

MICHIGAN CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, July 24, 2017 ~ 2:00 p.m.

Kool Family Community Center

200 West Michigan Avenue, Lew Boyd Auditorium

Battle Creek, Michigan

MINUTES

PRESENT: Commission Co-Chair Rasha Demashkieh
Commission Co-Chair Laura Reyes-Kopack
Commissioner Mumtaz Haque
Commissioner Linda Lee Tarver
Commissioner Bradley Voss

EXCUSED: Commission Secretary Deloris Hunt
Commissioner Ricardo Resio
Commissioner Jeffrey Sakwa

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was Called to Order at 2:00 p.m. by Commission Co-Chair Rasha Demashkieh. Roll Call of the Commissioners was taken to determine a quorum. Commissioner Voss, Commission Co-Chair Demashkieh, Commission Co-Chair Reyes-Kopack, Commissioner Tarver, Commissioner Haque. With five of eight commissioners present, quorum requirements are met.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Move to Approve the Meeting Agenda as submitted.
On Motion duly made (Commissioner Tarver) and supported (Commissioner Reyes-Kopack), the 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 Haque), the Consent Agenda was Adopted. *Motion carried unanimously.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 22, 2017 MEETING

MOTION: Move to Approve the Minutes from the May 22, 2017 Meeting as submitted.
On Motion duly made (Commissioner Tarver) and supported (Commissioner Haque), the Meeting Minutes were Approved. *Motion carried unanimously.*

DIRECTOR'S REPORT, Executive Director Agustin V. Arbulu

In addition to Director Arbulu's report, he reminded the Commission of the Michigan Alliance Against Hate Crimes' 10th Annual "Response To Hate" Conference is taking place September 6, 2017 at the MSU Kellogg Conference Center in East Lansing.

Also, Co-Chair Demashkieh asked to be apprised of updates and progress on the initiative regarding the Civil Rights curriculum, and she asked for an update on administrative rule changes as they become available.

CO-CHAIR REPORT, Commissioner Rasha Demashkieh

Following Co-Chair Demashkieh's remarks, and a brief discussion, a Motion was brought regarding the Commission's first Annual Report.

MOTION: Move to approve the Executive Council's proposed recommendations for the Commission's Annual Report provided at the May 27, 2017 meeting, and direct the Department to update and publish the Commission's Annual Report. On Motion duly made (Co-Chair Kopack) and supported (Commissioner Voss), the recommendations were Approved, and the Department was directed to update and publish the Commission's Annual Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Change of Meeting Date / Racial Equity Training

Following discussion, Commissioner Tarver brought the following Motion.

MOTION: Move to change the meeting date from September 25th to September 18th with a start time of 4:00 p.m., and to convene an abbreviated four-hour racial equity training for the Commissioners at 11:00 a.m.

On Motion duly made (Commissioner Tarver) and supported (Commissioner Haque), the meeting date of September 25th was changed to September 18th, with a start time of 4:00 p.m., preceded by racial equity training at 11:00 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

For Commissioners who are unable to attend, the training will be recorded so they can review it at a later date.

ATTORNEY GENERAL REPORT, AAG Ron Robinson

Mr. Robinson provided updates on the AG's Advisory Opinion no. 7296, as well as Court Case ***Patricia Shepard v. MCRC***.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Following discussion, the following Motion was brought.

MOTION: Move to table Director's Arbulu's update on the Education Report Summary until the next meeting on September 18, 2017.

On Motion duly made (Co-Chair Kopack) and supported (Commissioner Tarver), Director Arbulu's update on the Education Report Summary until the next meeting on September 18, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Equality Michigan's Request for Interpretive Statement regarding "sex", Nathan Triplett, Director of Public Policy

Following the presentation and discussion, Co-Chair Demashkieh directed the Department to undergo the proper procedures to provide an open public comment period to accept comments regarding this issue, and come back with the input gathered at the September 18, 2017 meeting. Director Arbulu indicated this would be done.

2017 MCOLES Report Update, Wayne Carlson and JuaQuita Grady

Mr. Carlson was asked to return and provide another update next year.

Willow Run-Ypsilanti Consolidated School District, Kirk Profit, Fred Jackson, Dr. Christal Nichols and Rep. Ronnie Peterson.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ellis Stafford
Mary Lou Boughton

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Move for Adjournment.

On Motion duly made and supported, Adjournment of the meeting of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission at 4:41 p.m. was Approved. *Motion carried unanimously.*

The meeting Adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

Secretary

Executive Director