

PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

M I N U T E S

TIME: 3:03 P.M.

Monthly Meeting

Held at

VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

January 26, 2026

Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission
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COMMISSIONERS:

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Chad Dion Lassiter, MSW

CHIEF COUNSEL

Joseph Green, II, Esquire

DEPUTY CHIEF COUNSEL

Morgan Williams, Esquire

COMMISSION COUNSEL

Melissa Lovett, Esquire

STAFF PRESENT:

Amanda Brothman, Director of Communications
Alana Burman, Director of Policy, Intergovernmental
Affairs and Mediation
Desiree Chang, Director of Education
Caroline Griffin, Director of Fair Housing and
Commercial Property
Adrian Garcia, Director of Enforcement
Amber Harris, Regional Office Director, Philadelphia
Darlene Martin, Esquire, Hearing Examiner
Sheryl Meck, Director, Civil Rights Division
La Dawn Robinson, Regional Office Director,
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:

6 Lori Behe, Sargent's Court Reporting Service, Inc.
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8 Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission

9 January 26, 2026

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11 MEETING CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING STATEMENT

12 Joel Bolstein, Esquire, Chair of the
13 Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, welcomed all
14 to the monthly meeting of the Pennsylvania Human
15 Relations Commission. He stated this public meeting
16 was advertised in accordance with the provisions of
17 the Sunshine Act. Prior to the meeting and keeping
18 with the confidentiality requirements of the Sunshine
19 Act, a closed session was held to discuss compliance
20 matters, management updates, and adjudicative case
21 deliberations.

22 After concluding with the business portion of
23 the meeting, guests will be invited to introduce
24 themselves and any organizations they represent.
25 Guests will have an opportunity briefly to address

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

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

13 A quorum was noted to be present.

14 Joel Bolstein, Esquire, Chair, called the
15 meeting to order.

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17 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

18 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

19 The first order of business is to adopt
20 the Agenda. Is there a motion?

21 COMMISSIONER HARDIMAN:

22 So moved.

1 COMMISSIONER YIENGST:

2 Second.

3 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

4 Any comments? All those in favor of
5 approving the Agenda, please say aye.

6 Any opposed?

7 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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9 APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

10 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

11 We have public meeting minutes from the
12 December 22, 2025 meeting. I need a
13 motion to approve those minutes.

14 COMMISSIONER YIENGST:

15 So moved.

16 COMMISSIONER HARDIMAN:

17 Second.

18 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

19 Any discussion about the minutes? Okay
20 not hearing any. All those in favor of
21 approving the minutes, please say aye.

22 Any opposed?

1 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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3 ADJUDICATIONS - RECOMMENDATIONS AND PROPOSED FINAL
4 ORDERS

5 [Tamara Shehadeh-Cope, Hearing Examiner presented
6 Agenda Item No. 3, Case No. 202401907 and Agenda Item
7 No. 4, Case No. 202302993.]

8 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

9 Item 3 on the Agenda is Case No.
10 202401907. We have a Proposed
11 Recommendation to Find Liability and an
12 Order.

13 Is there a motion to adopt those
14 findings in the Order?

15 COMMISSIONER YIENGST:

16 So moved.

17 COMMISSIONER HARDIMAN:

18 Second.

19 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

20 Is there any discussion? Not hearing
21 any. All those in favor of the motion
22 for Case No. 202401907, please say aye.

1 Any opposed?

2 [The motion carried unanimously. The Finding of
3 Liability at Agenda Item No. 3, Case No. 202401907.]

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5 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

6 Then we have Item 4 on the Agenda, Case
7 No. 202302993. Also a Recommendation
8 of Finding Liability and a Proposed
9 Order.

10 Is there a motion?

11 COMMISSIONER HARDIMAN:

12 So moved.

13 COMMISSIONER YIENGST:

14 Second.

15 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

16 Any discussion? Not hearing any. All
17 those in favor of the motion to adopt
18 the Recommendation of Finding Liability
19 and the Proposed Order in Case No.
20 202302993, which is Item 4 on the
21 Agenda, please say aye. Any opposed?

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1 [The motion carried unanimously. The Finding of
2 Liability at Agenda Item 4, Case No. 202302993]

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4 CONCILIATION AGREEMENTS/CONSENT ORDERS

5 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

6 We also have a Conciliation Agreement
7 or Consent Order. It's Item No. 5 on
8 the Agenda. It's Case No. 202100938.

9 I need a motion to approve that
10 Conciliation Agreement or Consent
11 Order.

12 COMMISSIONER HARDIMAN:

13 So moved.

14 COMMISSIONER YIENGST:

15 Second.

16 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

17 Any discussion? Not hearing any. All
18 those in favor of the motion, please
19 say aye. Any opposed?

20 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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REQUESTS FOR PRELIMINARY HEARINGS

CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

We also have three requests for Preliminary Hearings. They're Items 6, 7, and 8 on the Agenda.

We would need a motion to deny the requests for Preliminary Hearings. Is there a motion?

COMMISSIONER AGRAWAL:

So moved.

COMMISSIONER YIENGST:

Second.

CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

Any discussion of any of those requests for Preliminary Hearings? We're not hearing any. All those in favor of the motion please say aye. Any opposed?

[The motion carried unanimously.]

APPROVED FOR PUBLIC HEARING DOCKET

[Joel Bolstein, Esquire, Chair, noted there was one

1 case on the Agenda which was approved for a public
2 hearing docket. He noted no action was needed.]

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4 MANAGEMENT REPORTS - NONE.

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6 OLD BUSINESS - NONE.

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8 NEW BUSINESS - NONE.

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10 PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE.

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12 ADJOURNMENT

13 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

14 Well, then I need a motion to adjourn.

15 COMMISSIONER AGRAWAL:

16 So moved.

17 COMMISSIONER YIENGST:

18 Second.

19 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

20 All right. Pretty much everybody's in
21 favor of that. I appreciate everybody
22 getting together after the big

1 snowstorm. As the E.D. has said, our
2 next two meetings (February and March)
3 are both going to be a remote. So we
4 will see you again on screen in
5 February and March and appreciate
6 everybody's hard work.

7 [The motion passed unanimously.]

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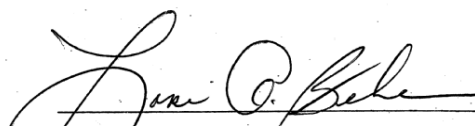
9 [The meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m. The next meeting
10 date is February 23, 2026.]

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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.



Lori Behe,

Minute Clerk

Sargent's Court Reporting
Service, Inc.



M. Joel Bolstein, Chairman



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