



**BELMONT HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA**

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DATE: February 25, 2021
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The Belmont Human Rights Commission members are appointed by the Town of Belmont Select Board and sworn in by the Town Clerk to execute our duties as voting members. Only members can vote.

Date: Thursday, March 4, 2021

Time: 7:00 PM- 8:30 PM

Location: Conducted by Remote Participation

In keeping with Governor Baker's Executive Order of March 12, 2020;
"Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law"

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/open-meeting-law-order-march-12-2020/download>

All Participation for Town Residents will be by Remote Access

If the audio becomes unavailable, the meeting will be paused until it can be restored, or the meeting will end.

FOR PARTICIPANTS:

The meeting will start at 7:00 PM. You can join the meeting starting at 6:50 PM.

TO JOIN THE MEETING:

By computer or smartphone, go to:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83356593726>

Meeting ID: 833 5659 3726

- Call: **1 (929) 205-6099**

When prompted, enter Meeting ID: 833 5659 3726

When prompted, enter: #

- Follow any additional prompts
- To mute and unmute yourself (when recognized), press *6

To Ask A Question:

All Belmont Human Rights Commission meetings are governed by the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law.

When public participation is allowed on an agenda item, here is what you do to address the public body:

- By computer or smartphone:
- Click “Raise your hand” button, located on bottom of the Participant screen.
- By Telephone:
- To raise your hand press *9
- When the host is ready for you, you will be called on by your phone number or name.
- Please state your full name for the record, which is required by law.

During the public participation segment of meetings of the Commission, individuals or group representatives may address the Commission on items of Commission business. The length of the public participation segment shall be no more than ten (10) minutes, but may be extended by Chair. Speakers must identify themselves by their first and last name and will be allowed up to two (2) minutes to present their material. Chair may reduce speaking time if needed and/or may permit extension of this time limit. The Committee may respond to public comment, at the discretion of the Chair, but extended discussion of issues during public participation is discouraged. If a particular issue arises during public participation that warrants an extended discussion, the Chair may defer such discussion until a future meeting, and schedule an agenda item accordingly. Improper conduct and remarks will not be allowed. Defamatory or abusive remarks are always out of order. If a speaker persists in improper conduct or remarks, the Chair may terminate that individual’s privilege of address or if needed eject the person from the meeting. All remarks will be addressed through the Chair of the meeting.

1. Call the meeting to order;
2. Review and approve Minutes from February 4 and February 22, 2021 meetings – 5 minutes
3. a. Report on phone-line and e-mail correspondence (Gaye) - 5 minutes
b. Confirm Phone-line/email assignment for upcoming months:
March – Ye; April – Jess; May – Kayta; June – Kim
c. Policy on handling contacts and records
4. A) Proclamation on Black Lives and George Floyd Memorial Day to be Observed on May 25, 2021 and annually thereafter final editing – 15 minutes
B) Statement on racist attacks against Asians – 5 minutes
C) Does BHRC co-sponsor BAR Housing Panel Program – 5 minutes

5. Community Input – 10 minutes
6. Vote to present Proclamation to Belmont Select Board for action and Attacks on Asians Statement – 5 minutes
7. Liaison Reports: Belmont Against Racism/Belmont LGBTQIA Alliance; Belmont Police Department; Belmont Schools- 10 minutes total
8. Working Groups Reports: 20 minutes – 5 minutes each working group
 - Messaging and Marketing (Jess)
 - Outreach to Community Organizations (Gaye)
 - Community Discussions: Daryl Davis talk, March 13, 6:30-8:30 (Kim/Kayta)
 - School Outreach (Kim/Bryan)
9. Announcements: - 10 minutes
 - One Book One Belmont update:
Say I'm Dead: A Family Memoir of Race, Secrets, and Love by E. Dolores Johnson, Author Talk on Tuesday, March 30th, 7 pm
 - Diversity Task Force update
 - Pan Asian Coalition
 - Resources: Therapist / Attorney volunteering to support BHRC
10. Confirm meeting dates: March 4; April 1; May 6; June 3 – 2 minutes
11. Adjourn meeting