

Minutes
January 18th, 2023

Commissioner Present:

Kathryn Cobb-Holmes
Karima Archie
Lisa Blount
Valerie Phelps Robinson
Zelda Yoder

Commissioner(s) Absent:

Stacey Taylor
Richard Wagner

Staff:

Kimberly Talbot

Guest:

None

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Cobb-Holmes at 6:13 p.m. The minutes were reviewed. Commissioner Blount moved to accept the minutes. Commissioner Archie second. The minutes were approved.

Executive Director's Report

A criminal justice intern from BTI worked on EEOC cases exclusively and did a really good job. The investigator position is still available. The office also has two other interns that work as HRC intake specialists.

A full time intake specialist/clerk position was added to the HRC budget by eliminating the two part time positions.

The E.D. participated in a panel discussion at Hershey Lodge on the eviction prevention project. Another municipality has requested assistance on establishing a commission and investigator. The Mayors state of the city address is scheduled for January 26, 2023 at 11 a.m. at the Miller Center. Commissioner Blount moved that the E.D.'s report be approved. Commissioner Phelps-Robinson second. Motion approved.

Old Business

PHRC offered several free trainings on 10/26, 11/30 & 12/21.

New Business

EEOC wants 10 cases done by the end of this fiscal year. They may be withdrawing our contract. Elections need to occur.

Good & Welfare

Commissioner Archie provided the following: -January 21st at the Wyomissing Library a program on migration will begin at 1 p.m. The program is sponsored by Berks Intercultural Alliance.

- February 16th Berks Democratic Women are celebrating Black History Month featuring African American Women Leaders in our community. It is a zoom event.
- February 18th at 1 p.m. Dr. Tiffenia Archie will discuss Civil Rights at the Wyomissing Library

Training:

None at this time

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.