

Prince George's County Human Rights Commission

Monday, April 22, 2023,
Zoom Meeting of the
Prince George's County
Human Rights Commission

Attendees:

Commissioners:

Charlene Proctor, Chair
Sylvia Johnson
Brindisi Chan
Ademola Oduyebo
Wendi Howard
Keith Adams
Roslyn Brown
Daryl Jackson
Traci Birkhead
Regina Gilmore
Turkessa Brown
Joseph Reed, Vice-Chair

Staff:

Renée Battle-Brooks
Executive Director

Jose Villegas
Assistant Director
Investigation Division Manager

Jacqueline Cochran
Clerk to the Commission

Guests:

Ngeri Azueway (MCCR)
Imani Edwards (DPWT)

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Call to Order – The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and conducted the roll call for this Commission Meeting in the absence of a Commission Secretary.
2. Adopt Agenda – The Chair called for a review of the agenda. The open meeting agenda was adopted as distributed.
3. Approval of Minutes of the **March 27, 2023**, Commission Meeting. The Minutes were adopted as distributed.
4. **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

The Chair began her report by welcoming everyone to the Human Rights Commission

meeting.

5. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Executive Director Renee Battle- Brooks began her report by welcoming the members of the public who were of attendance. The Executive Director eagerly informed the Commission of the Office of Human Rights' 50th anniversary since their establishment in 1972. She also provided the Commission and the members of the public the history of the Office of Human Rights and the active role they hold in the community of Prince George's County. The Executive Director then informed the Commission of their Spanish-language Resource Fair, as they join Councilmember Olson at a at William Wirt Middle School in Riverdale on May 13, 2023, at 10 am. The Executive Director also informed the Commission of their tabling at PGCMLS' event with Mahogany Books in-person at Oxon Hill Branch Library as they host Vashti Harrison, author of *Big*, in conversation with Karine Jean-Pierre. Executive Director Battle- Brooks, also highlighted The U.S. And The Holocaust Panel Discussion and Screening, on May 17, 2023, at 6 pm. She stated the event will be hosted by PGCMLS, and WETA in-person at the Greenbelt Branch Library at 11 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD as they present a portion of the documentary, *The U.S. And The Holocaust*, special guests will be Rabbi Saul Oresky from Mishkan Torah Synagogue, Professor Jeff Richter from Georgetown University, and Esther Safron Foer, author of *I Want You To Know We're Still Here*, in conversation moderated by Executive Director Battle-Brooks. To end her report, she encouraged the Commission and the members of the public to visit their website to view recorded events, discussions, and upcoming events.

6. CASES SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

- a. OHR Case No.: OHR21-0701 EEOC Case No.: 12H-2021-00021
Jenchesky Santiago v City of Seat Pleasant
Investigator Caitlin Mohler
Panel Members: Commissioner Adams as Panel Chair, Commissioner R. Brown, Vice-Chair Reed. Commissioner Jackson alternate.
Motion for Postponement was granted on April 18, 2023.

7. CASE STATUS UPDATE - None

8. APPEAL HEARING

- a. A Petition for Judicial Review was filed on February 22, 2023, by The Office of Human Rights in the matter of Executive Director v. Seafood Fusions, Inc (aka Hook and Reel, Inc.), HRC Case No.: HRC21-0202. 02/22/2023; Notice to

Administrative Agency Issued. Certified Copymailed; 03/06/2023
Response/Reply; Respondent Seafood Fusions, Inc.'s Response to Petition for
Judicial Review; 04/26/2023 Notice Issued - R206 Notice Issued

9. **ATTENDANCE RECORD** – Attached

The Chair invited the Commissioners to review the attendance record and, if noting any issue, to contact the Clerk Cochran for corrections.

10. **NEW BUSINESS** - None

11. **OLD BUSINESS** - None

12. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2023.

13. **CLOSED SESSION**

Vice Chair Reed moved and Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion to move to closed session to comply with the confidentiality provision of Division 12 which prevents public disclosure of particular matters. By a unanimous vote, the Commission entered into closed session. Upon return from closed session, Vice Chair Reed reported:

In the matter of: OHR22-0907,

By majority vote, the Commission voted that the action of the Executive Director be upheld and the case shall stand dismissed.

14. **ADJOURNMENT** – 6:30 pm

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