

PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
MINUTES OF PUBLIC COMMISSION MEETING
December 27, 2021

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting convened virtually at 2:09 PM, on Monday, December 27, 2021.

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners:

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

Staff:

Chad Dion Lassiter, Executive Director
Samuel Rivera, Chief Counsel
Morgan Williams, Deputy Chief Counsel
Carl Summerson, Hearing Examiner
Guerline Laurore, Esq., Director of Policy & Intergovernmental Affairs
Adrian Garcia, Director of Fair Housing and Commercial Property
Kurt Jung, Director of Enforcement
Laura Argenbright, Director of Communications
Lyle Wood, Pittsburgh Regional Office Director
Heather Roth, Harrisburg Regional Office Director
Robert Lindsey, Philadelphia Regional Office Director
Debbie Walters, Administrative Officer
Anja Mijocevic, 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 was noted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION:

Commissioner Hardiman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Patel to approve the minutes of the November Public Meeting. With all in favor, motion carried.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Executive Director Lassiter opened the monthly meeting with extending his thanks to Debbie Walters for all her work for the commission in addition to coordinating the monthly commission meetings and assistance she provides to the executive director and welcomed the staff to the monthly meeting.

Executive Director Lassiter had the commissioners and staff introduce themselves to the guests in attendance.

In attendance for the December monthly meeting were Education Outreach Coordinators Stacey Waters and Brittany Mellinger, who were invited to the monthly meeting to speak with commissioners and senior staff about the type of outreach they have been providing to the public.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS

Current highlights of division activities and upcoming outreach events were shared during the Compliance session. With no one outside the agency in attendance, the information was not repeated.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

Executive Director Lassiter thanked everyone for attending especially all of those staff members who were actually scheduled to be on vacation.

Commissioner Yiengst wished everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

NEXT SESSION

The next Public Session will be held in-person for commissioners and staff, Monday, January 24, 2022, at 2:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

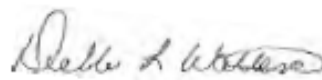
MOTION:

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

Respectfully submitted,



M. Joel Bolstein
Chairman



o/b/o Mayur Patel
Mayur Patel
Secretary