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PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

M I N U T E S

TIME: 3:36 P.M.

Held at
Honors Suite
333 Market Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101

September 18, 2023

Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission
September 18, 2023

COMMISSIONERS:

Joel Bolstein, Esquire, Chair
Dr. Raquel O. Yiengst, Vice Chair
Mayur Patel, Esquire, Secretary (Via telephone)
Dr. Rad Agrawal (Via telephone)
Michael Hardiman, Esquire
Curtis Jones - Absent
Aleena Sorathia - Absent

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Chad Dion Lassiter, MSW

CHIEF COUNSEL

Meredith Millard, Esquire

COMMISSION COUNSEL

Vacant

STAFF PRESENT:

Amanda Brothman, Director of Communications
Desiree Chang, Director of Education
Lauren Daman, Director of Human Resources
Adrian Garcia, Director of Fair Housing and Commercial
Property
Darlene Hemerka, Esquire, Hearing Examiner
Robert Lindsey, Regional Office Director, Philadelphia
Heather Roth, Regional Office Director, Harrisburg
Tamara Shehadeh-Cope, Hearing Examiner
Ashley Walkowiak, Director of Policy,
Intergovernmental Affairs and Mediation
Debbie Walters, Administrative Officer

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2 Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission

3 September 18, 2023

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5 MEETING CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING STATEMENT

6 [Joel Bolstein, Esquire, Chair, called the meeting to
7 order at 3:36 p.m.

8 Pursuant to Section 711 (a) of the Sunshine Act,
9 this Commission meeting may be recorded by attendees.
10 Voluntary participation in the meeting constitutes
11 consent to be recorded. The meeting was advertised
12 in accordance with the provisions of the Sunshine
13 Act. Prior to the meeting and in keeping with the
14 confidentiality requirements of the Sunshine Act, a
15 closed session was held to discuss compliance
16 matters, management updates, and adjudicative case
17 deliberations.

18 After concluding the business portion of the
19 meeting, any guests present will be invited to
20 introduce themselves and any organizations that they
21 represent. Guests will have an opportunity to
22 briefly address the Commission. All comments are
23 welcomed about equal opportunity and Civil Rights
24 issues and problems with discrimination. Everyone's
25 partnership in promoting equal opportunity is valued.

1 The Commission wants to hear about the work of any
2 organizations that are represented; however, the
3 Commission cannot hear any specifics about any open
4 investigations or cases that the Commission may have
5 to rule on in the future.

6 Mr. Bolstein convened the monthly meeting of the
7 Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission and noted the
8 presence of a quorum.]

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10 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

11 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

12 First item of business is to adopt
13 the agenda. Is there a motion?

14 COMMISSIONER HARDIMAN:

15 So moved.

16 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

17 Is there a second?

18 COMMISSIONER AGRAWAL:

19 Second.

20 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

21 It's been moved and seconded. All
22 those in favor of the motion please
23 say aye? Any opposed?

24 [The motion passed unanimously.]

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1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NONE

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3 ADJUDICATION - RECOMMENDATION AND PROPOSED FINAL
4 ORDER

5 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

6 We have an Adjudication, PHRC Case No.
7 202102052, HUD Charge No. 03-22-0964-8,
8 Paige Cole vs. Todd Toms Allstar
9 Property Management and Renovations.

10 Is there a motion?

11 COMMISSIONER YIENGST:

12 I move that we accept the recommendation
13 of the Hearing Examiner.

14 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

15 Is there a second?

16 COMMISSIONER AGRAWAL:

17 Second.

18 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

19 So it's been moved and seconded that we
20 accept the recommendation of the
21 Permanent Hearing Examiner. There are
22 Proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions
23 of Law, Opinion and Final Order in the
24 case.

25 Is there any discussion? Not

1 hearing any, all those in favor of the
2 motion please say aye? Any opposed?

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4 The motion passed by the following roll
5 call vote:

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7 Patel, aye; Agrawal, aye; Bolstein, aye;
8 Yiengst, aye; Hardiman, nay, 4/1.

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10 CONCILIATION AGREEMENTS/CONSENT ORDERS

11 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

12 We have three Conciliation Agreements
13 and Consent Orders, Items 4, 5 and 6 on
14 the agenda, Case Nos. 202100915,
15 202200039 and 202200480. Is there a
16 motion to approve those
17 agreements/consent orders?

18 COMMISSIONER YIENGST:

19 So moved.

20 COMMISSIONER PATEL:

21 Second.

22 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

23 It's been moved and seconded that we
24 approve the Conciliation Agreements and
25 Consent Orders that are Items 4, 5 and 6

1 on the agenda. Any discussion? Not
2 hearing any, all those in favor of the
3 motion please say aye. Any opposed?

4 [The motion passed unanimously.]

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6 REQUESTS FOR PRELIMINARY HEARINGS

7 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

8 We also have 9 requests for Preliminary
9 Hearings on the agenda as Item Nos. 7
10 through 14, Case Nos. 201903562,
11 202000874, 202100452, 202101534,
12 202102342, 202200119, 202200514 and
13 202201058

14 I need a motion to accept the
15 recommendation to deny the requests for
16 preliminary hearing.

17 COMMISSIONER HARDIMAN:

18 So moved.

19 COMMISSIONER AGRAWAL:

20 Second.

21 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

22 It's been moved and seconded. Is
23 there any discussion on the motion?
24 Not hearing any, all those in favor
25 of the motion to accept the

1 recommendation to deny the request
2 for preliminary hearing please say
3 aye. Any opposed?

4 [The motion passed unanimously.]

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6 MOTIONS AND OTHER ACTIONS - NONE

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8 APPROVED FOR PUBLIC HEARING DOCKET - NONE

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10 REGULATION UPDATE - NONE

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12 MANAGEMENT REPORTS - NONE

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14 OLD BUSINESS - NONE

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16 NEW BUSINESS - NONE

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18 ADJOURNMENT

19 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

20 I would just call for a motion to
21 adjourn?

22 COMMISSIONER YIENGST:

23 So moved.

24 COMMISSIONER HARDIMAN:

25 Second.

1 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

2 All in favor please say aye.

3 [The motion passed unanimously.]

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5 [The meeting adjourned at 3:39 p.m.]

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7 [The next meeting is scheduled for October 23, 2023.]

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CERTIFICATE

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

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Derek Richmond,

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Minute Clerk

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Sargent's Court Reporting

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Service, Inc.

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1 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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3 **MOTION:** At the November 27, 2023, Public Meeting, Commissioner
4 Hardiman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Yiengst to approve the
5 minutes of the September 18, 2023, Public Meeting. With all in favor, motion
6 carried.

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11 M. Joel Bolstein, Chairman

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 o/b/o Commissioner Mayur Patel

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16 Mayur Patel, Secretary

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