

MICHIGAN CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

April 28, 2016 ~ 1:00 P.M.

Riverfront Banquet Center, One Riverfront Plaza

University of Michigan, Flint Campus

Flint, MI 48502

MINUTES

PRESENT: Commission Co-Chair Rasha Demashkieh
Commission Co-Chair Arthur Horwitz
Commission Secretary Mumtaz Haque
Commissioner Deloris Hunt
Commissioner Ricardo Resio
Commissioner Laura Reyes-Kopack
Commissioner Linda Lee Tarver
Commissioner Bradley Voss

The meeting was called to order by Commission Co-Chair Demashkieh at 1:04 p.m.

I. WELCOME

Commission Co-Chair Demashkieh opened the meeting with roll call of the Commissioners and welcoming remarks.

ROLL CALL: Commissioner Tarver, Commissioner Reyes-Kopack, Commissioner Horwitz, Commissioner Resio, Commissioner Hunt, Commissioner Voss. Co-Chair Demashkieh indicated that Commissioner Haque would arrive momentarily.

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the Meeting Agenda as submitted. On Motion duly made (Commissioner Tarver) and supported (Commissioner Hunt), the Meeting Agenda was approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

III. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. On Motion duly made (Commissioner Tarver) and supported (Commissioner Voss), the Consent Agenda was adopted as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the January 25, 2016 Meeting Minutes as submitted. On Motion duly made (Commissioner Resio) and supported (Commissioner Tarver), the Minutes were approved. Motion carried unanimously.

V. DIVISION REPORTS

Director's Report, Dr. Agustin Arbulu – In addition to Director Arbulu's submitted report, he highlighted his work activity since the January 25th meeting, which included Cabinet-level meetings with the Executive Office and state directors, meetings with legislators, and networking opportunities with existing and potential partnering agencies. Other areas of focus included the All-Agency Retreat, the DODDBHH move from Lansing to Detroit,

participation in the Governor's Flint Mission Team Meetings, and the activity of the major department divisions including Enforcement, Law and Policy, Public Affairs, DODDBHH.

VI. COMMISSION MATTERS

*Chair Report, Rasha Demashkieh – Co-Chair Demashkieh provided a brief report, indicating that the Commission's main focus has been planning for the hearing on the Flint Water Crisis.

*Attorney General Report, Ron Robinson – In addition to Mr. Robinson's submitted written report, the following status updates were provided on the following cases: *Barbara Smith v. Countryside Townhomes*, the case is currently pending in the Court of Appeals; *Marissa Biesbrock v. Meadows Crossing Apartments*, the case has been moved to federal court, MDCR will discuss with HUD to determine a course of action; *Angela Bercheni v. Charlie's Family Dining*, the case is currently in Third Circuit Court, Respondent has been served but has not responded, the Attorney General's Office will proceed with enforcement.

VII. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Commission Committee Reports were waived.

(At 1:15, Commissioner Mumtaz Haque arrived to the meeting.)

VIII. ONGOING BUSINESS

MOTION: To approve the structure for the April 28th Commission Hearing on the Flint Water Crisis and the Hearing Agenda.

On Motion duly made (Commissioner Tarver) and supported (Commissioner Haque), the structure for the April 28th Commission Hearing on the Flint Water Crisis and the Hearing Agenda were approved. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: To approve the procedural rules for the April 28th Commission Hearing on the Flint Water Crisis.

On Motion duly made (Commissioner Tarver) and supported (Commissioner Haque), the procedural rules for the April 28th Commission Hearing on the Flint Water Crisis was approved. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Joseph Hartz, National Federation of the Blind – Mr. Hartz brought concerns regarding alleged violations of the American Disabilities Act (ADA), with a focus on the accessibility of written materials using the SOM's website, and the unavailability of materials for today's meeting and hearing in Braille.

Diana McKittrick, Communication Access Center (CAC) – Ms. McKittrick brought concerns regarding a complaint filed due to the lack of an accessible accommodation.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Co-Chair Demashkieh at 1:50 p.m.

Secretary

Director