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**PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**

**M I N U T E S**

TIME: 3:11 P.M.

Monthly Meeting

Held at  
**555 Walnut Street**  
**Suite 808**  
**Harrisburg, PA 17101**  
and  
**VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

October 27, 2025

1                    Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission  
2                                    Monthly Meeting  
3                                    October 27, 2025  
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5 COMMISSIONERS:  
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7 Joel Bolstein, Esquire, Chair - Virtual  
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 (Absent)  
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15 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
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17 Chad Dion Lassiter, MSW  
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19 CHIEF COUNSEL  
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21 Joseph Green, II, Esquire  
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23 DEPUTY CHIEF COUNSEL  
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25 Morgan Williams, Esquire  
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27 COMMISSION COUNSEL  
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29 Melissa Lovett, Esquire  
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31 STAFF PRESENT:  
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33 Amanda Brothman, Director of Communications  
34 Alana Burman, Director of Policy, Intergovernmental  
35     Affairs and Mediation  
36 Desiree Chang, Director of Education  
37 Caroline Griffin, Director of Fair Housing and  
38     Commercial Property  
39 Adrian Garcia, Director of Enforcement  
40 Amber Harris, Regional Office Director, Philadelphia  
41 Darlene Martin, Esquire, Hearing Examiner  
42 Sheryl Meck, Director, Civil Rights Division  
43 La Dawn Robinson, Regional Office Director,  
44     Pittsburgh

1 Heather Roth, Regional Office Director, Harrisburg  
2 Tamara Shehadeh-Cope, Hearing Examiner  
3 Debbie Walters, Administrative Officer  
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5 ALSO PRESENT:  
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7 Derek Richmond, Sargent's Court Reporting Service,  
8 Inc.  
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11 Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission

12 October 27, 2025

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14 MEETING CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING STATEMENT

15 Dr. Raquel O. Yiengst, Vice Chair

16 of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission,

17 welcomed all to the monthly meeting of the

18 Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission. She stated

19 this public meeting was advertised in accordance with

20 the provisions of the Sunshine Act. And prior to the

21 meeting and keeping with the confidentiality

22 requirements of the Sunshine Act, a closed session

23 was held to discuss compliance matters, management

24 updates, and adjudicative case deliberations.

25 After concluding with the business portion of

26 the meeting, guests will be invited to introduce

27 themselves and any organizations they represent.

1 Guests will have an opportunity briefly to address  
2 the Commission. Public comments are welcomed about  
3 equal opportunity and Civil Rights issues or problems  
4 of discrimination. Any statements expressed during  
5 the Public Session by members of the public represent  
6 the opinions and beliefs of that speaker alone and  
7 not the opinions and beliefs of the Commission.

8 The Commission values the public partnership in  
9 promoting equal opportunity and would love to hear  
10 about the work of any organization represented. The  
11 Commission cannot hear specifics of any open  
12 investigations or cases that it may have to rule on  
13 in the future.

14 A quorum was noted to be present.

15 At 3:11 P.M., Dr. Raquel O. Yiengst, Vice Chair,  
16 called the meeting to order.

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18 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

19 VICE CHAIR YIENGST:

20 The first item on the agenda is for a  
21 motion to Adopt the Agenda.

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1 COMMISSIONER HARDIMAN:

2                   So moved.

3 COMMISSIONER PATEL:

4                   Second.

5 VICE CHAIR YIENGST:

6                   All in favor?

7 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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9 APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

10 VICE CHAIR YIENGST:

11                   We have to approve the minutes of

12                   August 25th, September 8th, and

13                   September 22nd.

14 COMMISSIONER HARDIMAN:

15                   So moved.

16 COMMISSIONER PATEL:

17                   Second.

18 VICE CHAIR YIENGST:

19                   All in favor?

20 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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2 ADJUDICATIONS - RECOMMENDATIONS AND PROPOSED FINAL  
3 ORDERS

4 VICE CHAIR YIENGST:

5 The Commission is scheduled to vote on  
6 the issue of liability in complaints to  
7 which no answer was filed and no  
8 response made to a Rule to Show Cause.  
9 Each Commissioner voting today  
10 signifies by his or her vote that he or  
11 she has reviewed the recommendation of  
12 the Hearing Examiner. Furthermore,  
13 because it is for the Commission, as  
14 the adjudicative body, to determine  
15 whether the respondent has engaged in  
16 or is engaging in unlawful  
17 discriminatory practices as defined by  
18 the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act,  
19 any finding of probable cause, judgment  
20 of liability and order approved today  
21 are so approved only after the  
22 commission itself has determined that

1 all necessary actions have been taken  
2 and all determinations have been  
3 decided correctly.

4 I call for a motion to adopt the  
5 recommendation of the Hearing Examiner.

6 COMMISSIONER PATEL:

7 So moved.

8 COMMISSIONER HARDIMAN:

9 Second.

10 VICE CHAIR YIENGST:

11 All in favor?

12 [The motion carried unanimously. The Finding of  
13 Liability at Agenda Item No. 3, Case No. 202317070]

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15 CONCILIATION AGREEMENTS/CONSENT ORDERS

16 VICE CHAIR YIENGST:

17 Conciliation Agreement. Call for a  
18 motion to approve. That's 202102006.

19 Can I hear a motion?

20 COMMISSIONER HARDIMAN:

21 So moved.

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1 COMMISSIONER PATEL:

2 Second.

3 VICE CHAIR YIENGST:

4 All in favor?

5 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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7 REQUESTS FOR PRELIMINARY HEARINGS

8 VICE CHAIR YIENGST:

9 We have the requests for Preliminary  
10 Hearings. We have 15 cases.

11 Do I hear a motion to deny the  
12 requests for Preliminary Hearing?

13 COMMISSIONER HARDIMAN:

14 So moved.

15 COMMISSIONER PATEL:

16 Second.

17 VICE CHAIR YIENGST:

18 All in favor?

19 [The motion carried unanimously to deny the requests  
20 for Preliminary Hearing in the following cases:

21 202300322; 202300902; 202316736; 202316769;

22 202317101; 202317323; 202400188; 202400338;

1 202401121; 202401524; 202401548; 202401625;

2 202401975; 202402056; and 202500634.]

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4 APPROVED FOR PUBLIC HEARING DOCKET - NONE

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6 MANAGEMENT REPORTS - NONE.

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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 VICE CHAIR YIENGST:

16 Motion to adjourn?

17 [The motion passed unanimously.]

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19 [The meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m. The next meeting

20 date is November 17, 2025.]

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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.



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



Joel Bolstein, Esq.  
Chairperson



o/b/o Commissioner Mayur Patel

Mayur Patel, Esq.  
Secretary