

## MICHIGAN CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, July 23, 2018 ~ 1:00 P.M.  
Grand Traverse Resort and Spa, Tower Ballroom  
100 Grand Traverse Village Boulevard  
Williamsburg, Michigan

### MINUTES

PRESENT: Commission Co-Chair Mumtaz Haque  
Commission Co-Chair Laura Reyes-Kopack  
Commission Secretary Rasha Demashkieh  
Commissioner Stacie Clayton  
Commissioner Ira Combs, Jr.  
Commissioner Ricardo Resio  
Commissioner Alma Wheeler Smith

EXCUSED: Commissioner Jeffrey Sakwa

### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was Called to Order at 1:00 p.m. by Commissioner Reyes-Kopack. Roll Call of the Commissioners was taken to determine a quorum. Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Combs, Commissioner Demashkieh, Commissioner Reyes-Kopack, Commissioner Haque, Commissioner Resio, Commissioner Clayton. With seven of eight commissioners present, quorum requirements were met.

### AMENDMENTS OF MEETING AGENDA

**MOTION: To Amend the Meeting Agenda by moving Agenda Item 11 (Public Comment) to follow Agenda Item 3 (Adoption of Consent Agenda).** Following discussion, the following Motion was brought forth: **On Motion duly made (Commissioner Smith) and supported (Commissioner Combs), Agenda Item 11 was moved below Agenda Item 3.** *Motion carried unanimously.*

**MOTION: To Amend the Meeting Agenda by Tabling the Agenda Item entitled "Administrative Rules Changes" until further notice.** Following discussion, the following Motion was brought forth: **On Motion duly made (Commissioner Haque) and supported (Commissioner Combs), the Administrative Rules Changes were Tabled.** *Motion carried unanimously.*

### ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

**MOTION: To Adopt Consent Agenda as presented.** Following discussion, the following Motion was brought forth: **On Motion duly made (Commissioner Demashkieh) and supported (Commissioner Smith), the Consent Agenda was Approved.** *Motion carried unanimously.*

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Individuals from across the State brought concerns regarding Michigan Civil Rights Commission Interpretive Statement 2018-1.

Barb Willing  
Tim Berlin  
Mark Petzold  
Crystal Petzold  
Matthew Schoech  
Rick Warzywak  
Pastor Rusty Chatfield  
Reid Nelson  
Denny Hewitt  
Tim Schmig  
Former State Rep. Ken Bradstreet  
William Bump  
William Wanger  
Dr. Todd Vanaman

Pastor Jerry Rohn  
Gina Johnson  
Dr. Daryl Franzel  
Chuck Towersey  
Gene Haymaker  
Tim Aschmann  
Al Eldridge  
Mark McClure  
Gary Wnuk  
Chris Yager  
Gary Roush  
David Oliver  
Randy Bishop  
Bill Weisner

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM May 21, 2018 MEETING**

**MOTION: To Approve the Minutes from May 21, 2018 Meeting as submitted.** Following discussion, the following Motion was brought forth: **On Motion duly made (Commissioner Demashkieh) and supported (Commissioner Haque), the Minutes were approved.** *Motion carried unanimously.*

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Agustin V. Arbulu provided status updates on the Department's activity.

### **COMMISSION MATTERS**

- **CO-CHAIR REPORT**  
Commissioner Reyes-Kopack provided a status update on Commission activity.
- **ATTORNEY GENERAL REPORT**  
Assistant Attorney General Ron Robinson provided a status update on current cases.
- **COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS**  
This agenda item was waived.
- **UPDATE: PERSONNEL MATTERS**  
Commissioner Resio provided recommendations to the Commission on annual performance of the Executive Director, as well as next steps.
- **REVISIONS TO PROCEDURAL RULES FOR JULY 23, 2018 HEARING ON EDUCATION**  
Commissioner Demashkieh provided proposed updates for the Procedural Rules. Following discussion, the following Motion was brought forth:  
**MOTION: To Adopt the Revised Procedural Rules as submitted. On Motion duly made (Commissioner Smith) and supported (Commissioner Combs), the Revised Procedural Rules were Adopted.** *Motion carried unanimously.*

- **LOCATON AND THEMES OF FUTURE HEARINGS ON EDUCATION**  
Following discussion lead by Commissioner Reyes-Kopack, the following Motion was brought forth:  
**MOTION: To hold the next two hearings in Grand Rapids and Detroit, and to develop the themes and topics as indicated, and to provide a report back as to whether that is sufficient for purposes considering whether additional hearings would be needed at the September 24, 2018 meeting, and if those themes are not covered, we can consider additional cities and additional hearings to cover those themes. On Motion duly made (Commissioner Combs) and supported (Commissioner Demashkieh), subsequent hearings will convene in Grand Rapids and Detroit. Motion carried unanimously.**

## **ONGOING BUSINESS**

### **Update: LGBTQ Request/Response to AG from Legislators**

Director Arbulu and Assistant Attorney General Ron Robinson provided an update to the Commission on the LGBTQ Request and Response to the Attorney General from Legislators. Following discussion, no action was taken.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business.

## **COMMISSIONER COMMENT**

Commissioners provided final thoughts on significant items presented and discussed during today's Meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: On Motion duly made and supported, the meeting of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission at 3:35 P.M. was Adjourned. Motion carried unanimously.**

Next meeting scheduled for September 24, 2018; location and time to be determined.

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Secretary

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Executive Director