

Allegheny County Human Relations Commission

Minutes of September 1, 2021

Date/Time: September 1, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

Location: Virtual Via Zoom

I. Call to order: 8:35 a.m.

Commission members present

Arthur Pang

Nicola Henry-Taylor

Marlin Woods

William Price

Staff members present

Ellen Buannic, Employee Relations Coordinator

Frances Liebenguth, Assistant County Solicitor

II. Guests: none

III. Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve was made with changes and carried unanimously.

IV. Chairperson Update: Chairperson Price stipulated that a voicemail was left for the Executive's Chief of Staff and he has not heard back as of yet and will follow up with an email. The Chairperson is concerned with the headcount of the Commission and there may be another member loss at year end due to election to public office.

The Chairperson has had discussions with some school districts regarding the Diversity Awards program and will look to hold a kick-off luncheon in the Fall with the Award ceremony taking place in the Spring.

V. Staff and Committee Reports:

Law Department: Ms. Liebenguth said one bid was received from the RFP, independent law firm and the firm submitted its own package. The price exceeded the maximum allowed by budget. The Law Department is working with Purchasing to respond.

Human Resources: Ms. Buannic had no updates at this time and there have been no updates on Diversity & Inclusion taking on support and HR will continue to support until otherwise designated.

Committee Reports: No committee reports at this time.

VI. Community Events: none

VII. Announcements and Open Floor: Commissioner Pang mentioned that there has not been much visibility of Diversity & Inclusion since the pandemic began. Chairperson agrees that this is an important time for messaging.

VIII. Adjournment: A motion was made by Commissioner Pang to adjourn at 8:49 a.m. The motion was seconded by Chairperson Price and carried unanimously.