

Metuchen Human Relations Commission

Tuesday, February 7, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Metuchen Borough Hall

Start Time: 7:34pm

✓	1. Suneet Bhatt (Member)	✓	2. Joel Branch (Council Liaison)		3. Joanne Cruz (Member)
✓	4. Khalila Cruz (Member)		5. Arthur Flaherty (MPD Liaison)	✓	6. Laura Hermans (Secretary)
✓	7. Jacqueline Ho (Member)		8. Dylan Jaques (HS Senior Liaison)		9. Hazel-Anne Johnson-Marcus (Chair & BOE Liaison)
	10. Amanda Lin (Member)		11. Tara Matisse (Member)		12. Andrea Orlando (Member)
	13. Edward Porowski (School District Liaison)		14. Emma Staal (HS Junior Liaison)	✓	15. Nadia Tariq (Vice Chair)
	16. Bobbie Theivakumaran (MDA Liaison)	✓	17. Bhavi Vyas (Member)		18. Edmund Zelle (MEAICA Liaison)

Welcome to members of the public/public comment: Nadia Tariq

Shailen Gandhi
Michael Geschlecht
Melinda DiBeneddetto

Review & Approval of January 2023 minutes: Laura Hermans

- January 2023 Meeting Attendance: Suneet, Joel, Joanne, Khalila, Artie, Laura, Dylan, Hazel-Anne, Amanda, Tara, Andrea, Ed P., Emma, Nadia, Bhavi
- Lack of quorum

Old Business:

- Lunar New Year: Thank you to all who volunteered and attended!
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Service at New Hope Baptist Church
- Black History Month
 - Montford Point Marines Update
 - Joel to contact Mayor Busch, Congressman Pallone and Metuchen Media
- Windows of Understanding 2023
- Contact information & 2023 Subcommittee Sign ups

New Business:

- Social Media Post Organization

Upcoming Activities:

- Women's History Month (March)
 - Hester Martha Hunt Poole (1833-1932), Metuchen resident and prominent figure in women's rights. One of the founders of the National

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Council of Women.

- Neurodiversity Celebration Week (March 13-19)
- Autism Acceptance Month (April)
- AAPI and Jewish American Heritage Month (May)
 - Ask community members to share personal insights and experiences of these heritages: struggles, joys, recipes

Next Month's Agenda

- Please email ideas for topics of discussion during March's meeting to Hazel-Anne, Nadia and Laura.

2023 Meeting Dates:

**March 7 | April 18 | May 2 | June 6 | July 11 | September 5 | October 3 |
November 7 | December 5**

Adjourned: 8:10pm