

Spokane Human Rights Commission

Thursday, February 5, 2026

5:30-7:30

The Thursday, February 5, 2026 meeting will provide for in person attendance. The meeting will be held in the City Council Chambers–Lower Level of City Hall, 808 Spokane Falls Blvd. *Members of the public, Commission members, City staff, and presenters will still have the option to participate remotely via Teams by clicking the “[Meeting Link](#)” on this page or by calling the number provided.*

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Mission Statement/Purpose: The Human Rights Commission advises and makes recommendations to the City Council regarding issues related to human rights and unjust discrimination and the implementation of programs consistent with the needs of all residents of the City of Spokane.

TIMES GIVEN ARE AN ESTIMATE AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

5:30 - 5:40 Land Acknowledgement

Public Comment. Citizens are invited to address the Commission. (3 min each)

5:35 - 5:40 Roll Call & Approval of Agenda (McFadden)

5:45-6:40 Our response/reaction to ICE enforcement. How can we stand with Minneapolis? What should Spokane's response be?

6:40-7:15 Housing Issues for Older Adults in Spokane (Lynn Kimball, ALTCEW)

- Lack of affordable housing
- Loss of Medicaid coverage—refugees & asylees
- Fixed incomes
- Issues with disabilities & cognitive changes
- Caregiving challenges
- <https://theconsumervoice.org/residents-rights/>
 - Aging in Spokane panel—How do move forward? (Peck & Foral)

7:20-7:30—Future planning:

- Courageous conversations part 3—Both sides of the badge (Robinson

What we believe—what do we want to add?

December start:

- We believe in a transparent, public-facing city budget that prioritizes the needs of our most marginalized residents.

Next Human Rights Commission meeting is scheduled for **March 5, 2026**

I'm incredibly upset by the killing of Renee Nicole Good. The consequences of unchecked federal government power are playing out on the streets of our cities and undermining trust in the institutions of our democracy.

~~Mayor Lisa Brown, January 12, 2026

*We are on the front lines of a very important battle, and it's important that we aren't silenced...This is not a time to bend our heads in despair, or out of fear that we may be next, because if we do not speak up, if we do not step out, **it will be your city that is next.***

~~Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey, speaking to Mayor's conference Jan 29, 2026

Attachments:

<https://www.timesobserver.com/news/local-news/2026/01/fearing-ice-native-americans-rush-to-prove-their-right-to-belong-in-the-us/>

<https://narf.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/2025.02.05-NativeAmericanStatement-1.pdf>

https://theconsumervoice.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/CV_NHrights_factsheet_final.pdf