

## **North Wales Borough Human Relations Commission Meeting February 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

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Due to COVID-19-related precautions, the Human Relations Commission meeting was conducted virtually by the use of telecommunications devices via a Zoom Video Conference, accessed by either a telephone using the dial in number or via computer by entering a URL on an internet browser. Both the telephone number and the URL were provided on the North Wales Borough website <https://www.northwalesborough.org> at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Commission members present were Moira Blacksmith (Chair), Colette D'Angelo, Johanna Owings, Patricia Armstrong, and Timothy Clarke (Secretary). Also present were invited guests and members of the Abington Township, PA Human Relations Commission, Joanne E. Kleiner, Esq. and Rosemary Jenkins.

No other North Wales Borough residents participated in the meeting via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Blacksmith at 7:05 PM EST.

1. A motion was made by Colette D'Angelo, seconded by Johanna Owings, to approve the meeting minutes from the HRC meeting of January 18, 2021. The motion passed 5-0.
2. Rosemary Jenkins and Joanne E. Kleiner, Esq. were introduced.
  - a. A brief history of the formation of the Abington Township Human Relations Commission was presented.
  - b. The Mission Statement of the Abington Township HRC was discussed.
  - c. Outreach efforts for Abington Township residents were described, including PowerPoint presentations, brochures and other paper-based materials. Efforts have included tabling at events, meeting with civic groups, meeting with community members in groups for film screenings and talk-backs.
  - d. The purchase of a banner and canopy for tabling was recommended for the North Wales Borough HRC.

3. Discussion of future efforts

- a. Firming up dates for North Wales Borough HRC mediation training
- b. Review documents from Abington Township HRC and revise their outreach letter, and perhaps other documents.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Patricia Armstrong, seconded by Johanna Owings. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Clarke, Secretary