

Human Relations Commission

The Human Relations Commission (HRC) was established by the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners in 1990 by ordinance. The Human Relations Commission is to be composed of 13 Gwinnett County citizens with diverse membership appointed by the Board of Commissioners.

Appointments are to be made by the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners from a list of three eligible persons submitted to the Board of Commissioners by the Human Relations Commission for each vacancy. The Board of Commissioners shall have the option to reject any or all candidates submitted by the Human Relations Commission.

The Commission will elect its Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and such other officers deemed advisable. Officers may succeed themselves.

Members serve 4-year term.

Responsibilities:

- To encourage, promote and develop fair and equal treatment and opportunity for all persons regardless of race, religion, creed, color, age, ethnicity, national origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation or disability;
- To coordinate and assist local governmental agencies to promote better human relations;
- To cooperate with private industry; community, professional, civic and religious organizations; and Federal, State, County and municipal agencies in the development of public information programs, leadership, and activities in the interest of equal opportunity and treatment of all racial, religious and ethnic groups;
- To conduct research projects and studies and to make reports on race relations in Gwinnett County;
- To quarterly and annually report to the Board of Commissioners on activities of the Commission and make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners;
- To investigate, study and inform the public as to any complaints received concerning discriminatory practices regarding any individual or agency;
- To provide a forum for airing community problems and grievances;
- To stimulate private industry and the business community to create jobs and promote equal employment opportunities;
- To train County employees to use appropriate management techniques concerning intergroup relations which develop respect for equal rights and which result in equal treatment of employees;
- To work to remove inequalities, which pertain to the status of minority groups in such areas as housing, recreation, education, employment, law enforcement, vocational guidance and related matters;

Responsibilities (continued):

- To recommend to the Board of Commissioners of Gwinnett County such additional legislation and programs to effectuate the purposes of promoting better human relations;
- To submit an annual budgetary request to the County Administrator.

Powers:

- To adopt such rules and regulations as are necessary to govern the proceedings of the Commission and to conduct all meetings in accordance with said rules and regulations;
- To receive contributions (to be accepted by the Director of Financial Services on behalf of the Human Relations Commission) and to expend such funds to promote its goals and objectives and in accordance with all Gwinnett County purchasing and expenditure regulations.

Meeting Date/Time:

The Human Relations Commission meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center (GJAC) or designated location as advertised and posted on the HRC website and/or GJAC announcement board.

Compensation:

Members are not compensated, but will be reimbursed for any expenses incurred in the performance of their duties consistent with the approved budget and approved by the County Administrator.

Qualifications/Training:

No specific qualifications or training are required; however, the membership of the Human Relations Commission must be diverse.

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Appointment - Representing - Position	Name	Term Expires
BoC Appointment	James Paul Hartz	08/31/2015
BoC Appointment	Connie C. Jee	08/31/2012
BoC Appointment	Koo-Ja Lee	08/31/2012
BoC Appointment	Dorethia Livsey	08/31/2014
BoC Appointment	Joseph L. McCarty	08/31/2012
BoC Appointment	Ivonne McNally	08/31/2012
BoC Appointment	Marina Peed	08/31/2015
BoC Appointment	Vacant Position	08/31/2011
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BoC Appointment	Tricia Sung	08/31/2014
BoC Appointment	Marlyn Tillman	08/31/2015
BoC Appointment - Chairperson	Mushir Ahmed Siddiqui	08/31/2014
BoC Appointment - Vice Chairperson	Donald Sequeira	08/31/2012