district's anti-bullying initiatives. She described the school's existing partnerships with the Anti-Defamation League and Safe Schools, and spoke to the particular importance of middle school programming in building a culture of respect. She expressed enthusiasm for the HHRC's upstander/bystander work and discussed opportunities for coordination between the schools and the commission, including the possibility of community-facing training sessions that could complement in-school programming.

**5. Bystander/Upstander Working Group** In light of Superintendent Roberts' participation under item 4, the working group's formal update was tabled to the next meeting so that the conversation could continue with her involvement. The commission noted its interest in the Right To Be organization's upstander/bystander presentation and its potential integration into broader community efforts.

**6. Health Resource Working Group** The commission reviewed the current state of the health resource card project. The card will be 5x7 inches and feature a QR code linking to a webpage with local health resources, including the Hingham Health Department, the Center for Active Living, and South Shore Elder Services. The design incorporates the HHRC logo and an aqua and maroon color scheme. Printing costs were discussed; a quote from Staples came in at approximately \$400 for 300 copies. The Plymouth County Sheriff's Department print shop was suggested as an alternative vendor for comparison pricing. A motion was made and approved to empower a subcommittee of Ruth, Steven, and Kelly to finalize the design, obtain additional quotes, and seek Select Board approval as needed before proceeding to print.

**7. HHRC Annual Report 2025** The commission discussed the preparation of its 2025 annual report, with a target completion date of February 20. Members agreed the report should be clear and accessible, focusing on who the commission is, what it has accomplished during the year, and a call for new members. It was suggested that the report include photos from recent events. Draft materials from prior years' reports will be shared with members to assist in preparation.

**8. MLK Day** The commission appreciated Tim Miller-Dempsey for Anchor article. The Select Board's issuance of a proclamation for the occasion was also noted with appreciation.

**9. Black History Month** The commission discussed its plans for Black History Month. Efforts are underway to coordinate with the Anchor to feature the Tuttle family of Hingham, which has deep historical roots in the community. Contact has been made with Hillary Jennison at the Anchor, and while progress is being made, some additional coordination is still needed. The commission discussed the value of building on work already done by other organizations to extend the reach of its own efforts.

**10. Antisemitism** The commission discussed the ongoing rise in antisemitic incidents locally and nationally. A member provided background on the international definition of antisemitism and the importance of a shared understanding of what constitutes antisemitic behavior. Two recent Boston Globe opinion pieces on the topic were identified for review. Members agreed to read both pieces before the next meeting, at which a fuller discussion of local and national implications will take place. The scanned articles will be emailed to all commission members.

**11. Logo** The commission discussed the importance of consistent use of the HHRC logo across all communications and materials to build public recognition. Action was noted to ensure all members have access to the logo and relevant web assets.

**12. MAHRC Meeting Report** A member reported on the Massachusetts Association of Human Rights Commissions meeting held on January 9, noting that discussion focused on local commission activities and upcoming statewide events.

**13. Matters Not Anticipated Within 48 Hours** A group photo of commission members was taken at the meeting for use in the annual report and other communications.

**14. Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned.