

Allegheny County Human Relations Commission
Minutes of April 5, 2017 Meeting
Date/Time: April 5, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.
Location: Conference Room 1, Allegheny County Courthouse
First Floor
436 Grant Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

I. Call to order: 8:34 a.m.

Commission members present
Stephan Broadus, Chairperson
Dan Styche, Vice-Chairperson
Jessica McCurdy
Nicola Henry-Taylor, via phone
William Price

Commission members not present
Carey Cummings

Staff members present
Fran Liebenguth, Assistant County Solicitor and Counsel to ACHRC
Nichole L. Nagle, Employee Relations Manager, Department of Human Resources
Holly Grabowski, Employee Relations Coordinator, Department of Human Resources

- II. Introduction of Guests:
Austin Davis, Executive Assistant, County Executive's Office
- III. Approval of Minutes of the March 1, 2017 meeting: Vice-Chairperson Styche made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCurdy and carried unanimously.
- IV. Chairperson Update: Chairperson Broadus thanked Commissioners Henry-Taylor and Price for drafting a response on social media to the hate crimes that occurred last month.
- V. Staff and Committee Reports: Vice Chairperson Styche announced that eight entries had been received for the Diversity Awards and provided each Commissioner with a packet of the entries for review. At Commissioner Henry-Taylor's request, Mr. Davis agreed to ask the County Executive to provide a proclamation for the event.

Commissioner Price reported that he received an inquiry of interest on behalf of the Commission from the City of Pittsburgh's Human Relations Commission to join them in a mediation training with the EEOC. Commissioner Price conveyed that he is a certified mediator and shared his beliefs regarding mediation. He recommended getting more information before responding. All members were in agreement.

Law: Ms. Liebenguth reported that no new complaints have been received. She discussed a question she received as to whether the Commission has authority over a state entity – the law is unclear. The Committee agreed to discuss after the meeting.

HR: Ms. Nagle stated that she would be ordering brochures for PrideFest and made an inquiry to Mr. Davis regarding the addition of a newly appointed Commissioner. Mr. Davis reported that he anticipates a new Commissioner to be announced by June.

VI. Community Events: Vice Chairperson Styche sought ideas for handouts to promote the Commission at PrideFest. Commissioner Price shared that the City's Commission would also be participating in PrideFest and offered to share booth space.

VII. Announcements: Commissioner Price announced that the Furthering Fair Housing Committee's by-laws have been formed. He had been nominated by Carlos Torres, Executive Director of the City of Pittsburgh's Commission on Human Relations to the Steering Committee and suggested that the other Commissioners may want to consider joining as well.

Chairperson Broadus announced that April is National Fair Housing month but hadn't been made aware of any events.

VIII. Adjournment: A motion was made by Vice-Chairperson Styche to adjourn at 8:52 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Price and carried unanimously.