

PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
MINUTES OF PUBLIC COMMISSION MEETING
October 26, 2020

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting convened virtually at 2:02 PM, on Monday, October 26, 2020.

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners:

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

Staff:

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

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

ADJUDICATION:

Case #	Case Name	Type
1. 201803191	Witmer v. Fesko's Lawnworks, LLC	Finding of Liability
2. 201903351	Lavery v. Steven Halada	Finding of Liability
3. 201802125	Reidenbach v. All-Star Janitorial Systems, Inc.	Finding of Liability

Case 1

MOTION:

Commissioner Yiengst made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Agrawal to approve the recommendation of the Hearing Examiner's Finding of Liability on the Respondent for failure to provide an Answer to the Complaint. With all in favor, motion carried

Case 2

MOTION:

Commissioner Yiengst made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Agrawal to approve the recommendation of the Hearing Examiner's Finding of Liability on the Respondent for failure to provide an Answer to the Complaint. With all in favor, motion carried

Case 3

MOTION:

Commissioner Yiengst made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Agrawal to approve the recommendation of the Hearing Examiner's Finding of Liability on the Respondent for failure to provide an Answer to the Complaint. With all in favor, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Presented for the commission's approval of membership for Dana Henry to the Indiana County Advisory Council.

MOTION:

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

NEXT SESSION

The next Commission Meeting is scheduled to be held Monday, November 23, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT


MOTION:

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

Respectfully submitted,



Joel Bolstein
Interim Chairman


o/b/o Mayur Patel

Mayur Patel
Secretary