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## **LGBTQ+ Commission Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, April 10, 2023**

**4:30 pm – 6:00 pm**

**ZOOM**

<https://crec.zoom.us/j/91652535371>

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**I. Call to Order 4:35**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Curtis Rodriguez-Porter	Chair	Present
Vacant	Co-Chair	
Vacant	Secretary	
Vacant	Treasurer	
Gregory Chambers	Commissioner	Present
Andre Santiago	Commissioner	Present
John McGarvey	Commissioner	Present

- II. Community Comments
- III. Approval of March Minutes
  - a) First - Andre Second- John Greg-Abstention
- IV. City Updates- Karen Taylor City of Hartford
  - a) Graduation from NCCJ Professional learning is in June
  - b) City Events
    - i) May 24<sup>th</sup> - & June 25<sup>th</sup> Domingo Open Street Program
    - ii) June 5<sup>th</sup> - Caribbean American Heritage @ Burr Mall (Inclusive of all Islands)
    - iii) June 18<sup>th</sup>- Juneteenth Event @Black Lives Matter Mural
    - iv) June- Pride Month Flag Raising Potentially June 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> (Hartford Foundation- Grant for Community Engagement)
- V. Sargent Jenkins – HPD Liaison (860-571-1872, Jenkt003@Hartford.gov)
  - a) Keep Officer Jenkins up to date for summer LGBTQ+ events
  - b) Hartford Cadets are recruiting. It is a paid opportunity. Enrollment closes on April 28<sup>th</sup>
    - i) If a member of the community is interested they would fall under the City training and protections. Sgt. Nikki Everates leads this department.
    - ii) Web:  
<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/hartfordct/jobs/3934902/police-cadet-re-issued-04-10-2023> Phone: 860-757-4242
    - iii) Explorers and POWL Program:  
<https://www.hartfordct.gov/Government/Departments/Police/Community-Engagement/Explorers>
    - iv) Citizens Academy- Education for citizens i.e. Different programs available throughout the HPD The Who and Why...
- VI. LGBTQ+ Mayoral Candidate Panel update
  - a) Council Members Hercules and Michtom out and met with Curtis about how they can support the commission with initiatives LGBTQ+ focused
  - b) Foot traffic on Trumbull, Pratt, Asylum (Hartfordbusinessimprovementdistrict.com) Chip McCade (events person)
  - c) Shop keeper involvement
  - d) Connect with Marianne from Hartford Chambers
- VII. Finance Report
  - \$812.00
  - \$500.00 Air marked
- VIII. Old Business
  - i) Commissioner - Eleanor Faraguna has officially been appointed to the LGBTQ+ commission
- IX. Announcements
- X. Books in the CT Library System - [Click Here](#)
- XI. Hartford Gay Men's Chorus has two upcoming concerts
  - a) <https://hgmc.org/events-tickets/>
  - b) Use Promo Code: GCHAMBERS

XII. May Meeting Agenda Items (Minutes posted on [www.meetinginfo.org](http://www.meetinginfo.org))

XIII. Adjournment –

1st – John      2nd- Gregory

Backup Google Meets Meeting Link: LGBTQ+ Meeting

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Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/pxg-uzmp-tmj>