

**PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF PUBLIC COMMISSION MEETING  
MAY 23, 2022**

The meeting convened at 2:39 PM, Monday, May 23, 2022, and held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Commissioners:

Joel Bolstein, Chair  
Dr. Raquel O. Yiengst, Vice Chair  
Mayur Patel, Secretary  
Rad Agrawal  
Michael Hardiman  
Curtis Jones  
Aleena Sorathia

Staff:

Chad Dion Lassiter, Executive Director  
Samuel Rivera, Chief Counsel  
Lisa Knight, Commission Counsel  
Guerline Laurore, Esq., Director of Policy & Intergovernmental Affairs  
Adrian Garcia, Director of Fair Housing and Commercial Property  
Kurt Jung, Director of Enforcement (absent)  
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 Yiengst made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hardiman to approve the minutes of the April Public Meeting. With all in favor, motion carried.

**RATIFICATION OF STANDING PRACTICE ORDER****MOTION:**

Commissioner Yiengst made a motion to approve the Standing Practice Order prepared by Office of Chief Counsel. With all in favor, motion carried.

**RENEWAL OF HUD CONTRACT**

A discussion was held regarding the renewal of the MOU contract with HUD and the importance of refocusing on the mission of affirmatively furthering Fair Housing. PHRC will move to new avenues through stakeholders and partnerships and open mediation to Housing. The same standards for investigation and proof guidance will be used.

Commissioner Hardiman stated he supports the efforts being taken to look at other factors that hinder funding fair housing.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Hardiman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Yiengst to not renew the HUD contract at the conclusion of the fiscal year and for Commission staff to take any and all actions necessary to implement such. With all in favor, motion carried.

**ADJUDICATION**

Case #	Case Name
None	

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Executive Director Lassiter asked for guests in attendance to introduce themselves. In attendance are PHRC staff members Stacey Waters, Brittany Mellinger, Zulay Rojas, Taiwan Martinez, Christine Guzman and Martin Cunningham.

Executive Director Lassiter than began introductions of Commissioners and senior management.

**MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

An overview of division activities was provided by division directors. Brittany Mellinger and Stacey Waters provided updates to the commission on Advisory Council activities.

Executive Director Lassiter provided announcements on recent outreach events and called to the podium Stacey Waters, Zulay Rojas, Director Laurore and Commissioner Yiengst for the presentation of awards

Zulay Rojas, Stacey Waters, Taiwan Martinez and Christine Guzman presented highlights and pictures from the Civil Rights Tour they recently completed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**NEXT SESSION**

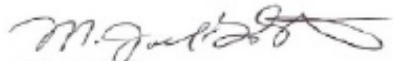
The next Public Session will be held in-person in Harrisburg, Monday, June 27, 2022, at 5:00 PM in Pittsburgh.

**ADJOURNMENT**

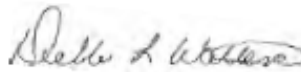
**MOTION:**

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

Respectfully submitted,



M. Joel Bolstein  
Chairman



o/b/o Mayur Patel  
Mayur Patel  
Secretary