



Meeting Minutes
Meeting of Human Rights and Fair Housing Commission,
Malden City Hall/Virtual Meeting
Malden, MA. 02148
June 10, 2026

Committee Members in Attendance/Absent

✓	Paul Weston	Chairperson, Local Nat'l Assoc Realtor Rep.
✓	Elaine Shwartz	Elder Services Rep.
	Steve Finn	Malden Housing Authority Rep.
✓	Dawn Macklin	Resident Member
	Cindy Cohen	Resident Member
✓	Madelein McCormick	Resident Member
✓	Taylor Shutt	Vice Chair, Attorney Member
✓	Maria Luise	Ex-Officio, ADA Officer
	Chukwuka Ezewuzie	Ex-Officio, Chair of Disabilities Commission

Meeting started at 5:52 PM

Meeting notes

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Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: The chair led the review and approval of the previous meeting's minutes, with Taylor requesting a correction regarding their attendance, and Maria moving to approve after adjustments were discussed.

14:10

Brochure Printing and Translation Updates: Maria provided updates on the commission's brochure, discussing minor changes needed for translation access with Taylor, who agreed to review and adjust the mission section, and confirmed the print timeline for Juneteenth.

15:52

Fair Housing Plan Review and Expansion: Maria and Paul discussed the current fair housing plan, noting its brevity compared to Somerville's, and agreed to locate the existing fact sheet and consider expanding it for broader use, with Maria tasked to follow up.

19:02

Event Planning for Juneteenth, Pride in the Park, and National Night Out: Malden, Dawn, Maria, Taylor, and Elaine coordinated plans for upcoming events, including tabling logistics, sharing resources with the Disability Commission, and addressing challenges with table space for Pride in the Park.

23:25

Statutory Requirements and Voting Procedures: Disability (Chuck) raised questions about statutory requirements and voting procedures, with Paul and Maria clarifying differences between commissions, agenda posting timelines, and roll call voting for remote meetings.

27:54

State-Level Fair Housing Presentation and Local Impact: Disability asked about a recent state-level fair housing presentation to the governor and its potential impact, with Steve and Paul clarifying that no major legislative changes have been observed and agreeing to monitor developments.

30:17

Follow-up tasks

Brochure Mission Section Accessibility: Review the brochure's mission section to ensure it is formatted as text (not image) and provide an updated version to facilitate translation. (Taylor)

Fair Housing Plan Resource Gathering: Locate and share the city's fair housing fact sheet (possibly from the OSCP department) with the commission for review and potential expansion. (Maria)

Juneteenth Tabling Coordination: Confirm with the Disability Commission whether a shared table will be available for Juneteenth and communicate the arrangement to Paul. (Maria)

Juneteenth Table and Decorations Preparation: Obtain a table for Juneteenth (possibly from the city clerk's office) and coordinate decorations and supplies for the event. (Maria)

Pride in the Park Tabling and Materials: Follow up with event organizers to secure table space for Pride in the Park and inform the group about availability; if unavailable, coordinate distribution of brochures and materials at the event. (Maria, Taylor)

State Housing Presentation Impact Research: Investigate the recent state-level housing presentation to the governor and determine its relevance to the commission's fair housing plan, sharing findings at the next meeting. (Disability)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM