



**New Brighton Equity Commission  
Agenda  
Upper Level | Conference Room  
New Brighton City Hall 803 Old Hwy 8 NW, New Brighton , MN  
6:30 PM June 18, 2026**

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**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chair Kami Miller	Commissioner Methok Namsey
Vice-Chair Cathy Forbes	Commissioner Michael Postle
Commissioner Kisten Thompson	Commissioner Melissa Spiess
Commissioner Liz Erstad-Hicks	Commissioner Kristan Clow
Commissioner Laura Connolly	

**II. Approval of Agenda**

**III. Approval of Past Minutes**

- a. May 21, 2026

**IV. Business Items**

- a. Resident Survey Questions

**V. City Staff Update**

**VI. Chair Update**

**VII. City Council Update**

**VIII. Adjournment**

- a. Next Meeting: July 16, 2026



**MINUTES**  
**New Brighton Equity Commission**  
**Regular Meeting – May 21, 2026**  
**5:00 p.m.**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

Members Present: Commissioners Kristan Clow (arrived at 6:10 p.m.), Laura Connolly, Cathy Forbes, Liz Erstad-Hicks, Kami Miller (arrived at 5:11 p.m.) Michael Postle, Melissa Spiess (arrived at 5:07 p.m.) and Kisten Thompson.

Members Absent: Commissioners Methok Namsey.

Also Present: DEI Coordinator Hue Schlieu

**III. Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Commissioner Postle, seconded by Commissioner Thompson to approve the agenda as presented.

Approved 5-0

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Commissioner Postle, seconded by Commissioner Erstad-Hicks to approve the minutes from the April 16, 2026 meeting.

Approved 5-0

**V. Business Items**

**A. Equity, Accessibility and Inclusion in New Brighton**

Schlieu stated the Equity Commission serves in an advisory role to help identify and address issues that impact equity within the community, including diversity, inclusion, representation, privileges, intercultural relations, race relations, cultural place-making and other factors that shape outcomes for historically underrepresented and marginalized populations. This discussion is intended to ground the Commission's work in current, local, and lived observations of inequity across the city. It also provides an opportunity to elevate concerns, experiences, and perspectives shared with Commissioners by residents and community members. The goal is to identify emerging needs, recognize ongoing barriers to equitable participation and access, and explore

ways the City can strengthen policies, practices, and community engagement efforts to better serve all residents. Staff requested the Commission share direct observations, experiences, or patterns Commissioners are noticing within the community as it relates to equity, inclusion, accessibility, and belonging, elevate concerns, feedback, or lived experiences shared by residents and community stakeholders, and discuss opportunities to improve accessibility, representation, and inclusive practices across City initiatives.

Discussion included:

- The Commission discussed Operation Metro Surge and appreciated how the City responded to this event.
- The Commission appreciated how the City kept the website updated with pertinent information for the community.
- The Commission appreciated how the City was working to get youth in the community engaged with the City.
- The Commission supported the City considering how to improve pedestrian safety in the community.
- The Commission commended the City on the improvements at Hansen Park. It was noted the ribbon cutting for this park would be held on Monday, July 21.
- Further discussion ensued regarding whether or not the City should be speaking out at times to ensure people's needs are being met and to ensure residents feel supported.
- The Commission hoped residents would begin to feel safe again in the community and would return to normal activities.
- The Commission supported the City hosting a civic academy for New Brighton residents.
- The Commission supported building a culture within the community that votes in elections.
- The Commission appreciated the fact the City conducted community surveys.
- Staff encouraged the Commission members to speak with the public about the good things the City was doing.
- Staff spoke to the Community Resource and Engagement Fair that would be hosted by the City, noting the event would have 40+ vendors and food trucks. It was recommended Care Options Network and Minnesota Aging Pathways be invited to the event.
- The Commission supported the City hosting the Community Resource and Engagement Fair.
- The Commission recommended the City continue to focus on Just Deeds in order to ensure all racial covenants are eliminated.

## **VI. City Staff Update – Hue Schlieu, DEI Coordinator**

Schlieu discussed the survey that was sent to the mobile home community. She screened a video that was created by Nine North from Tibet Fest. She explained she recently held interviews for additional Youth Community Connectors, noting the City would be hiring 12 additional YCC members. She commented the City would now have freshman, sophomores, juniors and seniors represented. She then shared a video that was created by the current YCC members. It was noted this video would be shared with the community. She reported the outdoor farmers market would begin on Wednesday, June 3.

## **VII. Chair Update – Kami Miller**

Chair Miller asked for comments from the Commission. It was recommended wheelchair access at Long Lake Park be considered by the City along with gender neutral or family restrooms.

Chair Miller stated she was looking forward to the Concerts in the Park and Park Discovery Days.

**VIII. City Council Update – Emily Dunsworth**

There was no report from the City Council.

**IX. Adjournment – Next Meeting: June 18, 2026**

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hue Schlieu  
DEI Coordinator