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IOWA CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION  
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## **Minutes: Iowa Civil Rights Commission Thursday February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Meeting**

- I. Roll Call—Attendance—Called meeting to order. Eychaner and Witt (by phone) Gronstal; Tutt; Morain; Gitchell;--Alicia (excused)
- II. Iowa Civil Rights Commission ---Approval of December Minutes Morain moved; Gitchell seconded. Approved by voice vote.
- III. Commissioners' Reports and Subcommittee Reports  
Commissioner Alicia Claypool—(may be unable to participate)  
Commissioner Debbie Gitchell— involved in Ames community conversations  
Commissioner Rich Eychaner — Crystal and Rich were at Queer Youth summit on Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> talking about civil rights laws and applications; also at MLK scholarship dinner..  
  
Commissioner Connie Gronstal— strategic planning involving community families, and businesses to improve schools. ..One group on bullying; Participated in Onelowa local meeting  
  
Commissioner Rick Morain – metro Iowa opera has a travelling group. Came to Greene County and presented an opera on life of G.W. Carver  
  
Commissioner Timothy Tutt – no report  
Commissioner Nancy Witt – ADA conference call /training.
- IV. Legislative and other policy updates
  1. Equal pay =out of senate committee
  2. Subpoena passed full Senate and passed House Committee
  3. Request to take position on shackling of inmates –see last year's bill HF2418  
Morain moves to support the bill in concept ; seconded by Gitchell; approved voice vote  
Gitchell moves to reconsider the vote for purpose of getting more information on bill;  
seconded by Tutt; Reconsideration passes by voice vote (all in favor—Morain no)Bill back up for consideration. Witt moved to table and Tutt seconded—Morain voted against tabling.  
Tabling passed.
  4. Budget discussions
  5. Debbie asked about English only— (health care for all kids, regardless of immigration status)
- V. VISTA updates
- VI. Director report
  1. Lincoln bicentennial
  2. Cultural Diversity forum and letter by IGOV
  3. Legislation
- VII. Next Meetings--
  1. League breakfast and meeting March 17<sup>th</sup>
  2. **April 16<sup>th</sup> –tentative 3:30**

Adjournment