

Allegheny County Human Relations Commission

Minutes of December 1, 2021

Date/Time: December 1, 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
Nicola Henry-Taylor

Staff members present
Jeremy Beaver, Employee Relations Coordinator
Ellen Buannic, Employee Relations Coordinator

Staff members not present
Frances Liebenguth, Assistant County Solicitor

Guests: Stacey Waters, Education and Outreach Coordinator for PHRC

- II. Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Woods made a motion to approve the November meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pang 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 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: Commissioners Pang and Henry-Taylor ran into the Executive at an event and told him of Commissioner Henry-Taylor's upcoming resignation from the Commission. The Executive is actively seeking members.
- Law Department: No update
- Human Resources: Mr. Beaver announced his tenure with Allegheny County will be ending.
- Committee Reports: No committee reports at this time.
- VI. Community Events: Diversity Awards were discussed, and it was noted that the AIU has a Diversity Officer and there was a call for a meeting with Administrators.
- VII. Announcements and Open Floor: All members congratulated the members and support staff leaving the Commission.

VIII. Adjournment: Commissioner Woods made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Henry-Taylor and carried unanimously.