Allegheny County Human Relations Commission
Minutes of April 5, 2023
Date/Time: April 5, 2023, at 8:30 a.m.
Location: Virtual Via Zoom

I. Call to order: 8:34 a.m.
    a. Commission members present:
        i.   Arthur Pang, Chairperson
        ii. Reverend Mary Ann Trifaro
        iii. Tanya Vokes
        iv. Leslie-Paul Jamerson

    b. Staff members present:
        i.   Ellen Buannic, Employee Relations Coordinator
        ii. Frances Liebenguth, Assistant County Solicitor
        iii. Lisa Edmonds, Chief Equity Officer
        iv. Damian Wiles, Deputy Director Department of Equity & Inclusion
        v.   Matthew Costello, Office Manager
        vi. Eleanor Madison, Office Clerk

II. Guests: None

III. Approval of Minutes: Chairperson Pang motioned to approve the amended March 1, 2023, meeting minutes. A motion was seconded by Commissioner Trifaro, and unanimously approved.

IV. Chairperson Update: Introductions of members and staff. Chairperson Pang stated that 2023 is a year of rebuilding for The Commission and that will enable The Commission to improve its function within The County. The Chairperson, Equity and Inclusion and Human Resources held an informal meeting at the City County Building.

V.   Staff and Committee Reports:

    a. Law Department: Ms. Liebenguth had no case update but provided new Commissioners an overview of the complaint process. The Ordinance covers Employment, Disability, Housing, Hairstyle and Education.

    b. Human Resources: None

    c. Committee: none

VI. Community Events: April is Arab American Heritage month and Earth Day/Month. Mount Lebanon park is holding an Earth Day celebration on April 30, 2023. National Volunteer Recognition week is April 16-22, 2023.

VII.   Strategic Initiatives and Process Improvement:

VIII.   Announcements and Open Floor: Commission Vokes provided an overview of Dress for Success. The May ACHRC meeting will take place in person in the City County Building.

IX.   Adjournment: Chairperson Pang motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Trifaro, seconded and unanimously approved.