

**PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING
OF JANUARY 28, 2019**

The meeting convened at 2:08 PM, Monday, January 28, 2019 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners:

Joel Bolstein, Chair
Dr. Raquel O. Yiengst, Vice Chair
Mayur Patel, Secretary
Rad Agrawal (absent)
George Dawson
Kathleen Dormer-Carusone
Michael Hardiman
Curtis Jones (absent)
Gerald S. Robinson
Adrian Shanker
Aleena Sorathia

Staff:

Chad Dion Lassiter, Executive Director
Kathy Morrison, Chief Counsel
Jinada Rochelle, Director of Enforcement
Geoffrey Biringer, Director of Education and Community Services
Carl Summerson, Hearing Examiner
Lyle Wood, Pittsburgh Regional Office Director
Heather Roth, Harrisburg Regional Office Director
Diana Medley, Philadelphia Regional Office Director
Renee Martin, Director of Communications
Tameka Hatcher, Education & Outreach Coordinator
Reed Reynolds, Education & Outreach Coordinator
Debbie Walters, Administrative Officer
Devin Heckman, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bolstein called the meeting to order. The meeting had been advertised and was open to the public, in accordance with the provisions of the Sunshine Act. Prior to the meeting, in keeping with the confidentiality requirements of the Sunshine Act; there had been a closed session to discuss compliance matters.

The chair announced the meeting was being recorded. Attendance was taken and the presence of a quorum noted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES**MOTION:**

Commissioner Yiengst made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Carusone to approve the minutes of the December Commission Meeting with corrections as noted. With all in favor, the motion carried to approve the minutes.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Chairman Bolstein noted the following guests in attendance:

Adrian Garcia, LHOP
Willonda McCloud, Bright Side Opportunity Center
Gena Smith, Bright Side Opportunity Center
Jonathan Fox, past member of Lancaster HRC
Shannon Butler Paicout

MANAGEMENT UPDATES

Director of Education, Geoffrey Biringer provided highlights of the Education Report and welcomed Reed Reynolds to the department. Reed will be the new liaison with the advisory councils throughout the state.

Hearing Examiner Summerson reported there was not much activity with regard to the HRCs and MOUs during January. Commissioner Shanker requested a list of which HRCs have signed MOUs with PHRC.

Mediation Coordinator, Katie Petruczok provided an overview of the program for the benefit of those in attendance and reviewed highlights of the monthly report.

Education and Outreach Coordinator, Tameka Hatcher provided an update on the January Taskforce meeting. Moving forward, Advisory Council chairs will be invited to the monthly Taskforce meetings to share information from their respective areas.

Reports on the status of the EEOC and HUD contracts are included with official record and were reviewed by the Director of Enforcement, Jinada Rochelle.

ADJUDICATION

The case Scott v. Sales and Marketing Group, Inc. was presented for adjudication of the commissioners.

MOTION:

Commissioner Hardiman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dawson to accept the recommendation of the Hearing Examiner with regard to the Respondent's failure to comply. With all in favor, motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Special guests provided an overview of their program areas and services provided. A discussion ensued between guests, commissioners and directors with regard to housing issues in the Lancaster area and the impacts of gentrification on communities.

NEXT SESSION

The February Commission Meeting will be held Monday, February 25, 2019, at 1:30 PM in Philadelphia, PA.

ADJOURNMENT

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


MOTION:

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

Respectfully submitted,



Joel Bolstein
Chairman


o/b/o Mayur Patel

Mayur Patel
Secretary