

March 10, 2022

Board Chambers

Human Rights Commission

MINUTES

Chair

Curtis O. Porter

Vice Chair

Evelyn BruMar

Parliamentarian

Ramunda Young

Members

William Johnston

Dr. Erika Laos

Tonya James

Padreus D. Pratter

Christopher Lee

Aaron Muz

Present: Commissioners Curtis Porter, William Johnston, Dr. Erika Laos, Tony James, Padreus Pratter, Aaron Muz, Ramunda Young, Evelyn BruMar, Director Raul Torres, Manager Shelia Venning, Tiffany Jones. There were no citizens present. Chair Curtis Porter called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm.

Citizens Time

- None

Old Business

- Minutes of February 10, 2022 were approved (Laos-moved /Young-seconded).

New Business

- Several students from Cohort 6 presented before the Commission on issues related to Civil and Human Rights.
- Elections were held for CY2022; The new HRC Officers are: Ramunda Young as Parliamentarian, Evelyn BruMar as Vice Chair, and Curtis Porter as Chair.
- Resolution to declare, affirm and recognize the Month of March 2022 as Woman History Month - Resolution passed 8-0
- Resolution to declare, affirm and recognize the Month of April 2022 as Fair Housing Month - Resolution passed 8-0
- Commission agreed to extend case number 10E-2021-00008C for further investigation.

Committee Reports

Student Leadership Council

- Graduation for Cohort will be hold on April 7th at 6pm in the Ferlazzo Building Auditorium. The guest Speaker will be Dr. Loretia N. Brown, Chief Equity Officer PWCS.

Unity in the Community

- Meetings are virtually, every 3rd Sunday of each month.
- Commissioner Pratter will serve as the Liaison for Human Rights Commission

VAHR

- The Board of Directors meeting was held on Feb 28th to recommend new bylaws.
- The Board will meet quarterly beginning on March 28th. At this meeting bylaws will need to be accepted and approved.

Racial Social Justice Commission (RSJC)

- The next meeting will be March 31st in the Board Chambers.

PWC Jail Board

- The Jail Board meets the 3rd Wednesday of every other month. The next meeting will be March 15th.

Director's Report

- Agenda item was sent to the Board of County Supervisors to transfer, budget, and appropriate additional money from EEOC and Office of Housing & Community Development.
- The office plans to hire 2 college interns beginning this summer. A law student and an undergraduate that has an interest in learning more about human and civil rights.

COMMISSIONER'S TIME

Tonya James – Acknowledged Chair Porter for being recognized as a Trailblazers in the County at the Potomac District Black History reception.

William Johnston – Nothing to report.

Padreus Pratter – Impressed with the Student Leadership Council presentation.

Aaron Muz – Congratulations to SLC members on their presentation. Congratulations to the newly elected Parliamentarian and Vice Chair.

Erica Laos – Kimberly Sparkes did a great job with SLC. She recommends that at the end of the presentation to have a call for action item. She suggested that we invite Dr. Brown to come and speak to the Commission about her role as the Equity Officer for Prince William County Public Schools.

Ramunda Young – Governors Council of Woman's will be hosting a Woman's History Month reception on March 16th from 5:30pm to 7pm in Richmond.

Evelyn BurMar – National Woman’s month also includes recognizing Cisgender and Transgender woman as well. March is also Bisexual Health Awareness Month, and March 31st is Trans Visibility Day. The LGBTQ Advisory Board to the Governor has requested Chair Porter speak at their next meeting.

Curtis Porter – Sent letter to Acting County Executive Elijah Johnson requesting that all Prince William County employees be informed of their options with regards to filing complaints of discrimination. Their options include: filing internally, with HRC, or with EEOC.

The meeting adjourned at 9:36pm.

ACTIONABLE ITEMS

ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON	DUE DATE	STATUS

**PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
CHARGES AND OUTCOMES FOR March 2022**

	Case Closures	Cases Opened	Inventory
Employment	4	2	
Housing			
Public Accommodation			
Education			
Credit			
TOTAL			19