Prince George's County
Human Rights Commission

Monday September 28, 2026
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, Excused
Erin Kabba
Regina Truesdale, Excused
Ademola Oduyebo, Absent
Kayon Williams, Absent

Staff:

Jose Villegas
Executive Director

Azeem Lyons, Clerk
to the Commission

Guests:
Nolan Page

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 approved as distributed.

3. Approval of Minutes of August 24, 2026, Commission meeting. The Chair called for a review of the minutes. The minutes were adopted as distributed.

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Reed once again wanted to extend sincere thanks to commissioners for their hard work. This is hard work with a lot of reading at times, and Chair Reed thanked the Commissioners for their time and effort. This is important work, and a lot of people depend on this commission and that should not go unnoticed.

Chair Reed also highlighted the Commission's attendance at the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights Gala last weekend. The Commission was well represented by OHR's Executive Director Villegas, Commissioner Gillison, and Secretary Harmon. The keynote speaker, Roland Martin, delivered a wonderful speech. His main point was to keep up the fight and to not be afraid to speak your mind. He reaffirmed that this is hard work, sometimes controversial work, and especially in these times, we need to be bold and stand up for what is right. Chair Reed thanked the Commission again for their work.

5. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Executive Director Villegas wanted to thank all the commissioners for their time. The Commission's commitment to reading the reports and participating in public hearing is appreciated. ED Villegas stated that approximately 6 additional cases will potentially get to the stage of public hearing. To that end, commission participation is essential, especially if you are not already a part of a case.

Executive Director Villegas wanted to highlight that the office has conducted one of its two sessions for the Youth Leadership Academy. Each session consists of four different classes, where they discuss misinformation and human trafficking, as well as play the social justice game. This provides county youth with an opportunity to talk about some of the inequalities that happen in society. The first session happened in Glenarden in collaboration with the public library system, and the second session will be held at the Upper Marlboro branch.

Executive Director Villegas also mentioned that the office has conducted a couple of Lunch and Learns in collaboration with the library system. As a part of Hispanic Heritage Month, the office highlighted two authors. Amaris Castillo has a book entitled Bodega Story, and Anna Flaster discusses the Cuban Revolution. The office also attended the Unity Rally.

Executive Director Villegas stated that the office has started its yearly efforts to connect with municipalities around the county, to discuss the services that the Office of Human Rights provides to the county's residents.

Executive Director Villegas reminded the commission that October 6th is the MCCR Civil Rights Conference. If Commissioners are available to attend, it is strongly recommended. The conference will have a few tracks- one dealing with the investigation, one dealing with the role of commissioners. They will discuss the commissioner's roles in different commissions throughout the state.

Executive Director Villegas also wanted to revisit his intent to meet with each commissioner, to discuss personal goals within the Commission, and how we can work together to help county residents. Along with the Deputy Director, these conversations will take place, starting with Chair Reed. The goal is to reaffirm what the vision is for the Commission, and how we as an agency can assist.

In closing, Executive Director Villegas reminded the commission that if anyone has an idea or an upcoming outreach event, please let us know how we can help. OHR newsletter is forthcoming with all the events that we will have in the month of October.
Finally, the commission's attorney will conduct a training after next month's commission meeting.

6. CASES SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING –

OHR Case No.: OHR24-0806
EEOC Case No.: 531-2024-02348
Heather Curran v. Brentwood Animal Hospital
Investigator Tiffany Isom
Panel Members: Vice Chair Adams as Panel Chair, Commissioner Birckhead, Commissioner Truesdale; Commissioner Kabba as alternate.
The Public Hearing in this matter is scheduled for November 16, November 19, and November 20, 2026.

OHR Case No.: OHR25-0801
Tuan Evans, Sr. v. ZPM Management d/b/a The District at Forestville
Investigator Charles Floyd
Panel Members: Commissioner Jenkins as Panel Chair, Commissioner Kabba, Commissioner Harmon; Commissioner Williams as alternate.
The Public Hearing in this matter is scheduled for December 1, December 2, and December 7, 2026.

7. ATTENDANCE RECORD – Attached

8. NEW BUSINESS – None

9. OLD BUSINESS - None

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS – The next commission meeting will be held on November 23, 2026.

11. CLOSED SESSION-

Motion by Vice Chair Adams and seconded by Secretary Harmon to move to Closed session at 5:50pm. To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or

matter, the Commission moved to closed session.

As a result of the closed session, as it relates to case number OHR26-0301, the Commission voted unanimously to issue a subpoena for the requested documents.

12. **ADJOURNMENT-** Motion by Commissioner Birckhead and seconded by Vice Chair Adams to adjourn the meeting at 5:58pm

Shonda W. Harmon, MBA, MPA

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Commission Secretary