

**PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING
OF DECEMBER 16, 2019**

The meeting convened at 2:32 PM, Monday, December 16, 2019 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners:

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

Staff:

Chad Dion Lassiter, Executive Director
Leslie Morant, Chief Counsel
Jinada Rochelle, Director of Enforcement
Carl Summerson, Hearing Examiner
Guerline L. Laurore, Esq., Director of Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs
Lyle Wood, Pittsburgh Regional Office Director
Heather Roth, Harrisburg Regional Office Director
Diana Medley, Philadelphia Regional Office Director
Debbie Walters, Administrative Officer
Anja Velemir, Special Assistant to Executive Director
Reed Reynolds, Education & Outreach Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Yiengst 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.

Attendance was taken and a quorum noted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION:

Commissioner Sorathia made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shanker to approve the minutes of the November 25, 2019 Public Meeting. With all in favor, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MEMBERSHIPS

MOTION:

Commissioner Hardiman made a motion seconded by Commissioner Sorathia to approve the proposed candidates for membership to the Lancaster Human Relations Commission. With all in favor motion carried.

Executive Director Lassiter asked for the staff to introduce themselves for the guest in attendance. Executive Director Lassiter then asked the guest, Henry Harriston, to introduce himself and what brings him to attend this month's meeting.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS

Chief Counsel Marant provided updates on current legal activity.

Director of Communications Martin discussed upcoming events and activities such as the photo posters and satellite office initiatives

Education and Community Outreach Coordinator Reynolds invited Mr. Harriston to participate with the local advisory council and present current issues being dealt with in the area.

Executive Director Lassiter noted that PHRC needs to do better with communication from the Racial Reduction taskforce to its members. Ann VanDyke sends a list each month of incidents from around the state and noted the Inter-Agency Taskforce led by Education and Outreach Coordinator Tameka Hatcher needs to increase attendance.

Executive Director reported that the regional offices will be opening on weekends to present topics to meet and educate the public.

Executive Director Lassiter thanked Mr. Harriston for coming. Mr. Harriston commented that there needs to be more enforcement in the workplace, mandatory postings verified and oversight of employers who have numerous complaints filed against them.

Vice Chair Yiengst wished everyone a happy holiday season

NEXT SESSION

The January Commission Meeting will be held Monday, January 27, 2020, at 1:30 PM in Harrisburg, PA.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

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

Respectfully submitted,

S\Raquel Yiengst

S\Mayur Patel

Raquel Yiengst
Vice Chair

Mayur Patel
Secretary