

Allegheny County Human Relations Commission
Minutes of February 3, 2016 Meeting
Date/Time: February 3, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.
Location: Conference Room 1, Allegheny County Courthouse
First Floor
436 Grant Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

I. Call to order: 8:39 a.m.

Commission members present

Mary Gibson, Vice Chairperson (via phone)
Nicola Henry-Taylor
Jessica McCurdy
William Price
Dan Styche

Commission member not present

Stephan Broadus, Chairperson

Staff members present

Nichole L. Nagle, Employee Relations Manager, Department of Human Resources
Holly Grabowski, Employee Relations Coordinator, Department of Human Resources

II. Introduction of Guests: Chairperson Broadus recognized and welcomed

Katie Gittlen, Executive Assistant, County Executive's Office
Joe Catanese, Director of Constituent Services and Government Relations, Office of
County Council

III. Approval of Minutes of the January 6, 2016 meeting: Commissioner Styche made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded Commissioner Price and carried unanimously.

IV. Chairperson Update: Vice Chairperson Gibson informed everyone that Ms. Liebenguth is absent due to jury duty. She said the compliance review committees met and closed two cases. She said she will ask Ms. Liebenguth to distribute an updated case summary sheet. She spoke briefly about an upcoming meeting on Fair Housing that she will attend. Commissioner Henry-Taylor said she attended a previous meeting, which was well attended.

V. Staff and Committee Reports:

Law: None

Human Resources: Ms. Nagle said two inquiries were received via the Commission's email address. Ms. Nagle said she responded to one by providing information about the Commission and providing the person a complaint form. The second email was recently received and she will follow up by providing the person information about the Commission as requested.

- VI. Announcements and Open Floor: Commissioner Price spoke about the meeting that Commissioner Henry-Taylor and he attended with Melanie Harrington of Vibrant Pittsburgh. He said they discussed the idea of the Commission and Vibrant Pittsburgh partnering in an effort to help each other with their missions and to help educate other communities and governing bodies to establish Human Relations Commissions.

Commissioner Henry-Taylor suggested Community Outreach be added as an agenda item each month. It also was noted that a Mini-grants workshop will be held on February 8th. Vice-Chairperson Gibson suggested the Commission use a Google Calendar to track events and Commissioners' attendance at events.

Commissioner Styche discussed the City of York Commission Luncheon held last month, during which various individuals and organizations were recognized for their commitment to providing and promoting equal opportunity in housing, employment and public accommodation. This led to a discussion of the ACHRC possibly sponsoring a similar event one time per year. Commissioner Price offered space in his law firm located at Oxford Center and will speak with his firm's Diversity and Inclusion Committee. Vice Chairperson Gibson mentioned possibly working with the County Executive's Office to gain support for an event and Ms. Gittlen said she will pass along details. Commissioner Styche said he will contact the York Commission to inquire about funding for their event. Vice Chairperson Gibson asked everyone to think about ideas and be prepared to discuss this topic again at the March meeting.

- VII. Adjournment: A motion was made by Commissioner Styche to adjourn at 9:04 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCurdy and carried unanimously.