

## **Prince George's County Human Rights Commission**

**Monday, April 28, 2025**

Zoom Meeting of the  
Prince George's County  
Human Rights Commission

**Attendees:**

**Commissioners:**

**Joseph Reed, Chair  
Keith Adams, Vice-Chair  
Traci Birckhead  
Turkessa Brown (Absent)  
Caren Gillison  
Shonda Harmon  
Erica Jenkins  
Sylvia Johnson  
Erin Kabba  
Regina Truesdale  
Ademola Oduyebo  
Kayon Williams**

**Staff:**

**Jose Villegas  
Acting Director**

**Azeem Lyons, Clerk  
to the Commission**

**Guests:**

**None**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

1. Call to Order – The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Chair Reed conducted the roll call for the Commission Meeting. The Chair announced that a quorum was present for the meeting.
2. Adopt Agenda – The Chair called for a review of the agenda. The agenda was adopted as distributed.
3. Approval of Minutes of the February 24, 2025, Commission meeting. The Chair called for a review of the minutes. The minutes were adopted.
4. **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

The Chair reminded all Commissioners to complete Financial Disclosure statements due at the end of April 2025.

The Chair also emphasized the important work of the Commission, especially in light of current national events. He offered a reminder that the mission and work of the Human Rights

Commission is critical.

## **5. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

The Acting Deputy Director Villegas echoed the sentiment of Chair Reed as it relates to the Commission's mission being critical given current national events. Acting Director Villegas stated that the Outreach Division has a newsletter available and materials could be provided for any upcoming events that a commissioner would like to attend. Acting Director Villegas also reminded new commissioners of the presentation scheduled immediately after the 5/19 meeting to help new Commissioners better understand their responsibilities. Public Hearings are upcoming and can be viewed. Business cards are possible but waiting until after the new County Executive is sworn into office. Finally, the budget was presented to County Council and is complete.

Short gap in meeting due to disturbance and intruder into Zoom call.

## **6. CASES SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING**

**OHR Charge No: OHR24-0106**

**Duane Cooper v. Shamona Sanders/Taylor Properties**

Investigator Charles Floyd

Panel Members: Panel Chair Johnson, Commissioner Bircckhead; Chair Reed, Commissioner Truesdale as alternate.

The Public Hearing in this matter is scheduled for May 6, May 7, and May 8, 2025.

## **7. CASE STATUS UPDATE**

**FEPA Case No.: OHR22-3301**

**EEOC Case No.: 12H-2022-00017**

**Tammie Owens v. Prince George's County Department of Corrections**

**Investigator Clay Langston**

Panel Members: Vice Chair Adams as Panel Chair, Commissioner Bircckhead, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Oduyebo as alternate.

This case was stayed by order of the Commission on March 25, 2024 (amended March 28, 2024), before the first night of public hearing. This matter is scheduled for Circuit Court on June 18, 2025.

## **9. ATTENDANCE RECORD – Attached**

**10. NEW BUSINESS** – Vote was conducted and Commissioner Harmon was unanimously elected to the position of Secretary.

**11. OLD BUSINESS** - None

12. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None.

13. **CLOSED SESSION** – Called to order at 6:01pm and returned to the open session at 6:24pm. Secretary Harmon reported the results.

14. **ADJOURNMENT** – Chair Reed adjourned the meeting at 6:25pm. The next Commission meeting will be held on May 19, 2025.

Shonda Harmon  
Commission Secretary