

Prince George's County Human Rights Commission

Monday, June 23, 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 Birkhead
Turkessa Brown (Absent)
Caren Gillison
Erica Jenkins
Sylvia Johnson
Erin Kabba
Regina Truesdale (Excused)
Ademola Oduyebo
Kayon Williams

Staff:

Jose Villegas
Deputy Director

Azeem Lyons, Clerk
to the Commission

Guests:

Judy Danso

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.
2. Adopt Agenda – The Chair called for a review of the agenda. The agenda was adopted as distributed.
3. Approval of Minutes of the May 19, 2025, Commission meeting. The Chair called for a review of the minutes. The minutes were adopted with corrections to the attendance record.
4. **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

The Chair thanked the Commission for its continued dedication. Especially, in light of recent demonstrations, the urgency of our mission is now more than ever important work. We must stay united with a shared purpose.

5. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Deputy Director Villegas shared that his new title should be Deputy Director. He reminded us that the new County Executive is to be sworn in and the commission will have a new Executive Director named soon. That information will be shared by the Clerk. Ethics training for commissioners may take place during the September meeting. Tickets for MCCR Gala which takes place on August 23rd were discussed. Please look to the newsletter for other upcoming events asked for the Commissioners support.

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 Birkhead; Chair Reed, Commissioner Truesdale as alternate.

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

The hearing in this matter was postponed awaiting a Confidential Settlement Agreement and Joint Motion to Dismiss.

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 Birkhead, 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.

8. ATTENDANCE RECORD – Attached

9. NEW BUSINESS – None

10. OLD BUSINESS - None

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS – The next commission meeting will be held on July 28, 2025

12. CLOSED SESSION – Under article 3-305b of the Open Meetings Act, the Commission moved to closed session to consult with counsel or to obtain legal advice, or to comply with

a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosure about a particular proceeding or matter.

At 5:47pm, by unanimous vote, the Commission moved to closed session.

6:07 return from Closed session.

OHR24-0106 moved by Jenkins, second by Johnson, to dismiss with prejudice.

OHR22-3301, moved by Johnson and seconded by Adams, to lift the stay.

13. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Reed adjourned the meeting at 6:10pm. The next Commission meeting will be held on July 28, 2025.

Shonda W. Harmon
Commission Secretary