

Minutes
May 15, 2024

Commissioner Present:

Kathryn Cobb-Holmes

Richard Wagner

Anthony Reynolds

Commissioner(s) Absent:

Lisa Blount

Valerie Phelps Robinson

Staff:

Kimberly Talbot

Guest:

None

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Cobb-Holmes at 6:13 p.m. The minutes from April were reviewed. Commissioner Wagner moved to accept the minutes and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. The minutes were approved.

Executive Director's Report

The office received 3 EEOC intakes and 1 inquiry. We did not have any housing inquiries or intakes.

Attorney Don Smith and the E.D. presented a webinar on our eviction program for the housing alliance.

Attorney Smith & I also went to speak with legislators in Harrisburg on 5/7 per a request from the Housing Alliance.

The city law department is reviewing the contract we received from Barta for advertising on the sides/back of the bus for approximately 8 weeks. The funding for this project was from the EEOC.

On April 10th the E.D. attended a meeting at the Wyomissing foundation regarding the grant we previously received. Commissioner Reynolds requested information about the budgeting portion of this grant.

Commissioner Wagner moved to accept the E.D.'s report and Commissioner Reynolds seconded. The report was approved.

Old Business

Commissioners held a discussion on the current state of homelessness and funding to address the issue.

New Business

The meeting scheduled for 6/19 is a holiday (Juneteenth). Commissioners voted to reschedule our monthly meeting for 6/26.

The EEOC provided books on "Models of Proof for employment discrimination". A book will be provided to each Commissioner.

Commissioner Reynolds suggested an agency "uniform" to address any dress code issues.

Judge Butler, Johnson & Scott have a shadowing program. Commissioners should refer interested students to any one of the 3 Judges.

The mayor's summer youth employment program will begin on 6/16.

Good & Welfare

Commissioner Cobb-Holmes will forward employment information she receives on a consistent basis to the E.D. to provide to clients of the HRC.

BCIU is having a job fair and Commissioner Cobb-Holmes will forward the information once she has date/time information.

Training:

There was an EEOC training for investigators on 5/15.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.