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PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

M I N U T E S

TIME: 3:01 P.M.

Monthly Meeting

Held

VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

September 22, 2025

1 Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission
2 Monthly Meeting
3 September 22, 2025

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5 COMMISSIONERS:

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7 Joel Bolstein, Esquire, Chair
8 Dr. Raquel O. Yiengst, Vice Chair
9 Mayur Patel, Esquire, Secretary
10 Dr. Rad Agrawal - Absent
11 Michael Hardiman, Esquire
12 Curtis Jones - Absent
13 Aleena Sorathia, Esquire

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15 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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17 Chad Dion Lassiter, MSW

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19 INTERIM CHIEF COUNSEL

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21 Morgan Williams, Esquire

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23 STAFF PRESENT:

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25 Amanda Brothman, Director of Communications
26 Alana Burman, Director of Policy, Intergovernmental
27 Affairs and Mediation
28 Desiree Chang, Director of Education
29 Caroline Griffin, Director of Fair Housing and
30 Commercial Property
31 Adrian Garcia, Director of Enforcement
32 Amber Harris, Regional Office Director, Philadelphia
33 Darlene Martin, Esquire, Hearing Examiner
34 Sheryl Meck, Director, Civil Rights Division
35 La Dawn Robinson, Regional Office Director,
36 Pittsburgh
37 Heather Roth, Regional Office Director, Harrisburg
38 Tamara Shehadeh-Cope, Hearing Examiner
39 Debbie Walters, Administrative Officer
40 Zulay Rojas, Chief of Staff

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42 ALSO PRESENT:

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44 Kelly Dunn, Sargent's Court Reporting Service, Inc.
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Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission

September 22, 2025

MEETING CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING STATEMENT

Joel Bolstein, Chairperson of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, welcomed all to the monthly meeting of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission. He stated this public meeting was advertised in accordance with the provisions of the Sunshine Act. And prior to the meeting and keeping with the confidentiality requirements of the Sunshine Act, a closed session was held to discuss compliance matters, management updates, and adjudicative case deliberations.

After concluding with the business portion of the meeting, guests will be invited to introduce themselves and any organizations they represent. Guests will have an opportunity briefly to address the Commission. Public comments are welcomed about equal opportunity and Civil Rights issues or problems of discrimination. Any statements expressed during the Public Session by members of the public represent the opinions and beliefs of that speaker alone and not the opinions and beliefs of the Commission.

The Commission values the public partnership in

1 promoting equal opportunity and would love to hear
2 about the work of any organizations represented. The
3 Commission cannot hear specifics of any open
4 investigations or cases that it may have to rule on
5 in the future.

6 A quorum was noted to be present.

7 Joel Bolstein, Chairperson, called the meeting
8 to order.

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10 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

11 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

12 First order of business, a motion to
13 adopt the Agenda.

14 Is there a motion?

15 COMMISSIONER YIENGST:

16 So moved.

17 COMMISSIONER PATEL:

18 Second.

19 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

20 It's been moved and seconded that we
21 adopt the Agenda. Is there any
22 comment? Not hearing any. All those
23 in favor of adopting the Agenda, please
24 say aye. Any opposed?

25 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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2 REQUESTS FOR PRELIMINARY HEARINGS

3 COMMISSIONER BOLSTEIN:

4 We have one request for a
5 preliminary hearing, which is Item 3
6 on the Agenda.

7 I need a motion for that.

8 COMMISSIONER PATEL:

9 So moved.

10 COMMISSIONER YIENGST:

11 Second.

12 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

13 The motion is to deny the request for a
14 Preliminary Hearing at Item No. 3, Case
15 No. 202400048. Any discussion on that?
16 There was a motion made and it was
17 seconded to deny the request for a
18 preliminary hearing.

19 All those in favor of the motion,
20 please say aye. Any opposed?

21 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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23 APPROVED FOR PUBLIC HEARING DOCKET

24 [Joel Bolstein, Esquire, Chair, noted there were two
25 cases approved for public hearings which required no

1 action from the Commission.]

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3 MANAGEMENT REPORTS

4 [Chad Dion Lassiter, MSW, noted there were no members
5 of the public in the meeting; therefore, there would
6 be no reports.]

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8 OLD BUSINESS - NONE.

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10 NEW BUSINESS - NONE.

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12 PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE.

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14 ADJOURNMENT

15 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

16 There's a motion to adjourn. All those
17 in favor, please say aye. Thank you
18 everyone. I appreciate the hard work.

19 [The motion passed unanimously.]

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21 [The meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m. The next meeting
22 date is October 27, 2025.]

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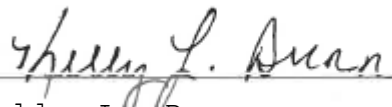
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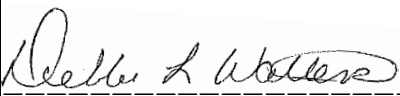
I hereby certify that the foregoing summary minutes of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission was reduced to writing by me or under my supervision, and that the minutes accurately summarize the substance of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission meeting.



Kelly L. Dunn,
Minute Clerk
Sargent's Court Reporting
Service, Inc.



M. Joel Bolstein, Chairman



o/b/o Commissioner Mayur Patel
Mayur Patel, Secretary