



**HUMAN RIGHTS  
COMMISSION  
Special Meeting Minutes  
November 7, 2018**

A meeting of the Human Rights Commission was held at 5:30 p.m., City Hall, Lower Level Conference Room, 405 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Sioux City, IA 51101.

**Commissioners Present**

James Anderson  
Julie Berens  
Mary Day  
Jean Graham  
Patricia Hartwell  
Nia Key  
Steele Welcher

**Staff Present**

Karen Mackey  
Jessica Ryan

**Commissioners Absent**

Tracy Everett (excused)  
Richard Moore (excused)  
Tracy Winters (excused)

**Staff Absent**

Sharon Holder (excused)  
Paul Flemming (excused)  
Izamar Carrillo (excused)  
Lynn Zerschling (excused)

1. Roll call

Meeting was called to order by Julie Berens, Vice Chairperson, at 5:30 p.m.

2. Nominations

Ms. Berens inquired about the selection process for the War Eagle Human Rights Award.

Ms. Mackey reviewed the selection criteria and reiterated that nominees were recognized for work that positively affected the civil rights climate in the Siouxland area, in either the last twelve months or for a lifetime of work. She stated that individuals or groups could be selected and there could be 2 or 3 honorees.

Ms. Graham discussed the importance of the work over the past year as well as the entirety of a career.

Ms. Berens asked for discussion over the nominees.

Mr. Anderson stated that perhaps there needed to be a committee as there were so many good candidates.

Commissioners discussed the merits of the nominees and elected to vote by paper ballot for the three names they deemed the best for this year's award.

Dr. Richard Lundy, Mike and Carolyn Goodwin, and the Council on Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence garnered the most votes.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jessica Ryan, Administrative Secretary