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Interpretação e outras adaptações estão disponíveis mediante solicitação prévia.

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Phiên dịch và các hỗ trợ khác có sẵn theo yêu cầu trước.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

July 27, 2026



The City of Worcester

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

Monday, June 29, 2026, 6pm
VIRTUAL MEETING

The HRC meeting will be held at the date, time and location listed above. Meeting attendees will additionally have options to participate remotely by joining online or by phone: All voting by roll call process.

- Use the following link to join the meeting via computer

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZDFIOTM3MjEtY2JIOS00NWFKLWE40WEtMTQ3NTg4OTVmYjNm%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22f25998dd-1be6-42c6-a44c-8785f3e6deb6%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%228ca16f13-c319-48d7-9d76-877dbb5506ea%22%7d

- Meeting number: 288 954 899 121 Password: BHttC8 Phone: +1 469-998-7682, 176135745#

Note: If technological problems interrupt the virtual meeting component, the meeting will continue in-person.

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Para más información sobre esta reunión, comuníquese con el [Department/Division] por correo electrónico al correo [Email] o por teléfono al [Number]. Envíe **sus comentarios por escrito** 2 días hábiles o más antes de la reunión. Si necesita adaptaciones razonables para participar en la reunión, comuníquese con el contacto del personal indicado en la lista. Aunque las juntas y comisiones hacen todo lo posible para atenderle, algunas adaptaciones podrían no estar disponibles si se solicitan con poca anticipación a la reunión programada. Las solicitudes de interpretación de lenguaje de señas estadounidense deben hacerse 10 días hábiles o más antes de la reunión.



1. **Call to order** (approx. 6:00PM)

introductions, instructions for public participation and reading of the HRC traditional opening which includes the mission, associated terms and acknowledgement of the Nipmuc/First People of Worcester:

***Public Comment** (Time will be allotted for individuals to speak for 2 minutes at the discretion of the Chair, not to exceed 30 minutes total) *

2. **Commission Business** (approx. 6:05-8:00PM)

- a. Approval of prior month(s) minutes.
- b. Any announcements/acknowledgements/recognition.
- c. Vice Chair Feldman's statement.

3. **Presentation by City of Worcester, Chief of Community Health, Jen Nakijoba.**

Planned discussion on the work she is doing in her role, and the city and community initiatives she is leading, involving and impacting mental health issues. (approx. 45 mins.)

4. **Presentation by Liz Callahan, former Vice Chair of the HRC and mental health professional.** Topic, generalized discussion about the state of mental health and mental health responses in crisis or urgent situations. (approx. 45 mins)

5. **Adjournment**