



JHRC COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, December 10, 2013

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Attending:	Parvez Ahmed, PhD	Daniel "Dan" O'Connor
	Victoria Bryant-Riggins, PharmD	Michelle L. A. Rollins, Esq.
	William "Casey" Bulgin	Walette Stanford
	Mario E. Decunto	Michael B. Stovall, Jr. (by phone)
	Crystal Freed, Esq.	
	Susan Harthill	
Commissioners Absent:	Cristina "Tina" Comstock	Michael Wachholz
	Leonardo del Rosario	Cindy Watson
	Ken Middleton	Dottie Wilson
	Sammy Miller	
Staff Attending:	Charlene Taylor Hill, Executive Director	Wayne McGovern, EO/EA Specialist
	Linda Grant-Hunter, Assistant Director	Joan Dolbear, Executive Secretary II
	Michael Wedner, Deputy General Counsel	

I. Call to Order

Commissioner Walette Stanford, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

II. Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Stanford called for a moment of silence and led the Commissioners in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Dan O'Connor to approve the summary of the Meeting Minutes from November 12 2013. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Susan Harthill. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

V. New Business

A. New Commissioner Introductions

Rocelia Gonzalez and Nathan Rousseau, Ph.D., were introduced to the Commission. Both individuals will be going before the City Council for final approval this evening.



VI. Old Business

A. Nominating Committee

1. Slate of Officers

Commissioner Casey Bulgin, Nominating Committee Chair, presented the slate of officers for 2014: Walette Stanford, Chair, William "Casey" Bulgin, Vice Chair and Daniel "Dan" O'Connor, Secretary. A motion was made by Commissioner Bulgin to accept the slate and was seconded by Commissioner Parvez Ahmed. The motion passed unanimously.

2. JHRC Committees

Recommendations for committee assignments were discussed. The Community Relations Committee will be chaired by Commissioner Casey Bulgin and will meet on the first Thursday of the month at 11:30 a.m. Commissioner Susan Harthill will chair the Employment Committee and will meet the second Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. The Housing and Public Accommodations Committee will be chaired by Commissioner Victoria Bryant-Riggins. The date of the meeting will be determined.

VII. Committee Reports

Commissioner Harthill, Chair Employment Committee, stated the committee will be meeting with Mr. Nathaniel P. Ford, Sr., CEO, of the Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA), to discuss barriers of employments as it relates to transportation. The meeting will be held on Thursday, December 19, 2013 at 10:30 a.m.

VIII. Executive Director and Staff Reports

As a follow up to the JaxScore report in November, Ms. Hill reviewed performance measures for October and November 2013. The metric statistics will be discussed on a monthly basis. Commissioners suggested that the report be posted on our website.

Ms. Hill reported that the Mayor's Disability Council and Disabled Services held an Employment Symposium on December 3, 2013 at Everbank Stadium. Over one hundred twenty (120) individuals attended the symposium, which included employers and persons with disabilities. JHRC participated in the presentation. This will be an annual event and JHRC will be more involved in the planning and execution of the event next year.

Ms. Hill stated that Mr. Bill Randall, a member of the Clay County Charter Revision Committee, has extended an invitation to her to be keynote speaker at its Martin Luther King Breakfast on January 20, 2014.

IX. Chair's Report

Commissioner Walette Stanford shared that Commissioner Sherry Murray has resigned due to a health issue. In addition, Commissioner Dottie Wilson is absent due to a health issue. Get well cards were sent to both Commissioners.



Commissioner Michele Rollins announced that this is her last meeting. She declined reappointment as a Commissioner so she could volunteer with the JHRC as a mediator and assist with other duties.

Commissioner Stanford reported she contacted Angela Spears, who plans city events for the Mayor, to ensure that there will be more diverse faith-based representation at events. Ms. Spears was extremely open to Commissioner Stanford's request.

X. Announcements

Commissioner Crystal Freed provided an update on the Human Trafficking Program scheduled during January and February, 2014. The vision to raise community awareness by using art as the medium will launch on January 23, 2014 and will be moved to multiple locations around the city. The art panels will be on exhibit at the February 5, 2014 Art Walk at Hemming Plaza (the Art Walk is held the first Wednesday of the month). A victim of Human Trafficking will be keynote speaker on February 13, 2014 at Jacksonville University. In addition, E. Benjamin Skinner, author of "A Crime so Monstrous," will be speaking on February 23, 2014 at UNF. Additional information will be forthcoming.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.