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PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

M I N U T E S

TIME: 3:13 P.M.

Held at
Heritage Rooms
333 Market Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101

May 22, 2023

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Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission

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COMMISSIONERS:

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Joel Bolstein, Esquire, Chair

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Dr. Raquel O. Yiengst, Vice Chair

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Mayur Patel, Esquire, Secretary

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Dr. Rad Agrawal (via telephone)

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Michael Hardiman, Esquire

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Curtis Jones - Absent

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Aleena Sorathia - Absent

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Chad Dion Lassiter, MSW

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INTERIM CHIEF COUNSEL

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Martin Cunningham, Esquire

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COMMISSION COUNSEL

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Damian DeStefano, Esquire

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STAFF

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Desiree Chang, Director of Education

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Amanda Brothman, Director of Communications

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Lauren Daman, Human Resources Director

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Tamara Shehadeh-Cope, Esquire, Hearing Examiner

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Kurt Jung, Esquire, Director of Enforcement

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Debbie Walters, Administrative Officer Enforcement

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Heather Roth, Regional Office Director, Harrisburg

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Adrian Garcia, Director of Fair Housing and Commercial

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Property

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Darlene Hemerka, Esquire, Hearing Examiner

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Lyle Wood, Regional Office Director, Pittsburgh

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Zulay Rojas, Special Assistant to Executive Director

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Ashley Walkowiak, Director, Policy and

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Intergovernmental Affairs

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Robert Lindsey, Regional Office Director, Philadelphia

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GUESTS

Debra Brice, Enforcement, Central Office
Waydee Rivera, Harrisburg Office
John Brubaker, Esquire, Philadelphia Office
Shalonda Cooke, Philadelphia Office
Shaheeda Wilks, Pittsburgh Office
Paula Sirochman, Pittsburgh Office
Carlos Alejandre, Pittsburgh Office

Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission

May 22, 2023

MEETING CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING STATEMENT

[Joel Bolstein, Esquire, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:13 p.m.

Pursuant to Section 711 (a) of the Sunshine Act, this Commission meeting may be recorded by attendees. Voluntary participation in the meeting constitutes consent to be recorded. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the provisions of the Sunshine Act. Prior to the meeting and in keeping with the confidentiality requirements of the Sunshine Act, there was a closed session to discuss compliance matters, management updates and adjudicative case deliberations.

1 So moved.

2 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

3 Is there a second?

4 COMMISSIONER HARDIMAN:

5 Second.

6 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

7 So moved and seconded. All those in
8 favor of adopting the agenda please
9 say aye? Any opposed?

10 [The motion passed unanimously.]

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12 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

13 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

14 We have to approve Public Meeting
15 Minutes from three meetings, December
16 19, 2022, January 23, 2023, February 27,
17 2023.

18 Is there a motion to approve those
19 Minutes?

20 COMMISSIONER HARDIMAN:

21 So moved.

22 COMMISSIONER YIENGST:

1 Second

2 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

3 So moved and seconded. Are there any
4 comments? Not hearing any, all those in
5 favor, please say aye? Any opposed?

6 [The motion passed unanimously.]

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8 ADJUDICATIONS - RECOMMENDATIONS AND PROPOSED FINAL

9 ORDERS - NONE

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11 CONCILIATION AGREEMENTS/CONSENT ORDERS

12 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

13 We have two Conciliation Agreements or
14 Consent Orders, Items 3 and 4 on the
15 agenda, File No. 201603503 and File No.
16 202101476. Is there a motion to approve
17 those?

18 COMMISSIONER YIENGST:

19 So moved.

20 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

21 And a second?

22 COMMISSIONER AGRAWAL:

1 So moved.

2 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

3 It's been moved and seconded. Any
4 comments or questions on those
5 Conciliation Agreements or Consent
6 Orders?

7 [There was discussion regarding File No. 201603503]

8 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

9 We have a motion to approve those and
10 it's been seconded? All those in favor
11 say aye? Opposed?

12 [The motion passed unanimously.]

