

**MEDIA ADVISORY**

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## **Michigan Civil Rights Commission to Meet near Traverse City on Monday, Oct. 23**

**Lansing, MI**—The Michigan Civil Rights Commission will hold their next quarterly meeting on Monday, October 23, 2023, at 10 AM in the Crystal Center at Crystal Mountain, 12500 Crystal Mountain Drive, Thompsonville, Michigan. The meeting is open to the public and will include a public comment period.

The Commission is slated to hear an update on a study of Michigan's Native American boarding schools, public hearings on housing discrimination, the FY24 budget, and they will consider a resolution in support of providing access to drivers' licenses to individuals regardless of their immigration status.

The meeting will also be accessible via ZOOM and will be livestreamed to the [MDCR Facebook page](#) at facebook.com/MIDCR.

Individuals who join through ZOOM will also have an opportunity to provide public comment. To join by ZOOM, click the webinar link here: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86377801322>

ASL Interpreters and CART captioning will be available on ZOOM and visible on screen for those attending in person.

The meeting is also accessible by phone by calling 866-434-5269 and providing the conference code 434995.

The detailed agenda is below.

The Michigan Civil Rights Commission was created by the Michigan Constitution to safeguard constitutional and legal guarantees against discrimination. The Commission is charged with investigating alleged discrimination against any person because of religion, race, color or national origin, genetic information, sex, age, marital status, height, weight, arrest record, and physical and mental disability. The Michigan Department of Civil Rights serves as the operational arm of the Commission.

**MICHIGAN CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Monday, October 23, 2023, 10:00 A.M.**  
**Crystal Center-Upper Level, Crystal Mountain Resort**  
**12500 Crystal Mountain Drive**  
**Thompsonville, Michigan 49683**

**AGENDA (PROPOSED)**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL – Chair Portia Roberson**
- II. **SWEARING IN OF REAPPOINTED COMMISSIONER – Regina Gasco**
- III. **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**
- IV. **OPENING MATTERS**
  - A. Welcome – Chair Roberson  
Role and Authority of MCRC – Atty. Lamont Satchel
  - B. Recognition of Significant Observances in October
    - National Hispanic Heritage Month
    - National Disability Employment Awareness Month
    - National Bullying Prevention Month
    - Global Diversity Awareness Month
    - LGBT History Month
    - October 6, Fannie Lou Hamer’s Birthday
    - October 9, National Indigenous People’s Day
    - October 17, International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
  - C. Public Comment Protocol – Deputy Executive Director Kim Woolridge
- V. **ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

The following items from the agenda have been identified as those that may not require Commission discussion prior to being adopted or received. Items may be removed from the consent agenda on the request of any Commission member. Items not removed will then be moved for adoption by general consent without debate.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**(VIII. DIVISION REPORTS)**

- 1 \*Legislative Report, Dr. Jerome Reide
- 2 \*Communications Report, Vicki Levengood
- 3 Budget and Management Services Report, Abdel Aly
- 4 Enforcement Division Report, Atty. Marcelina Trevino and Marlene Cain
- 5 \*Disability Rights and Compliance Report, Atty. Tyra Khan
- 6 \*Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Report, Alfredo Hernandez
- 7 \*Community Engagement and Education Report, Anthony Lewis
- 8 \*Fund Development Report, Liliana Stoneback

**VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Meeting Minutes from July 24, 2023
- Special Meeting Minutes from September 18, 2023

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**VIII. DIVISION AND OTHER REPORTS**

- A. Executive Director Report, Atty. John E. Johnson, Jr.
- B. General Counsel Report, Atty. Lamont Satchel
- C. Enforcement Division Report, Atty. Marcelina Trevino
- D. 2024 FY Budget Update, Abdel Aly (VIRTUAL)
  - Proposals For Change
- E. Native American Boarding School Study Update, Melissa Kiesewetter (VIRTUAL)
- F. Attorney General Report, Atty. Heather Meingast, Division Chief, Civil Rights & Elections Division

**IX. COMMISSION BUSINESS**

- A. Chair's Report
- B. Committees Updates for Commission's 2023 Priorities
- C. Subcommittee for Commission's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- D. 2024 Commission Meeting Schedule
- E. Commission 2024 Priorities
- F. Nominating Committee for 2024 Election of Officers
- G. Update on November 8<sup>th</sup> Housing Discrimination Hearing (Detroit)

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Housing Discrimination Hearings and 2024 Civil Rights Summit
  - February 2024 (Date TBD) (Hearing #2)
  - April 2024 in West Michigan (Hearing #3)
  - June 12, 2024, in Detroit (Civil Rights Summit on Fair Housing)
- B. Resolution Encouraging Responsible Legislative and Executive Efforts Supportive of Providing Access to Drivers Licenses Irrespective of Status (Commissioner Lara)
- C. Resolution on Dynamic Character (Commissioner Corriveau)

**XI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**XII. COMMISSIONER CLOSING COMMENTS**

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**