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**PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**

**M I N U T E S**

TIME: 3:09 P.M.

Held at  
Honors Suite  
333 Market Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

February 26, 2024

Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission  
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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 - Via telephone

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Chad Dion Lassiter, MSW

CHIEF COUNSEL

Meredith Millard, Esquire

COMMISSION COUNSEL

John Brubaker, Esquire

STAFF PRESENT:

- Amanda Brothman, Director of Communications
- Desiree Chang, Director of Education
- Adrian Garcia, Director of Enforcement
- Caroline Eister, Director of Fair Housing and Commercial Property
- Darlene Hemerka, Esquire, Hearing Examiner
- Tamara Shehadeh-Cope, Hearing Examiner
- Heather Roth, Regional Office Director, Harrisburg
- Robert Lindsey, Regional Office Director
- Ashley Walkowiak, Director of Policy, Intergovernmental Affairs and Mediation
- Debbie Walters, Administrative Officer (Via telephone)
- Lauren Daman, Director of Human Resources
- LaDawn Robinson, Regional Office Director, Pittsburgh
- Zulay Rojas, Special Assistant to Executive Director

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5 MEETING CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING STATEMENT

6 The time is now 3:09 p.m.

7 Welcome to the public meeting of the Pennsylvania  
8 Human Relations Commission. We are pleased to have  
9 you join us.

10 Pursuant to Section 711 (a) of the Sunshine Act,  
11 65 P.S. § 711(a), this Commission meeting may be  
12 recorded by attendees. Your voluntary participation  
13 in the meeting constitutes consent to be recorded.  
14 The meeting has been advertised in accordance with  
15 the provisions of the Sunshine Act. Prior to the  
16 meeting and in keeping with the confidentiality  
17 requirements of the Sunshine Act, there was a closed  
18 session to discuss compliance matters, management  
19 updates and adjudicative case deliberations.

20 After concluding with the business portion of the  
21 meeting, I will invite guests to introduce yourselves  
22 and any organizations you represent. Guests will  
23 have an opportunity to briefly address the  
24 Commission. We welcome your comments about equal  
25 opportunity and Civil Rights issues or problems of

1 discrimination. We value your partnership in  
2 promoting equal opportunity and would love to hear  
3 about the work of organizations represented; however,  
4 the Commission cannot hear specifics of open  
5 investigations or cases they may have to rule on in  
6 the future.

7 Joel Bolstein, Esquire, Chair, convened the  
8 monthly meeting of the Pennsylvania Human Relations  
9 Commission. He noted the presence of a quorum and  
10 called the meeting to order.]

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12 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

13 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

14 The first item is the motion to adopt  
15 the agenda for the meeting.

16 Is there a motion?

17 COMMISSIONER HARDIMAN:

18 So moved.

19 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

20 Is there a second?

21 COMMISSIONER YIENGST:

22 Second.

23 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

24 It's been moved and seconded. Any  
25 comments on the agenda? All in favor

1 please say aye. Any opposed?

2 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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4 APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

5 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

6 We have Minutes of the public meetings  
7 minutes from December 18, 2023 and  
8 January 22, 2024.

9 I need a motion to approve the  
10 minutes?

11 COMMISSIONER YIENGST:

12 So moved.

13 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

14 Is there a second?

15 COMMISSIONER HARDIMAN:

16 Second.

17 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

18 It's been moved and seconded. Are there  
19 any comments on the minutes?

20 Not hearing any, all in favor of  
21 approving the minutes for those two  
22 meetings please say aye?

23 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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25 ADJUDICATIONS - RECOMMENDATIONS AND PROPOSED FINAL

1 ORDERS - None

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3 CONCILIATION AGREEMENTS/CONSENT ORDERS

4 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

5 We have four Conciliation Agreements or  
6 Consent Orders, noted as Item Nos. 4  
7 through 7 on the agenda, Nos. 201800621,  
8 201802992, 202002157, and 202102214.

9 Is there a motion to approve those  
10 Conciliation Agreements or Consent  
11 Orders?

12 COMMISSIONER YIENGST:

13 So moved.

14 COMMISSIONER AGRAWAL:

15 Second.

16 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

17 It's been moved and seconded. Is there  
18 any discussion? Not hearing any, all  
19 those in favor of approving the motion  
20 please say aye.

21 [The motion carried unanimously].

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23 REQUESTS FOR PRELIMINARY HEARINGS

24 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

25 We have requests for Preliminary

1 Hearing, Items 8 through 57 with the  
2 exception of Item No. 14, No. 202002246  
3 which was voted on last month and Item  
4 No. 23, No. 202102152 which has been  
5 withdrawn.

6 So it's basically Item Nos. 8  
7 through 13, Items Nos. 15 through 22 and  
8 then Item Nos. 24 through 57, Nos.  
9 201802908 201902054 201902853 202000909  
10 202001053 202002071 202100112 202100248  
11 202101276 202101637 202101695 202101818  
12 202101868 202102104 202102164 202102306  
13 202102560 202200063 202200079 202200127  
14 202200501 202200556 202200683 202201037  
15 202201147 202201184 202201247 202201286  
16 202201375 202201610 202201773 202202074  
17 202202111 202202157 202202193 202202199  
18 202202231 202202238 202202354 202202355  
19 202202360 202202361 202300002 202300083  
20 202300204 202300280 202300427 202300858

21 Is there a motion to deny the  
22 Requests for Preliminary Hearings?

23 COMMISSIONER HARDIMAN:

24 So moved.

25 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

1 Is there a second?

2 COMMISSIONER YIENGST:

3 Second.

4 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

5 It's been moved and seconded.

6 Anybody have any comments or  
7 questions about any of those Requests  
8 for Preliminary Hearings?

9 Not hearing any, all those in favor  
10 of the motion to accept the  
11 recommendation to deny the Requests for  
12 Preliminary Hearings, please say aye.

13 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

14 Any opposed?

15 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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17 MOTIONS AND OTHER ACTIONS - None.

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19 APPROVED FOR PUBLIC HEARING DOCKET - None.

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21 PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - None.

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23 MANAGEMENT REPORTS - None.

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25 OLD BUSINESS - None.

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2 PUBLIC COMMENT - None.

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4 ADJOURNMENT

5 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

6 We'll close out Public Session with a  
7 motion to adjourn?

8 COMMISSIONER YIENGST:

9 So moved.

10 COMMISSIONER HARDIMAN:

11 Second.

12 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

13 All in favor of approving the motion to  
14 adjourn please say aye.

15 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

16 Any opposed?

17 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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19 [The meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m.]

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21 [The next meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2024.]

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CERTIFICATE


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



Derek Richmond,  
Minute Clerk  
Sargent's Court Reporting  
Service, Inc.



M. Joel Bolstein, Chairman

 o/b/o Commissioner Mayur Patel

Mayur Patel, Secretary