

PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

M I N U T E S

TIME: 3:19 P.M.

Monthly Meeting

Held at

PHRC Central Office

110 N. 8th Street, Suite 501

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19107

and

VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

June 22, 2026

Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission
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COMMISSIONERS:

Curtis Jones, Chair
Dr. Rad Agrawal (Absent)
Michael Hardiman, Esquire (Absent)
Aleena Sorathia, Esquire

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Chad Dion Lassiter, MSW - (Absent)

CHIEF COUNSEL

Stephanie Chapman, Esquire, Interim Chief Counsel

COMMISSION COUNSEL

Melissa Lovett, Esquire - (Absent)

STAFF PRESENT:

Amanda Brothman, Director of Communications
Alana Burman, Director of Policy, Intergovernmental
Affairs and Mediation
Fatim Byrd, Director of Education
Desiree Chang, Deputy Director for Enforcement,
Policy and Compliance
Adrian Garcia, Deputy Director of Regional Operations
and Housing
Caroline Griffin, Director of Rural and Civic
Engagement
Amber Harris, Regional Office Director, Philadelphia
Darlene Martin, Esquire, Hearing Examiner
Heather Roth, Regional Office Director, Harrisburg
Debbie Walters, Administrative Officer

ALSO PRESENT:

Orlando Almonte, Deputy Secretary of Policy
Derek Richmond, Sargent's Court Reporting Service,
Inc.

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MEETING CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING STATEMENT

Debbie Walters, Administrative Officer, 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.

The Commission values the public partnership in promoting equal opportunity and would love to hear about the work of any organizations represented. The

1 Commission cannot hear specifics of any open
2 investigations or cases that it may have to rule on
3 in the future. Ms. Walters noted a quorum was not
4 present for the meeting.

5 Curtis Jones, Chair of the Pennsylvania Human
6 Relations Commission, welcomed all to the monthly
7 meeting of the Pennsylvania Human Relations
8 Commission. Chair Jones noted the despite the lack
9 of a quorum, the Board could still receive reports
10 from departments and staff.

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12 MANAGEMENT REPORTS - Chief Counsel - No Report

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14 MANAGEMENT REPORTS - Hearing Examiners

15 [Darlene Martin, Esquire, Hearing Examiner, noted for
16 the public to check the website of the PHRC. She
17 highlighted a page specifically for the Office of the
18 Hearing Examiners. She noted the page contained
19 dates of upcoming public hearings and welcomed
20 members of the public to attend.]

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22 MANAGEMENT REPORTS - Harrisburg Regional Office

23 [Heather Roth, Regional Office Director, Harrisburg,
24 noted that the Harrisburg Regional Office was
25 currently seeking Civil Rights Investigators. The

1 position was posted on the Commonwealth's website,
2 and submissions closed on June 22, 2026.]

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4 MANAGEMENT REPORTS - Philadelphia Regional Office
5 [Amber Harris, Regional Office Director,
6 Philadelphia, reported the Philadelphia Office is
7 currently working in a virtual space due to FIFA
8 activities in Philadelphia. If an appointment is
9 needed, Ms. Harris stated to reach the office through
10 their General Inquiry line. The Philadelphia Office
11 will operate in a virtual space until July 6, 2026.]

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13 MANAGEMENT REPORTS - Education - No Report

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15 MANAGEMENT REPORTS - Policy & Intergovernmental
16 Affairs

17 [Alana Burman, Director of Policy, Intergovernmental
18 Affairs and Mediation, reported the receipt of
19 completion on the Harvard Professional Development.
20 Ms. Burman also reported the figure for total
21 settlements in May 2026 in mediation as \$463,000.]

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23 MANAGEMENT REPORTS - Fair Housing and Commercial
24 Property - No Report

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1 MANAGEMENT REPORTS - Rural and Civic Engagement
2 [Caroline Griffin, Director of Rural and Civic
3 Engagement, reported outreach events for DCNR, in
4 which the Department of Rural and Civic Engagement
5 will be joining them. That event occurred Saturday,
6 June 27, at the BLJ Community Rowing.]

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8 MANAGEMENT REPORTS - Executive Director - No Report

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10 MANAGEMENT REPORTS - Pittsburgh Regional Office -
11 No Report

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13 MANAGEMENT REPORTS - Communications - No Report

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15 MANAGEMENT REPORTS - Enforcement and Compliance -
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18 MANAGEMENT REPORTS - Civil Rights and Outreach -
19 No Report

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21 CONCILIATION AGREEMENTS/CONSENT ORDERS - NONE

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23 REQUESTS FOR PRELIMINARY HEARINGS - NONE

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25 OLD BUSINESS - NONE

NEW BUSINESS - NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT

[No public comments were received. Ms. Walters noted items for adjudication and preliminary hearings will be moved to the July Agenda for voting purposes.]

ADJOURNMENT

CHAIR JONES:

This concludes our public meeting of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission. Thank you for your attendance.

[The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m. The next meeting date is July 27, 2026.]

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.*S/Curtis Jone, Jr.*Curtis Jones, Jr, Interim Chair*S/Rad Agrawal*Rad Agrawal, MD, Secretary

