

# National Human Rights Committee Meeting Minutes

## Brief Meeting Notes

**Date:** October 21, 2025

**Location:** Virtual Meeting

**Chair:** Krysty Thomas (Interim National Director)

**Attendance:** Robinson (Sask), Taye (MB), Dolly (Ontario), Frederic (Que), Sylvia (Atlantic)

Regrets: Yong (BC), Imola (NCR), Audrey (Nat Exec)

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### 1. Meeting Overview

The National Human Rights Committee met to review its **mandate, terms of reference, and next steps** leading up to the National Convention in Halifax.

Krysty Thomas, Interim National Director, provided an overview of the committee's role in supporting the **National Executive and Council** on human rights issues. Members also shared feedback from recent regional seminars, highlighting themes around **women's health, race relations, and the need for stronger education on equity and inclusion.**

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### 2. Key Discussion Points

- **Committee Mandate:** Reviewed current terms of reference and discussed potential updates.
  - **Convention Preparation:** Agreed to focus efforts on drafting resolutions and ensuring timely submission ahead of convention deadlines.
  - **Regional Seminars:** Members agreed to update the PowerPoint presentation and continue highlighting regional equity issues.
  - **Face-to-Face Meeting:** Proposed in-person meeting in **Ottawa in January or February** to finalize preparations for convention.
  - **Silent Auction Fundraiser:** Discussed the importance of continuing the silent auction at convention to support human rights initiatives at the National Convention. HR Committee to lead.
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### 3. Action Items

Action Item	Responsible	Deadline / Notes
Send terms of reference to Committee	Krysty	ASAP
Update the website with current terms of reference	Krysty	—

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Share Human Rights Google Drive folder and make all members editors	Krysty	—
Attend National Council meeting (Nov 4–7, Edmonton) and present committee report	Krysty	—
Obtain updates on convention deadlines during National Council meeting	Krysty	—
Prepare and circulate brief report from this meeting for review	Krysty	Before Nov 7
Contact Luc about booking in-person meeting in Ottawa (Jan/Feb)	Krysty	—
Confirm convention report deadlines with National Council	Krysty	Within one week
Add Dolly and Frederic to the committee group chat	Krysty	—
Schedule follow-up meeting after Nov 7 to plan next steps	Krysty	—
Look at resolutions that we submitted before for reworking and submission.	Robinson	—
Identify focus areas for regional seminars and convention	Committee	Ongoing