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14 REQUESTS FOR PRELIMINARY HEARINGS

15 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

16 We have several requests for
17 Preliminary Hearings, Item Nos. 5
18 through 11 on the agenda.

19 Is there a motion to accept the
20 recommendations to deny the Request
21 for Preliminary Hearings for File
22 Nos. 201702078, 201802843,

1 201902057, 201902484, 201903144,
2 202101726 and 202102091.

3 COMMISSIONER YIENGST:

4 I so move.

5 COMMISSIONER HARDIMAN:

6 Second.

7 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

8 It's been moved and seconded. Are
9 there any questions or comments on
10 any of those?

11 [There was discussion regarding a request.]

12 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

13 We have a motion to deny the request
14 for Preliminary Hearings and no
15 comments.

16 All those in favor of the
17 motion please say aye. Any opposed?

18 [The motion passed unanimously.]

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20 MOTIONS AND OTHER ACTIONS - NONE

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22 APPROVED FOR PUBLIC HEARING DOCKET

1 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

2 File No. 202000455-Virginia Walsh
3 vs. Fritz Goldenberg & Bianculli,
4 LLC.

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6 PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

7 [Chair Bolstein noted the Proposed Regulatory Packet
8 is in front of the Office of Attorney General.]

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10 REGULATION UPDATE - NONE

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12 MANAGEMENT REPORTS

13 [Chad Dion Lassiter, Executive Director, reported
14 there would be no management reports as Social
15 Justice Star Awards would be presented.]

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17 OLD BUSINESS - NONE

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19 NEW BUSINESS

20 [Executive Director Lassiter noted that at this time
21 those receiving PHRC Social Justice Star Awards would
22 be recognized. He thanked Director Amanda Brothman,

1 Director Adrian Garcia, SA Rojas and Deputy Chief
2 Counsel Williams for being on the committee. ED
3 Lassiter also commended Chair Bolstein who would be
4 receiving the Homer C. Floyd Award. He also reported
5 that Debra Brice would be retiring in June after 17
6 years. He noted that Amanda Martin received her
7 award but had to leave.

8 Chair Bolstein commended Executive Director
9 Lassiter who has been with the Commission for five
10 years. Chair Bolstein stated he was surprised to
11 receive the Homer C. Floyd Award but thanked the PHRC
12 team for their dedication and productivity and noted
13 that he considers every person who works at PHRC to
14 be essential.

15 SA Rojas noted that each of the following
16 recipients had already been recognized during a
17 ceremony held last week. Those included Carlos
18 Alejandro, Human Relations Rep 2, Pittsburgh, Regional
19 Employee of the Year; Shalonda Cooke, Philadelphia,
20 Excellence in Investigation and Regional Employee of
21 the Year; Shaheeda Wilks, Investigator, Human
22 Relations Representative, Pittsburgh, Excellence in

1 Second.

2 [The motion passed unanimously.]

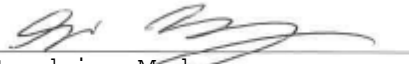
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4 [The meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.]

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9 CERTIFICATE

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11 I hereby certify that the foregoing summary
12 minutes of the Pennsylvania Human Relations
13 Commission, was reduced to writing by me or under my
14 supervision, and that the minutes accurately
15 summarize the substance of the Pennsylvania Human
16 Relations Commission meeting.

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Sophia Mahoney,

20 Minute Clerk

21 Sargent's Court Reporting

22 Service, Inc.
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PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
REFERENCE INDEX
May 22, 2023

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3:13	Adoption of Agenda
3:14	Approval of Minutes
3:14	Conciliation Agreements/Consent Orders
3:16	Requests for Preliminary Hearings
3:20	Approved for Public Hearing Docket
3:21	Pennsylvania Legislative Update
3:21	New Business
3:47	Adjournment

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: At the June 26, 2023, Public Meeting, Commissioner Yiengst made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Agrawal to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2023, Public Meeting. With all in favor, motion carried.



M. Joel Bolstein, Chairman



on behalf of Commissioner Mayur Patel
Mayur Patel, Secretary