

PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

M I N U T E S

TIME: 3:03 P.M.

Monthly Meeting

Held at

VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

February 23, 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 - Absent
Michael Hardiman, Esquire
Curtis Jones - Absent
Aleena Sorathia, Esquire - Absent

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Chad Dion Lassiter, MSW

CHIEF COUNSEL

Joseph Green, II, Esquire - Absent

DEPUTY CHIEF COUNSEL

Morgan Williams, Esquire - Absent

COMMISSION COUNSEL

Melissa Lovett, Esquire - Absent

STAFF PRESENT:

Amanda Brothman Jumper, Director of Communications
Alana Burman, Director of Policy, Intergovernmental
Affairs and Mediation
Desiree Chang, Deputy Director Enforcement, Policy, &
Compliance
Caroline Griffin, Director Rural and Civic Engagement
Adrian Garcia, Deputy Director of Regional Operations
and Housing
Amber Harris, Regional Office Director, Philadelphia
Darlene Martin, Esquire, Hearing Examiner
Sheryl Meck, Director, Civil Rights Division
La Dawn Robinson, Regional Office Director,
Pittsburgh
Heather Roth, Regional Office Director, Harrisburg
Tamara Shehadeh-Cope, Hearing Examiner
Debbie Walters, Administrative Officer
Sherwood Goodenough, Director of Enforcement

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ALSO PRESENT:

Megan Hammond
Derek Richmond, Sargent's Court Reporting Service,
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MEETING CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING STATEMENT

Joel Bolstein, Esquire, Chair 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. 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.

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

First item of business is a motion to adopt the Agenda.

So moved.

So moved.

It was moved by Commissioner Yiengst
and seconded by Commissioner Hardiman.
Any discussion? Not hearing any. All
those in favor of the motion, please
say aye. Any opposed?

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APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

Item two is we need to approve the minutes from the January 26, 2026 meeting. Is there a motion?

COMMISSIONER YIENGST:

So moved.

COMMISSIONER HARDIMAN:

So moved.

CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

It was moved by Commissioner Yiengst, seconded by Commissioner Hardiman. Any discussion about the minutes? Not hearing any. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Any opposed?

[The motion carried unanimously.]

ADJUDICATIONS - RECOMMENDATIONS AND PROPOSED FINAL
ORDERS - NONE.

CONCILIATION AGREEMENTS/CONSENT ORDERS - NONE.

REQUESTS FOR PRELIMINARY HEARINGS

1 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

2 Next item of business will be requests
3 for Preliminary Hearings. We have 11
4 cases. So those are shown as Items 5
5 through 15 on the Agenda. We need a
6 motion.

7 The motion would be to deny the
8 requests for Preliminary Hearings.

9 COMMISSIONER YIENGST:

10 I move that we deny the requests for
11 preliminary hearings.

12 COMMISSIONER HARDIMAN:

13 Second.

14 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

15 I heard it was moved by Commissioner
16 Yiengst, seconded by Commissioner
17 Hardiman. I do have to recuse myself
18 from Item 5. Some years ago, I did
19 some work for respondent. It clearly
20 is completely unrelated to this case
21 but out of an abundance of caution,
22 I'll recuse myself.

23 So the motion has been made.

24 Let's take a vote on the motion, again
25 with my recusal for Item 5. All those

1 in favor of the motion, please say aye.

2 Any opposed?

3 [The motion carried unanimously with the exception of
4 Item 5. Chair Bolstein was recused from
5 deliberations and voting on Item 5.]

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7 APPROVED FOR PUBLIC HEARING DOCKET - NONE.

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9 MANAGEMENT REPORTS - NONE.

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11 OLD BUSINESS - NONE.

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13 NEW BUSINESS - NONE.

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15 PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE.

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17 ADJOURNMENT

18 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

19 So I'm just going to call for a motion
20 to adjourn unless there's anything else
21 that anybody wants to discuss.

22 COMMISSIONER YIENGST:

23 So moved.

24 COMMISSIONER HARDIMAN:

25 Second.

1 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

2 It has been moved and seconded. All
3 those in favor of the motion, please
4 say aye.

5 [The motion passed unanimously.]

6 CHAIR BOLSTEIN:

7 It's expected the March monthly meeting
8 will also be a a virtual meeting. If
9 there's any change to that, we'll let
10 people know. Otherwise, the meeting
11 date for the March monthly meeting is
12 March 23, 2026.

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14 [The meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.]

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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

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M. Joel Bolstein, Chairman

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