



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
BI-MONTHLY PUBLIC MEETING**

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March 12, 2025 at 6:30 PM
via Zoom

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- I. CALL TO ORDER – Commissioner Motoko Aizawa, Chair
- II. ROLL CALL– Commissioner Chair Aizawa or Designee
- III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
- IV. ADOPTION OF MEETING MINUTES (January 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes)
- V. REPORT OF THE OFFICE OF HUMAN RIGHTS: Director Kenneth Saunders
 - Upcoming Budget Hearing
 - Performance Oversight Hearing Recap
 - CMS procurement update
 - Enforcement Unit overview and update
 - Intake Unit established/internal promotions
- VI. LEGISLATIVE /OHR OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL (“OGC”) UPDATES: Juliette Niehuss, Interim General Counsel OHR OGC
 - B25-0319 - Fairness in Human Rights Administration Amendment Act
 - Projected law date of March 27, pending Congressional review, lack of funding
 - Second Chance Amendment Act
 - Effective March 1, 2025, per an emergency Council bill, but unfunded by Council
 - Enforcement of COHR Final Decision and Order in *Jackson v. Bailey*
 - Update from OAG

VII. REPORT OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Acting Chief Judge Brandes S.G. Ash

- **Private Sector (Commission) Case Inventory & Updates**
 - **Total of 24 Commission (COHR) Cases;**
 - **3 new cases** certified since the last COHR meeting on 01/08/2025;
 - **3 COHR cases closed after the last COHR meeting on 01/08/2025;;**
 - **2 COHR cases are set to close** within the next two (2) weeks;
 - In 86% of COHR cases, the Respondent has counsel;
 - In 59% of COHR cases, the Complainant has counsel;
 - Total of 13 OHR Hearing Unit Cases;
 - **TOTAL # of CASES FOR ALJS= 37**
- **Feb. 2025 D.C. Court of Appeals AI case:**
Niya Ross v. United States, No. 23-CM-1067, 2025 WL 561432 (D.C. Feb. 20, 2025)
- *SEE Chief ALJ PDF Report for additional/ supporting information.*

VIII. REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION: Chair Aizawa

- Performance Oversight Hearing
- COHR Archives Project
- Human Rights Awards Ceremony (Updates & Discussion)

IX. NEW BUSINESS

X. OLD BUSINESS

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

XIII. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

NEXT MEETING: MAY 14, 2025 at 6:30 PM

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