Allegheny County Human Relations Commission

Minutes of October 2, 2024

Date/Time: October 2, 2024, at 8:30 AM

Location: 920 City County Building, 414 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA, 15219 / dial in

- 1. Call to Order: 8:36am
  - a. Commission members present
    - i. Arthur Pang, Chair
    - ii. Kellie Ware, Esq., Vice Chair
    - iii. Tanya Vokes
    - iv. Leslie Paul Jamerson
    - v. J. Nichole Rhodes
  - b. Staff members present
    - i. Ellen Buannic, Human Resources
    - ii. Eleanor Madison, Dept of Equity & Inclusion
  - \*Chairperson Pang made a motion to open the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Jamerson
- 2. Introduction of Guests: None
- 3. Approval of Minutes:
  - -Chairman Pang made a motion to approve or edit minutes from June. Chairperson made a motion to approve minutes, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes.
  - -Chairman Pang made a motion to approve or edit minutes from August. Motion to approve by Commissioner Rhodes, seconded by Commissioner Vokes.
  - -Chairman Pang made a motion to approve or edit minutes from September. Motion to approve by Commissioner Jamerson, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes.
- 4. Chairperson's Update:
  - -Rev. Mary Ann Trifaro will be stepping down from her position on the commission. Chairman Pang alerted the County Exec. and the Chief of Staff of her decision.
  - -There are 2 open seats on the commission.
- 5. Staff and Committee Reports
  - a. Law Department: none
  - b. Human Resources Department: Ms. Buannic said there were no updates.
- 6. Strategic Initiatives and Process Improvement:
- 7. Community Events:
  - Commissioner Ware spoke on the Community Forum: "Natural Hair Discrimination" event Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - Commissioner Vokes spoke on the Dress for Success "Black & Gold Gala" happening Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.

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#### 8. Announcements and Open Floor:

- -Chairman Pang shared that the Budget was moved to the DEI Dept. and would like to know the total of monies in the budget. He asked Ms. Madison of the DEI Dept. to report back with the amount.
- -Chairman Pang noted that the commission isn't as active as it should be, Vice Chair Ware suggested distributing literature on the functions of the commission at community events.
- -Chairman Pang suggested reviewing the trifold for any updates and sending to the print shop for copies.

# 9. Adjournment:

- Chairperson Pang made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 am, seconded by Commissioner Ware.

## **Review Group #1**

Arthur Pang, and J. Nicole Rhodes

## **Review Group #2**

Leslie Paul Jamerson, Tanya Vokes, and Kellie Ware, Esq.

#### **Motions Commissioner**

J. Nicole Rhodes