



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

OFFICIAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
January 11, 2023, at 6:30pm
Virtual Meeting
Zoom

MEETING MINUTES

Approved on March 8, 2023

*Recording of meeting is available at <https://www.open-dc.gov/meeting/commission-human-rights-bi-monthly-meeting-virtual-meeting-10>

ATTENDEES:

Commissioners

Motoko Aizawa, Chair
Karen Mulhauser, Vice Chair
Charlotte Clymer, Secretary
Adam Maier
Anika Simpson
Ellie Collinson
Robert Baldwin, III
Terri Janine Quinn
Wynter Allen

Office of Human Rights Staff

Hnin Khaing, Director
Andrea Goplerud, General Counsel

Commission on Human Rights Staff

Erika Pierson, Chief Administrative Law
Judge
Brandes Ash, Administrative Law Judge
Rose Hayden, Law Clerk

Guests

Lauren Taylor

ABSENT:

Lauren Lowery
Stuart Anderson
Maria E. Burnett

- I. CALL TO ORDER – Commissioner Aizawa, Chair
 - Chair Aizawa called the meeting to order.
- II. ROLL CALL – Commissioner Clymer, Secretary
 - A quorum was established.
- III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
 - The agenda was adopted as circulated.
- IV. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES: November 9, 2022, Meeting
 - The minutes of the November 9, 2022 meeting of the Commission were adopted as circulated.
- V. PRESENTATION: Lauren Taylor, 2022 Recipient of Neil Alexander Humanitarian Award
 - Ms. Taylor shared information regarding her organization “Defend Yourself” and the empowerment of self defense for vulnerable communities.
- VI. REPORT OF OFFICE OF HUMAN RIGHTS: Director Hnin Khaing
 - There is a new Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice, Lindsay Appiah, who was the Chief of Staff under the former Deputy Mayor.
 - DC Council has created a new oversight Committee on Public Works and Operations, led by Councilmember Nadeau. The Commission and OHR are now under this Committee for oversight. The oversight hearing will be in February, the date is being finalized now. Chair Aizawa and Judge Pierson will be meeting with Councilmember Nadeau this month.
- VII. REPORT OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE & COMMISSION CASE INVENTORY: Erika Pierson
 - Reappointments of Commissioners Mulhauser, Aizawa, and Collinson are being moved forward by MOTA.
 - The first decision was successfully published in the DC Register on December 9, 2023
 - The Commission is in compliance with the Open Meeting requirements and has posted all meetings on the Open Meetings website as well as published notice in the DC Register of all meeting dates for 2023.
 - Case Inventory was reviewed

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

- See Committee Reports

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- Election of Vice Chair and Secretary
 - Karen Mulhauser was unanimously elected Vice Chair of the Commission
 - Charlotte Clymer was unanimously elected Secretary of the Commission

X. OLD BUSINESS

- No old Business was discussed

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Awards Committee
 - Video of Addison Rose, 2022 Emerging Leader Recipient
 - The Awards Committee seeks new members
- Outreach Committee (Commissioner Mulhauser)
 - The outreach committee will be meeting soon
- Rules Committee (Commissioner Aizawa)
 - The Rules Committee met in December and will be focusing on amending the chapter 4 regulations, including emergency rulemaking regarding dismissals. The next meeting of the Rules Committee is in February.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Vice Chair Karen Mulhauser announced that new gender legislation before the D.C. Council would soon become law.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

- Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

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