



# CITY OF IOWA CITY COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

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Resolution to remove Commission member Eric Harris from the Ad Hoc Truth and Reconciliation Commission due to multiple unexcused absences.

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Fiscal Impact:	None
Staff Recommendation:	No recommendation
Commission Recommendations:	Approval
Attachments:	<a href="#">draft October 25 2023 TRC Minutes Resolution</a>

## **Executive Summary:**

The by-laws for the Ad Hoc Truth and Reconciliation Commission provide that a recommendation may be made to Council to remove a member who has had 3 unexcused absences. Harris has had 7 unexcused absences from regular meeting dates in the last year, and the Commission recommends Council remove him.

## **Background / Analysis:**

Article IV, Section E of the Ad Hoc Truth and Reconciliation Commission By-Laws provides 3 unexplained absences of a Commission member may result in a recommendation by the Commission to City Council to remove the member and appoint a new member. Commissioner Eric Harris had unexcused absences from the Ad Hoc Truth and Reconciliation Commission on June 1, 2023, June 15, 2023, July 20, 2023, August 17, 2023, September 7, 2023, September 21, 2023, and October 5, 2023. On October 25, the Ad Hoc Truth and Reconciliation Commission passed a motion recommending City Council remove him from the Commission. The vote was unanimous.

Section 372.15 of the Iowa Code governs the process for removal of all persons appointed to city office and includes notice and the right to be heard. If the resolution is passed, the Clerk will send Eric Harris a copy of the resolution by certified mail. Upon written request within 30 days of the date of mailing a copy of the resolution, he will be granted a public hearing before the Council on all issues connected with his renewal. Following the public hearing, Council will either confirm its earlier decision of removal or reinstate Eric Harris to the Commission. If no hearing is requested, removal shall be effective 30 days after the date on which a copy of the resolution is mailed. If a hearing is requested, he will remain on the Commission pending final resolution by Council.