

01-21-26 Human Services Commission Minutes

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Human Services Commission

6:30 PM
 January 21, 2026

MINUTES

Steelhead Room, 235 1st Ave.
 SE, Issaquah

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Commissioners:

Jaime Fajardo, Chair, arrived at 6:42 pm
 Manny Brown, Vice Chair
 Maury Edwards, virtual attendance
 Madeline Fish
 Huma Mohibullah, virtual attendance
 Jaydianette Ramirez
 Ray Manahan
 Trish Bloor, Alternate, excused absence
 Preston Miele, youth representative, virtual attendance

Administration/Staff:

Hannah Roberts, Senior Human Services
 Coordinator
 Brenda Parker, Human Services Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Vice Chair BROWN called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Christina Bruning from Downtown Issaquah Association was in attendance and made a public comment. Christina shared she was interested in learning more about services from Issaquah Schools Foundation Cultural Bridges and about Homeless Outreach services.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of November 19, 2025

Minutes of January 07, 2026

BROWN introduced the minutes of November 19, 2025 and January 07, 2026 minutes. Commissioner FISH motioned to approve both the minutes as presented. Commissioner EDWARDS seconded the motion, there was unanimous consent to approve the minutes as presented.

AGENDA ITEMS

Non-Profit Presentation: Cultural Bridges (I)

Presented by:

Laura Ni, Cultural Bridges Manager

Laura presented to the commission an overview of Cultural Bridges services, history, Issaquah School District changing demographic, history of the organization and community impact. Culture Bridges publishes magazine about how to navigate the Issaquah School District and family resources in 8 different languages. The magazine transitions in 2023 to online only and they can track the number of clicks, reads and downloads. Commissioners followed up with positive feedback and clarifying questions on the programming.

- a) **2026 Human Services Commission Workplan (A)**

Presented by:

Hannah Roberts, Sr. Human Services Coordinator

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Human Services Staff presented the Human Services Commission workplan for 2026 reviewing the general workplan items, administrative items and joint collaborations. Commissioner FISH motioned to approve the 2026 Human Services Commission Workplan as presented. Commissioner MANAHAN seconded the motion, there was unanimous consent to approve the workplan as presented.

b) **2025 Human Services Grants Annual Performance Review (I)**

Presented by:

Hannah Roberts, Sr. Human Services Coordinator

ROBERTS presented the Human Services Grants 2025 performance providing an overview of the grants, performance measurements on timeliness, completeness, services units deliveries and resident goals. ROEBRTS shared the trends, challenges and highlights of the Human Services organizations which share specific numbers and charts from various organizations.

2025 Human Services Division Highlights (I)

Presented by:

Hannah Roberts, Sr. Human Services Coordinator

Brenda Parker, Human Services Manager

ROBERTS introduced the infographic of the 2025 Human Services Division highlights providing additional narrative on impact from the Human Services planning, coordinating and funding role. PARKER presented metrics, highlights and challenges within the Human Services Behavioral Health and Homeless Outreach team.

REPORTSa) **Chair and Commissioner Reports**

No chair or commissioner reports.

b) **Youth Report**

No youth reports.

c) **Staff Report**

Staff provided an update on Mayor and Council changes for 2026 and reviewed the commissioners upcoming schedule and tasks.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

No other business and announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

The next meeting on February 18, 2026 is cancelled due to a significant religious holiday restriction. The next meeting is special meeting Eastside Joint Human Services Commission Equity Training Workshop on Saturday March 14, 2026 at Redmond City Hall. The next regular Human Services Commission meeting is currently scheduled for March 18, 2026.