

Prince George's County Human Rights Commission

Monday, September 22, 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
Sylvia Johnson
Erin Kabba
Regina Truesdale
Ademola Oduyebo
Kayon Williams**

Staff:

**Jose Villegas
Acting Executive Director**

**Azeem Lyons, Clerk
to the Commission**

**Guests:
Gabriel Christian**

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 August 25, 2025, Commission meeting. The Chair called for a review of the minutes. The minutes were adopted as distributed with a requested correction to attendees listed.

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

The Chair thanked the Commission again, expressing that your time and dedication is

appreciated. Chair Reed noted that we are having very few closed sessions during this current political climate. He noted that this “silence” may be troubling as the community may feel a general distrust of institutions, limited resources, or the perception that nothing will come of their complaint. We as a commission must remember our duty is to strengthen our outreach to the community and let them know we are here to help. Rebuild and keep trust of the community, letting them know our doors open, we are a resource and here to help.

Chair Reed reminded us that this meeting will be brief to allow for Ethics Training to happen immediately following adjournment.

5. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Acting Executive Director Villegas echoed the sentiments of Chair Reed in wanting to keep his remarks brief due to Ethnic training. The Acting Executive Director reported the County Executive Braveboy has appointed him as the Acting Executive Director again last Friday. Also, the Office of Central Services will be relocating from its current location to Upper Marlboro to Largo- near McCormick where the executive branch and other agencies are located. The move should be happening in January/ February timeframe.

In addition, Acting Executive Director Villegas wanted to point out that there are several cases that have the potential to reach the commissioner if there is no resolution reached.

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 October 27, 2025.

11. CLOSED SESSION-None

12. ADJORNMENT- Chair Reed adjourned the meeting at 5:47 pm

Shonda W. Harmon, MBA, MPA

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Commission Secretary