

Allegheny County Human Relations Commission

Minutes of November 3, 2021

Date/Time: November 3, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

Location: Virtual Via Zoom

I. Call to order: 8:33 a.m.

Commission members present
William Price, Chairperson
Betsy Magley
Arthur Pang
Marlin Woods

Commission members not present
Nicola Henry-Taylor, Esq.

Staff members present
Nichole L. Nagle, Employee Relations Manager

Staff members not present
Frances Liebenguth, Assistant County Solicitor

II. Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Pang made a motion to approve the September and October meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Chairperson Price and carried unanimously.

III. Guests: Stacey Waters from the PA Human Relations Commission introduced herself as the Outreach Coordinator for the Commission. Ms. Waters offered the Commission any technical assistance or training that might be needed. Chairperson Price expressed his appreciation for her attendance at the meetings and expressed the Commission's continued commitment to collaborating with her and other bodies. Chairperson Price noted that several local municipalities have passed ordinances or introduced legislation for the creation of Human Relations Commissions. Some of those bodies, which differ a little in their missions, have reached out to the County Commission for support and Ms. Waters might be of assistance with those requests.

IV. Chairperson Update: Chairperson Price provided an update regarding his role as Chairperson. Due to commitments to his municipality, he has concerns about his ability to serve in that capacity. He will serve out his term and asked all Commission members to give consideration to serving as the Chairperson. He also recognized Commissioner Nicola Henry-Taylor's success in the election in her campaign to serve as a Jurist in the Court of Common Pleas. Finally, he reminded the group of his recent contact with the County Executive's Office about the open seats for the commission.

V. Staff and Committee Reports:

Law Department: Ms. Nagle was asked to have Ms. Liebenguth circulate an updated case list and to have her provide an update on the reposting of the request for legal support.

Human Resources: Ms. Nagle had no updates to report, but was asked to follow up on any submissions that were or will be made to County Council to fill vacant Commission positions. She also was asked to follow up on the requests for a meeting with County Executive during which a report on the Commission's activities will be provided (as required by statute) and a meeting with Ms. Edmonds.

Committee Reports: No committee reports at this time.

VI. Community Events: none

- VII. Announcements and Open Floor: Commissioners Magley and Woods stated they have committed to serving another year on the Commission.
- VIII. Adjournment: Commissioner Magley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pang and carried unanimously.