

MICHIGAN CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, July 7, 2020 ~ 5:00 P.M.

Virtual Meeting: Zoom web conferencing platform; Livestreamed via You Tube and Facebook

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MINUTES

PRESENT: Commission Chair Stacie Clayton
Commission Vice Chair Laura Reyes Kopack
Commission Secretary Jeff Sakwa
Commissioner Regina Gasco-Bentley
Commissioner Zenna Elhasan
Commissioner Denise Grim
Commissioner Portia Roberson

EXCUSED: Commissioner Ira Combs, Jr. (*joined the meeting later, as noted*)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission was called to order by Chair Clayton at 5:00 P.M. Roll Call of the Commissioners was taken to determine a quorum. Commissioner Clayton, Commissioner Kopack, Commissioner Sakwa, Commissioner Elhasan, Commissioner Gasco-Bentley, Commissioner Grim, Commissioner Roberson were present. With 7 of 8 Commissioners present, quorum requirements were met.

WELCOME

Chair Clayton welcomed participants to be meeting by way of Zoom web conferencing and Facebook Live/You Tube livestream platforms,

HOUSEKEEPING RULES FOR MAKING PUBLIC COMMENT

Interim Executive Director Mary Engelman provided instructions regarding Public Comment.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Move to Approve the Meeting Agenda as submitted.
On Motion duly made (Gasco-Bentley) and supported (Sakwa), the Meeting Agenda was Approved. *Motion carried unanimously.*

APPROVAL OF JUNE 15, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Move to Approve the Minutes as submitted.
On Motion duly made (Elhasan) and supported (Roberson), the Minutes were Approved. *Motion carried unanimously.*

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PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORT

Executive Director Search Committee, Commissioner Grim

(Commissioner Combs joined the meeting at 5:19 p.m.)

Following discussion, the following motion was brought forth:

MOTION: Move to Approve the job posting, the NeoGov job application, the recommended timeline, and the recommended reference questions guidelines with the amendments as we discussed to be approved.

On Motion duly made (Combs) and supported (Kopack), the Motion was Approved.
Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea: Clayton, Kopack, Sakwa, Combs, Elhasan, Gasco-Bentley, Grim, Roberson

Nay: none

Abstention: none

COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Commissioner Elhasan thanked the Executive Director Search Committee for their work on revising the final selection process. The Committee consists of Commissioner Elhasan, Commissioner Grim, Commissioner Roberson, and Special Advisor Sylvia Elliott.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Move to Adjourn.

On Motion duly made (Sakwa) supported (Kopack), the meeting of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission Adjourned at 5:37 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

The next regular meeting of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission is July 27, 2020 at a location and time TBD. The next special meeting of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission is August 19, 2020 at a location and time TBD.