

Prince George's County Human Rights Commission

Monday, August 25, 2025

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

Attendees:

Commissioners:

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

Staff:

Jose Villegas
Deputy Director

**Azeem Lyons, Clerk
to the Commission**

Guests:

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Call to Order – The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Secretary Harmon conducted the roll call for the Commission Meeting. The Chair announced that a quorum was present for the meeting.
1. Adopt Agenda – The Chair called for a review of the agenda. The agenda was adopted as distributed.
2. Approval of Minutes of the July 28, 2025, Commission meeting. The Chair called for a review of the minutes. The minutes were adopted with a correction of the guest listed.

1. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

The Chair thanked the Commission again for its continued dedication as always. Chair Reed also wanted to mention that the Maryland Commission on Civil Right Annual Gala was held at MGM National Harbor. He attended with Vice Chair Adams, Deputy Director Villegas, and OHR Staff. Great speakers during with fireside chats were indeed

delightful. The highlight of the evening the story of the Dr. Michael Z- a Baltimore Pediatrician who serves underserved community and now the community is giving back to him in his time of need during his cancer treatment. Such an inspiring story, proving that our work matters.

5. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Deputy Director Villegas echoed the sentiments of Chair Reed MCCR Gala was touching. Dr. Z's story was not only touching but was community service at its finest.

OHR Monthly Newsletter was sent out via email and outlines events and support is always welcome. Lunch and Learns are happening and commissioners are encouraged to log in.

The Deputy Director reminded the Commission that the Executive Director for the commission is still to be appointed. We will be updated as soon as we know.

Under the new administration, Deputy Director reported that he is trying to make sure to touch base with each liaison in the county. Recently met with also spoke with Senior Liaison- Leslie Johnson regarding exploring how the commission can help our senior population make sure their rights are protected, especially as it relates to employment and housing discrimination.

6. APPEALS TO CIRCUIT COURT

Below is an update of petitions for judicial review of Commission decisions before the Circuit Court of Prince George's County:

Sabados v Attain Sports and Entertainment – Bowie Baysox Baseball Club, LLC
FEPA Case No.: OHR23-1002

EEOC Case No.: 12H-2024-00002

On June 23, 2025, this case was filed for Judicial Review. A hearing in this matter has been set for November 7, 2025, at 9:00 AM.

7. ATTENDANCE RECORD – Attached

8. NEW BUSINESS – None

9. OLD BUSINESS - None

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS – The next commission meeting will be held on September 22, 2025. Ethics training to be held immediately following the meeting.

11. CLOSED SESSION-None

12. ADJORNMENT- Chair Reed adjourned the meeting at 5:42pm

Shonda W. Harmon
Commission Secretary