

MICHIGAN CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING

Friday, February 17, 2017 ~ 2:00 p.m.
Northbank Center Grand Ballroom ~ University of Michigan, Flint Campus
432 N Saginaw Street
Flint, MI 48502

MINUTES

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

EXCUSED: Commissioner Ricardo Resio

CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Demashkieh at 2:07 p.m.

Roll Call: Commissioner Hunt, Commissioner Horwitz, Commissioner Reyes Kopack, Commissioner Tarver, Commissioner Haque, Commissioner Voss

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Move to Approve the Meeting Agenda after amendment to remove “Rules of Meeting Procedure re: Flint Water Crisis Proceedings” from Agenda Item VII and add to Agenda Item IV.

On Motion duly made (Commissioner Haque) and supported (Commissioner Tarver), the amended Meeting Agenda was Approved. *Motion carried unanimously.*

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Move to Adopt the Consent Agenda as submitted.

On Motion duly made (Commissioner Tarver) and supported (Commissioner Kopack), the Consent Agenda was Adopted as submitted. *Motion carried unanimously.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 23, 2017 MEETING

MOTION: Move to Approve the Minutes from the January 23, 2017 Meeting as submitted.

On Motion duly made (Commissioner Tarver) and supported (Commissioner Hunt), the Minutes from the January 23, 2017 meeting were Approved as submitted. *Motion carried unanimously.*

PROCEDURAL RULES FOR FEBRUARY 17, 2017 MICHIGAN CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING RELEASING THE FLINT WATER CRISIS REPORT

MOTION: Move to Adopt the Procedural Rules as submitted.

On Motion duly made (Commissioner Tarver) and supported (Commissioner Haque), the Procedural Rules for the February 17, 2017 Michigan Civil Rights Commission Meeting releasing the Flint Water Crisis Report were Adopted as submitted. *Motion carried unanimously.* [The Rules were immediately posted in the public areas of the meeting venue.]

DIRECTOR’S REPORT, Executive Director Agustin V. Arbulu

CO-CHAIR REPORT, Commissioner Rasha Demashkieh

Special Tribute to outgoing commissioner Arthur Horwitz, followed by comments from fellow commissioners and Commissioner Horwitz.

ONGOING BUSINESS

TURNOVER GAVEL TO COMMISSIONER HORWITZ RE: FINAL FLINT WATER CRISIS REPORT

MOTION: Move to Turnover gavel to Commissioner Horwitz for the presentation on the Flint Water Crisis Final Report.

On Motion duly made (Commissioner Demashkieh) and supported (Commissioner Kopack), the gavel was turned over to Commissioner Arthur Horwitz. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION: Flint Water Crisis Report

Dr. Agustin V. Arbulu, Executive Director

Dan Levy, Director of Law and Policy

Following the presentation and after discussion, a Motion to Adopt the Flint Water Crisis Report was proposed.

MOTION: Move to Adopt the findings and recommendations set forth in the Flint Water Crisis Report, Systemic Racism Through the Lens of Flint, and Order the Michigan Department of Civil Rights to submit copies of the Report to the Executive and Legislative branches and our Congressional Delegation, and provide an update on the progress of the Recommendations adopted and approved by the Commission no later than 12 months from the adoption of this Motion.

On Motion duly made (Commissioner Hunt) and supported (Commissioner Tarver), the Motion to Adopt the findings and recommendations set forth in the “Flint Water Crisis Report: Systemic Racism Through the Lens of Flint”, and the Order to the Michigan Department of Civil Rights to submit copies of the Report to the Executive and Legislative branches and our Congressional Delegation, and provide an update on the progress of the Recommendations adopted and approved by the Commission no later than 12 months from the Adoption of this Motion were Approved. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Tony Palladino

Mr. Quincy Murphy

Mr. Arthur Woodson

Mr. Keith Pemberton

Ms. Claire McClinton

The Honorable Eric Mays, Flint City Council

Ms. Victoria Arteaga

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Move to Adjourn the Meeting.

On Motion duly made and supported, Adjournment of the meeting of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission at 4:11 p.m. was Approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary

Executive Director