

**PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF PUBLIC COMMISSION MEETING  
AUGUST 24, 2020**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting convened virtually at 2:10 PM, on Monday, August 24, 2020.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Commissioners:

Joel Bolstein, Chair  
Dr. Raquel O. Yiengst, Vice Chair  
Mayur Patel, Secretary  
Rad Agrawal  
George Dawson (abst)  
Michael Hardiman (excused)  
Curtis Jones (abst)  
Adrian Shanker (excused)  
Aleena Sorathia

Staff:

Chad Dion Lassiter, Executive Director  
Morgan Williams, Interim Chief Counsel  
Carl Summerson, Hearing Examiner  
Guerline Laurore, Esq., Director of Policy & Intergovernmental Affairs (abst)  
Adrian Garcia, Director of Fair Housing (abst)  
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 (abst)

**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.

Attendance was taken and a quorum noted.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Agrawal made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Yiengst to approve the minutes of the August Public Meeting. With all in favor, the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Presented for the commission's approval is the formation of the Indiana County Advisory Council.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Yiengst made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Agrawal to approve the formation of the Indiana County Advisory Council. With all in favor, motion carried.

Provided to the commissioners were resumes for membership to the Indiana County Advisory Council for approval.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Yiengst made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Agrawal to approve those proposed for membership to the Indiana County Advisory Council. With all in favor, motion carried.

Executive Director Lassiter noted the agency website will be updated by the end of the week with this new advisory council.

**ADJUDICATION:**

None

**NEXT SESSION**

The next Commission Meeting is scheduled to be held Monday, October 26, 2020.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:**


Commissioner Agrawal made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Patel to adjourn. With all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



---

Joel Bolstein  
Interim Chairman

  
o/b/o Mayur Patel

---

Mayur Patel  
Secretary