

To: Mayor Robin I. Oda and Troy City Council
From: Sonia Holycross, Chairperson, Troy Human Relations Commission
Date: December 15, 2025
Subject: 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

On behalf of the City of Troy Human Relations Commission (HRC), and in compliance with Section 135.05 of the City of Troy Codified Ordinances, I am pleased to forward the following review of the HRC's 2024 activities.

The current HRC appointees are Sonia Holycross (Chairperson), Jon Keller (Vice-Chairperson), Robert Lewis, Marvin Major, Sr., and Ruby Villalobos (Secretary). Mr. Keller's term expires on December 31, 2025, and he will not seek reappointment due to other commitments. At the first meeting in January 2025, the Commission elected Sonia Holycross as chairperson, Jon Keller as vice-chairperson, and Ruby Villalobos as secretary. The Commission scheduled five meetings in 2025 but convened only four due to quorum concerns.

The HRC webpage allows community members to contact the Commission via email or fill out a form to report a complaint or issue related to the HRC's Chapter 135.06 list of duties. The HRC received two complaints, which were forwarded to the appropriate governmental body or organization for follow-up. The HRC, in collaboration with the Ohio History Connection Office and the City of Troy staff, erected a historical marker honoring the African American soldiers of the 54th and 55th Regiments buried at the Soldiers Circle in Riverside Cemetery, Section 11. The celebratory unveiling was held on Saturday, August 16, 2025, at Soldier's Circle.

The members of the HRC are proud of the work accomplished over the past five years and remain committed to fulfilling the duties outlined in Chapter 135. I am available for any questions or concerns and would gladly make myself available for a presentation to you and Troy City Council at your convenience.



Sincerely,
Sonia Holycross
Human Relations Commission, Chairperson