



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

AGENDA

Tuesday, January 27, 2026
6:00 p.m.

This meeting will be conducted in person in the Willamette Room at Albany City Hall 333 Broadalbin Street SW. To join the meeting from your computer or tablet by clicking the link below:

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair
4. Public Comment:
Persons wanting to provide comments may:
 - 1) *Email written comments to kim.lyddane@albanyoregon.gov, including your name, before noon the day of the meeting.*
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 - 3) *Appear in person at the meeting and register to speak.*
5. Approval of the December 16, 2025 minutes
6. Scheduled Business
 - a. Youth Advisory Council Update – Kim Lyddane
 - b. Topic Tea – Kim Lyddane
 - c. Review Draft Letter in Support of Waldport Resolutions Concern and Opposition to ICE within the City Jurisdiction – Robyn Davis
7. Business from the Members
8. Next meeting date: February 24, 2026
9. Adjournment

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MINUTES

December 16, 2025

6:00 p.m.

Albany City Hall, Willamette Room and Virtual

Approved: Draft

Call to Order

Chair Allyson Dean called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present: Allyson Dean, Robyn Davis, Melody Wirtz, Katie Pleis, Jay Vance

Members absent: Hedie Schulte (excused), Alyssa Nydegger (excused)

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of November 25, 2025 minutes

MOTION: Vance moved to approve the minutes as presented, Pleis seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

Scheduled Business

Civic Academy Update

6:02 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Director Kim Lyddane said the liaisons for the Albany Civic Academy are doing more research on implementing a Youth Advisory Council. Lyddane said the HRC will help champion but will not be the owners of the Youth Advisory Council project. Commissioners shared feedback they received from councilors on implementing a YAC.

Chair Dean said another option that should be considered is adding a youth seat to the commissions if unable to implement a YAC. Pleis said in addition to engaging the youth, there should be outreach to aging seniors and those with disabilities.

Topic Teas, continued

6:34 p.m.

Vice Chair Davis said the initial topic would be centered around “why is it a good idea communities speak to each other face-to-face and what is the benefit?”. Commissioner Wirtz said the format would initially be presenting the topic as a group and then breaking up into smaller groups for people to have an opportunity to speak. The Commission discussed other logistics of the topic teas and items needed for the initial Topic Tea on January 20, 2026.

Business from Members

7:19 p.m.

Dean said the City of Waldport recently passed a resolution about the concern and opposition to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency facilities and activity within the city jurisdiction. Pleis read the resolution* to the commission and Dean asked if this was something the commission would like to forward to Council. Commissioners discussed and the general consensus was to draft a letter in support of the resolution and adopt an in-kind agreement with Waldport.

MOTION: Davis moved the HRC would draft a letter asking Council to review the neighboring city's resolution and adopt an in-kind agreement. Vance seconded the motion which passed 4-0-1 with Dean recommending a motion not be made until all commissioners are available and have an opportunity to review the resolution and drafted letter.

MOTION: Vance moved to amend the previous motion with Chair Dean's recommendations that a letter be drafted for the next HRC meeting for all HRC commissioners to review prior to voting on sending the letter and resolution to City Council. Davis seconded the motion which passed 5-0.

Davis will draft the letter and submit it for the next HRC meeting.

Next meeting date

The next meeting will be on January 27, 2026.

Adjournment

Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Makenna Kackley
Deputy City Recorder

Kim Lyddane
Staff Liaison

*Documents discussed at the meeting that are not in the agenda packet are archived in the record.
The documents are available by emailing cityrecorder@albanyoregon.gov.

Robyn Davis

Commissioner, Albany Human Relations Commission

Albany, Oregon

Jan 21, 2026

To: Mayor Alex Johnson II and the Albany City Council

From: Robyn Davis, Human Relations Commission

Re: Proposal for Ordinance Limiting ICE/DHS Operations in Albany

Honorable Mayor and City Councilors,

I am writing to you today as a member of the Albany Human Relations Commission to urge the Council to take proactive legislative action regarding the operation of federal immigration enforcement within our city limits.

As you may be aware, communities across Oregon—specifically our neighbors in **Toledo**, Newport, and Waldport—have recently faced unannounced attempts by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to establish detention facilities and operational bases within their jurisdictions. In response, the City of Toledo passed measures (such as **Resolution 1592**) to formally oppose these facilities and restrict such operations, protecting their local economy, public safety, and community trust.

On behalf of the Human Relations Commission, I respectfully request that the Albany City Council draft and pass a similar ordinance. We cannot wait until they are operating facilities in our town.

We recommend an ordinance that achieves the following:

1. **Prohibition of Detention Facilities:** Explicitly prohibits the siting, construction, or operation of private or public detention facilities for civil immigration violations within Albany city limits, aligning with Oregon's Sanctuary Promise Act.
2. **Limitation on City Resources:** Codifies that no city funds, personnel, or resources (including property and data) shall be used to assist in the enforcement of federal civil immigration law, similar to the standards upheld by Toledo and Lincoln County.
3. **Community Notification & Transparency:** Requires that the City Council and the public be immediately notified of any inquiries, requests, or contracts proposed by federal immigration agencies to operate within the city.

The recent events in Toledo and Lincoln County demonstrated that these federal operations often bypass local planning processes and disrupt community cohesion. Albany has the

opportunity to lead by ensuring our code clearly reflects our values: that we are a safe, welcoming community for all residents, regardless of their documentation status.

I urge the Council to direct the City Attorney to review the Toledo ordinance and the recent resolutions from Lincoln County as a framework for Albany. The Human Relations Commission stands ready to support this process.

Sincerely,

Robyn Davis

Commissioner, Albany Human Relations Commission