



**CITY OF SOMERVILLE
RACIAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE DEPARTMENT
SOMERVILLE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
MONTHLY MEETING
Wednesday, March 19th, 2025
6:00 to 7:30 p.m. (Virtual Meeting)**

You are invited to a Zoom webinar!

When: Mar 19, 2025 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Human Rights Commission

Join from PC, Mac, iPad, or Android:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88211010142?pwd=PpVsD23b9OFHAmFOKnoPlmi0QPFEFin.1>

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AGENDA

Welcome

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Old Business

- Recruitment Update

Updates:

- Report back from United Nations 3rd Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the prohibition of nuclear weapons.

New Business:

- Discussion: HRC Co-Chair Vote
- Proposal: Ageism Awareness Campaign

- Proposal: Human Rights Cards (UN Declaration of Human Rights)
- Proposal: HRC Structure Review
- Proposal: Professional Development
- Proposal: Supporting Minority Owned Business

Guest Speaker:

- Commissioner Rona Fischman, Somerville Fair Housing Commission
“April is Fair Housing Month”

April 10, 7 PM at the Somerville Central Library. Screening of [Segregated by Design](#) and discussion about structural (de jure) housing discrimination. [Registration/information.](#)

April 17, 7 PM [Discussion: Tenants and Landlords and Section 8.](#) Know your rights strategies for tenants and Somerville VIP program for landlords. Guest speaker Todd Kaplan.

Upcoming Events/Opportunities

- [Celebrating Women’s History Month at SomerNova](#)
Wednesday, March 26, 2025 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. - 21 Properzi Way
Somerville, MA 02143
- Calling-In Event: [“Creating Change Without Cancel Culture”](#)
Tuesdays/Thursdays 3/18 - 4/10

Staff Liaison Update:

- HRC Focus Groups
- Commissioner workshop

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, April 15, 2025 (Location/Time TBD)

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