

RESOLUTION NO. 5-26

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Heinda Munson  
MUNCIE CITY CLERK

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE, INDIANA, UPDATING APPOINTMENTS TO THE MUNCIE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 34, Division 5 of the Muncie City Code establishes the Muncie Human Rights Commission (“MHRC”) and provides that MHRC shall consist of nine (9) members (See Exhibit 1); and

**WHEREAS**, the ordinance further provides that each year the Muncie Common Council (“Council”) shall appoint one (1) member and the Mayor shall appoint two (2) members to the MHRC; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 3, 2025 Council appointed Linda Muckway to serve the remainder of the unexpired term of Jessica Feick; and

**WHEREAS**, Jessica Feick was appointed to MHRC as a mayoral appointment; and

**WHEREAS**, Linda Muckway’s appointment by Council resulted in MHRC having four (4) Council appointments, which is inconsistent with the appointment schedule established by Chapter 34, Division 5; and

**WHEREAS**, the MHRC currently has four appointments expiring in 2026, four appointments expiring in 2027, and one appointment expiring in 2028; and

**WHEREAS**, to restore the proper balance and sequence of appointments as set forth in the ordinance, the Common Council and Mayor wish to realign appointment designations and term expirations accordingly.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE, INDIANA, THAT:**

**Section 1:** The vacant appointment most recently filled by SteVen Knipp (a Council appointee) shall henceforth be designated a mayoral appointment, to be filled by Mayor Dan Ridenour for the term June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2028. (Original term ended May 31, 2027.)

**Section 2:** The term of Linda Muckway (a Council appointee appointed on May 3, 2025) is hereby revised to June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2028. (Original term ended May 31, 2026.)

**Section 3:** Upon adoption of this resolution, the MHRC shall again be structured in accordance with Chapter 34, Division 5 of the Muncie City Code, providing for two Mayoral appointments and one Council appointment each year.

**Section 4:** The City Clerk shall record this resolution and forward certified copies to the Mayor’s Office, the Muncie Human Rights Commission, and the Personnel Department for official recordkeeping.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after passage by Common Council and its approval by the Mayor or the City of Muncie, Indiana, and such publication as may be required by law.

# EXHIBIT 1

## Muncie Human Rights Commission Proposed Revisions

Term End column below reflects the current term ending date before suggested corrections.

Board Member	Appointing Authority	Term Start	Appointment Date	Term End
Leah Britten	Mayor	6/1/2023	06/03/24	05/31/26
Melvin Kelly	Mayor	6/1/2023	06/29/23	05/31/26
Andre Mitchell	City Council	6/1/2023	06/05/23	05/31/26
Linda Muckway	City Council	6/1/2023	05/03/25	05/31/26
Gretchen Cheesman	Mayor	6/1/2024	12/23/24	05/31/27
Steve Sneed	Mayor	6/1/2024	01/29/25	05/31/27
Kim Miller	City Council	6/1/2024	05/06/24	05/31/27
VACANT	Mayor	6/1/2024		05/31/27
Michele Owen	Mayor	6/1/2025	08/13/25	05/31/28

Recommendation:  
Revise Linda Muckway term to 6/1/25 thru 5/31/28

Recommendation:  
Revise vacant position term to 6/1/25 thru 5/31/28

Passed by the Common Council of the City of Muncie, Indiana this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

	Yeas	Nays	Abstained	Absent
Jeffrey Green	_____	_____	_____	_____
Nora Powell	_____	_____	_____	_____
Brandon Garrett	_____	_____	_____	_____
Sara Gullion	_____	_____	_____	_____
Jerry D. Dishman	_____	_____	_____	_____
Harold Mason Jr.	_____	_____	_____	_____
Dale Basham	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ro Selvey	_____	_____	_____	_____
William McIntosh	_____	_____	_____	_____

Jeff Green, President Muncie Common Council

Presented by me to the Mayor for his approval, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

Belinda Munson, Muncie City Clerk

The above Resolution is approved/vetoed by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

Dan Ridenour, Mayor of the City of Muncie

ATTEST:

Belinda Munson, Muncie City Clerk of the Common Council

This Resolution is proposed by Council Member Ro Selvey

This Resolution is approved in form by Legal Counsel Mark Ewing