

Allegheny County Human Relations Commission
Minutes of October 3, 2018
Date/Time: October 3, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.
Location: Conference Room 1, Allegheny County Courthouse
First Floor
436 Grant Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

I. Call to order 8:37 a.m.

Commission members present

Dan Styche, Chairperson
Jessica McCurdy, Vice Chairperson
Carey Cummings
Betsy Magley
Bill Price
Nicola Henry-Taylor

Staff members present

Ellen Buannic, Employee Relations Coordinator
Jeremy Beaver, Employee Relations Coordinator
Fran Liebenguth, Assistant County Solicitor

II. Guests

Andrea Stanford, Assistant County Manager
Carlos Villalta Citizen of Pittsburgh

III. Approval of Minutes of the September 9, 2018 meeting: Commissioner Magley made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Henry-Taylor and carried unanimously.

IV. Chairperson Update: Friday October 10th, 2018 is the Diversity Awards lunch in. Twelve schools will be in attendance and the new posters have been completed and are available to download.

With the 10th anniversary coming up the commissioners have been asked to send in a bio, as well as, a photo to be posted to the website. The website renovations will be up and running sometime in April of 2019.

Commissioner Henry-Taylor gave an update on how the bar project is proceeding. It has been solidified what discussions from employment law will be conducted and that Judge McGoff could be making the opening statements of the event. Commissioner Henry-Taylor is working to solidify dates and gathering the panelists. The event is looking to tentatively be held in January or February of 2019 and will help promote the procedures and lay out of how the Commission works.

Commissioner Price and Henry-Taylor discussed going through the process of putting out an RFP for the investigator position in order to follow the County guidelines and be as fair as possible. The pricing structure of how an investigator will be paid based on the type of work, and how much work the investigator will be performing.

Commissioner Magley spoke about Judge Ward the housing courts digging in to the discrimination issues brought forward in these cases would be perfect for the Commission to handle.

V. Staff and Committee Reports:

Law Department: Ms. Liebenguth reported that there are three new complaints that have been filed. All three complaints are employment related and that the packets have been sent out for them. There is one outstanding case that needs to be discussed and Group two has everything wrapped up, and Case 1703 needs to be finished up.

Human Resources: Arthur Pan has been formally approved, and Human Resources will be forwarding over his information for the Commission to invite Mr. Pang to the next meeting.

VI. Announcements: None

VII. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Commissioner McCurdy to adjourn at 9:11 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Price and carried unanimously.