



CITY OF REVERE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

5:00 pm Eastern Time

Location: City Council Chambers or via Zoom

Monthly Meeting on November 3, 2022

Minutes

1) **Chairperson Grillo Marra calls meeting to order.**

2) **Roll Call of Commissioners**

- Present in person: Rev Tim Bogertman, Chief Chris Bright, Dr Lourenco Garcia, Vice Chair Chaimaa Hossaini, Molly McGee, Kourou Pich, and Chair Janine Grillo Marra
- Present remotely on Zoom: Lynn Alexis
- Absent: Chief Dave Callahan, Rachid Moukhabir
- Quorum in attendance.

3) **Land Acknowledgment**

Recognizes and respects Indigenous Peoples as traditional stewards of this land. Includes moment of silence to acknowledge that Revere is the land of the Pawtucket tribe.

4) **Arrive & Settle - Brief Silence**

Chair Grillo Marra screen shares and reads a quote on *Presence*, Author Unknown, followed by short silence.

5) **Approval of Minutes from the October 6th Monthly Meeting**

Chief Bright MOTIONS to approve the minutes and Dr Garcia Alexis seconds; All are in favor.

6) **Monthly acknowledgements (by Chair)**

November is Native American Heritage month

7) **Guest speaker and Presentation**

a. ***Circle Practices of Indigenous People: Truth and Reconciliation*** with Strong Oak Lefebvre, Executive Director, and Co-founder of the Visioning B.E.A.R. Circle Intertribal Coalition, Inc. Website: <https://www.VisioningBear.org>

- Chair Grillo Marra introduces Strong Oak Lefebvre and expresses gratitude for her presence at the meeting.
- Strong Oak Lefebvre offers an educational slide show presentation which can be found on HRC webpage: <https://www.revere.org/hrc>
- Vice Chair Hossaini inquires about other venues and situations to use *Circle Practices* for which Strong Oak provides example.

8) **Other Business – NONE**



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9) **Open Forum** (opportunity for the public to address HRC)

- Gina Castiello addressed the HRC through the Chair to comment on the specific presentation, but comments shifted to general criticism of the HRC and topics not on the agenda.
- Chair Grillo Marra told the speaker that the comments were not pertinent to the agenda or presentation and asked the person to return to their seat.
- The guest continued to speak loudly from the gallery, leading the Chair to ask the Police Officer to escort this guest from the chamber.
- The Chair called a recess when other members of the audience continued to be disruptive. The Officer cleared the gallery.
- The meeting resumed with a guest on Zoom but the comments were quickly disconnected due to use of profanity.
- One guest who returned to the gallery offered comments and concerns. Chair Grillo Marra suggested she contact the HRC outside this meeting for further follow up and discussion.

10) **Adjournment**

Rev Bogertman MOTIONS to adjourn. Commissioner Pich seconds. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.