

**PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING  
OF JUNE 25, 2018**

The meeting convened at 1:10 PM, Monday, June 25, 2018 at 333 Market Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Commissioners:

Joel Bolstein, Interim Chair  
Dr. Raquel O. Yiengst, Vice Chair  
Mayur Patel, Secretary (absent)  
Dr. Radheshyam Agrawal (absent)  
George Dawson (excused)  
Kathleen Dormer-Carusone (absent)  
Michael Hardiman  
Curtis Jones  
Gerald S. Robinson

Staff:

Chad Dion Lassiter, Executive Director  
Kathy Morrison, Chief Counsel  
Jinada Rochelle, Assistant Director of Enforcement  
Heather Roth, Harrisburg Regional Office Director  
Geoffrey Biringer, Director of Education and Community Services  
Carl Summerson, Hearing Examiner  
Lyle Wood, Pittsburgh Regional Office Director  
Diana Medley, Philadelphia Regional Office Director  
Debbie Walters, Administrative Officer  
Katie Petruczok, Mediation Coordinator  
Naomi Campbell, Intern

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Bolstein called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM. He further announced that the meeting had been advertised and was open to the public, in accordance with the provisions of the Sunshine Act. He stated that prior to the meeting, in keeping with the confidentiality requirements of the Sunshine Act; there had been a closed session to discuss compliance matters.

Chairman Bolstein announced the meeting was being recorded.

Attendance was taken and the presence of a quorum was noted.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

**APPROVAL OF COMPLIANCE MINUTES****MOTION:**

Commissioner Robinson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Yiengst to approve the minutes of the May Commission Meeting. With all in favor, the motion carried to approve the minutes as written. (Commissioner Hardiman abstained from the vote since he was filling the role of Interim Executive Director.)

**CHIEF COUNSEL'S LITIGATION STATUS REPORT**

Chief Counsel Morrison reviewed her status report and a copy was provided prior to the meeting. Of significance, Chief Counsel Morrison discussed the Cake Shop court decision.

Kathleen Petruczok provided a memo to the commissioners and executive staff for their review and approval of Commission meeting dates through January 28, 2019.

With adjustments made due to religious holidays and attendance at significant conferences, the meeting dates provided were July 23, 2018, August 20, 2018, September 24, 2018, October 22, 2018 in Pittsburgh, November 19, 2018, December 17, 2018, and January 28, 2019 and all of which will be held on Mondays and in Harrisburg unless otherwise noted.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Hardiman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve the list of meeting dates as adjusted. With all in favor, motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT****Report on the Budget**

Executive Director Lassiter provided an update of the PHRC's approved budget for the 2018 SFY at 1.4 million. A copy of the budget summary is included in the meeting records.

**HUD and EEOC Reports**

Director of Enforcement Jinada Rochelle noted that this last week of June ends the HUD contract period. The EEOC contract has been received and this year's contract is for 923 cases.

**Report on Mediation**

An overview of the monthly report was provided. It was requested that the data begins being collected to track the number of days between the date of receipt to the date status changes to mediation.

**Taskforce**

Education Director Geoff Biringier discussed taskforce activities and provided an update on current issues. Geoff Biringier reported that the previous month's meeting included a discussion led by Tameka Hatcher on the Grandview Golf Club Incident.

**Advisory Councils**

Education Director Geoff Biringer discussed the work in progress to form an Erie council and an introduction letter to be sent from the executive director to each advisory council.

Commissioner Jones noted the need to look at shifts in demographics across the state and how these demographics (race, income, violence) are affecting the population. It was recommended that this would be a good project for the new Education intern.

**Local HRCs**

Hearing Examiner, Carl Summerson, provided information on how local ordinances are developed and the difference between each ass to their level of authority and powers.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Executive Director Lassiter extended his thanks to Tameka Hatcher and Kathy Morrison for all their assistance with Communications Division issues they have been handling. PHRC is waiting on a transfer date for the selected candidate to transition to PHRC from their current agency.

**LETTERS OF COMMENT**

Congratulations were extended to Katie on the Mediation Program; Jinada, Ian, Debra and Debbie for their hard work on the Housing Conference; Ian for his excellent work on the newsletter and to Kathy, Marty, and Tameka for all their assistance with the Tim Wise event. And an extra thank you to Katie for her connections at Capitol Hill to share the Tim Wise event information.

**NEXT SESSION**

The June Commission Meeting will be held on Monday, July 23, 2018 at 1:00 PM at 333 Market Street, Harrisburg PA, 17101 in the Honors Suite, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting was electronically recorded. The file will become part of the permanent record.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Yiengst made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jones to adjourn the meeting. With all in favor the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Interim Chairman

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Secretary