

MINUTES  
JUNEAU HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA  
MARCH 3, 2026

- I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 5:10 pm.
- a. Present: Haifa Foroughi, Lance Mitchell, and Mary Wegner
  - b. Absent: Alison Gottschilich and Wendy K'ah Skáahluwaa Todd
  - c. Support: N/A

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the February 17, 2026 Meeting: The Minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Assembly Member Nano Brooks joined us and did not have comments to make about non-agenda items.

V. AGENDA

1. Standing Agenda Topics:

a. FY26 Budget:

- 1) Treasurer Report: JHRC members were invited to attend one of the Community Compass Workshops offered by CBJ to build the FY27 budget; however, no one was able to attend.
- 2) Community Engagement Project: Kristin Daniels from CatapultEd joined us to talk about how JHRC and CatapultEd could implement a crowdsourcing project that will identify and provide solutions to barriers to community engagement in CBJ municipal committees and activities. Of particular interest are barriers to engagement of underrepresented voices and voices of people who do not know how to or why to engage with CBJ.

Haifa and Mary are spearheading this project for JHRC and shared with Kristin the recent Community Compass Survey, and we wondered if the results would be helpful to our project or if the results are too focused on the FY27 budget development process. Thanks to Di Cathcart for connecting us, Haifa and Mary have been in contact with Ashley Heimbigner and Phil Huebschen from the CBJ Communications

Department, who are working on the CBJ Community Compass process and will be a support to us should we be successful in securing funding to move forward with implementing our Community Engagement Project. Ashley and Phil will join us at our March 17, 2026 JHRC meeting.

*Mary moved and Lance seconded to engage with CatapultEd in putting forward a proposal for CBJ funding of our Community Engagement Project. The motion passed unanimously.*

Assembly Member Nano Brooks attended our meeting and agreed to be the Assembly Member sponsoring our Community Engagement Project. CBJ committee proposals for large funding requests require sponsorship by an Assembly Member. JHRC members present expressed appreciation for Mr. Brooks for being present at our meeting and for agreeing to be our project sponsor. Proposals from CBJ committees with a large funding request are due by March 15, 2026. Haifa and Mary will work with Alison, our JHRC Treasurer, and Assembly Member Brooks to submit the required documents.

- 3) Strategic Plan: Our Strategic Plan is on target and moving forward. Nothing specific was discussed.
2. Celebrating Black History Month 2026: Lance was noted for his efforts in working with the Juneau Black Caucus that envisioned the Business Expo, which unfortunately was cancelled for 2026.
3. Townhall: Our *Fostering Safety, Dignity, and Human Rights in Our Community Townhall* will be held on Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm in the Egan Hall Seminar Room on the UAS campus with Dr. Judi Brown Clarke as our keynote speaker. We discussed the need to have the revised poster available so Lance can promote the event on social media and sign Dr. Brown Clarke up to be on local radio shows. Mary shared that the JHRC flyer has been updated and will be available at the townhall. Mary will include the information she has regarding the poster, Dr. Brown Clarke's bio, and JHRC flyer in the email that is sent after each JHRC meeting. We did not discuss our panel of local community leaders who will also be presenting at our townhall.
4. Commission Engagement Resolution: There is nothing new to report on the Commission Engagement Resolution.

5. Joint JHRC and Systemic Racism and Review Committee (SRRC) Meeting: No update on setting a joint meeting.
6. Personal Safety Training in Partnership with Perseverance Theatre: Mary will reach out to Leslie Ishie at Perseverance to see if any training is happening prior to our April townhall or if they are interested in partnering with JHRC on offering a training.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comments were shared beyond what Assembly Member Brooks added during the discussion of the agenda items.

## II. UPCOMING MEETING DATES

1. Tuesday, March 17, 2026 from 5:00-6:00 pm via Zoom.
2. Tuesday, April 7, 2026 from 5:00-6:00 pm via Zoom.
3. Tuesday, April 21, 2026 from 5:00-6:00 pm via Zoom.

III. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 5:46 pm.