

**STATE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
FULL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
DOVER, DELAWARE**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2012**

The October monthly meeting of the Delaware Human Relations Commission was held by video-conference at the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, in Conference Room A, in Dover, Delaware; and the Carvel Building, 820 N. French Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Executive Conference Room, Wilmington, Delaware. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Calvin Christopher at 7:03 p.m., followed by a period of silent meditation.

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chairperson Calvin Christopher, Commissioners Mashoor Awad, Jamaal Bivens, Diaz Bonville, Whittona Burrell, Erika Caesar, Wallace Dixon, Bernice Edwards, Earnest Gulab, Doug James, Prameela Kaza, Wayne Keller, Gail Launay, Nancy Maihoff, Lorenzo Murdaugh, Olga Ramirez, Eli Ramos, Peter Schott, Robert Watson, Rosemarie Williams, Jamie Wolfe

**COMMISSION MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Commissioners Nathan Barnett, Chok-fun Chui, Steve Elkins, Marian Harris, Lois Myers, were excused, and Deputy Attorney General Barbara Gadbois was not present at the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The September, 2012 minutes were submitted and approved at the Full Commission Meeting.

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT**

No members of the public were present

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

**Executive Committee Appointments, Assignments and Reassignments for sub-committees**

- Chairperson Christopher is deferring his time to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee.

**50<sup>th</sup> SHRC Anniversary**

- The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Served) Luncheon will be held at Dover Downs Conference Center, on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 12-2pm. The cost is \$25.00 per person with a possibility of a supplement being available.
- Paper and electronic invitations have gone out. Each Commissioner received 20 tickets to sell to their friends and family. The goal should be to sell at least 10 tickets.
- Sponsorship forms for 3 levels of contributions were sent electronically; Change Agent for \$500.00, Change Leader \$1,500.00, and Drum Major \$2,500.00. Each level has various benefits associated with them. Direct all questions to Barbara Haigh.
- We will have a Program with 5 Award Honorees; Harold L. Truxon, Daniese McMullin-Powell, Drewry N. Fennell, James H. Sills, Jr. and Louis L. Redding; Mr. Redding's Daughter will receive his reward.
- Music will be by a Choir from Diaz's church.
- We are using EventBrite to electronically track Tickets being sold and print name tags.
- We are aiming for 250 people and are working diligently to have a program everyone will be proud of.
- Doug reported that he will not be able to sing as planned.
- Commissioners are to pay to attend the event, please advertise and get the word out.
- The Color Guard will be there as well.
- The Committee Members are asked to arrive at 10am to help set up and for sound check.
- All are welcome to help. Others should arrive by 11:30am to start promptly at 12pm.

- Reminder! Dover Downs needs a count of special menus and total count 10 days prior to the event.
- Peter Schott was the first to register on EventBrite. Thanks Peter.

## **DIRECTORS REPORT**

- Thanks and congrats! Whittona and Chok-Fun registered 25 individuals to vote at the community corrections facilities; Webb and Plumber Centers. Thank you for putting your training to work.
- Congrats!! G. Launey, Wallace Dixon, Nancy Maihoff and W. Burrell completed the U of D Basic Mediation Course. The Commissioner’s reports the training was excellent and a summary will follow.
- Romona would like to discuss adding an allotment of time to focus on various trainings that would be beneficial to the committee and/or the public.
- Romona received a call regarding controversial issues regarding the renaming of Division Street. The vote was delayed because the business community has concerns that the cost to change stationary, ads, phone books, would be too much, etc.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Public Awareness: (Chairperson, Doug James)**

- Please take a look at the article that came out on Bill Johnston in the Delaware Beach Life. We received good coverage on that.

### **Community Response Committee: (Chok-Fun Chui, Chairperson)**

- No report.

### **Legislative Committee: (Chairperson, Jamie Wolfe)**

- We were not able to have a meeting in September, but we have the next 8 months set for our meetings. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month, the week of the Committee meetings 7 to 8pm, via conference call.

### **Equal Employment Opportunity Committee: (Gail Launay, Chairperson)**

- We did not have a GCEEO Meeting in September. We will be meeting on October 25, at the Hazlet Building at 1pm, Room 219.
- The keynote speaker from the Statewide HR Conference that was held in the spring will be coming to meet with the group to discuss the continuation of the Governor’s Conference Theme “I am Aware.” If you would like to hear more about it, you are welcome to attend the GCEEO meetings as a member of the public.
- Agency reviews will start in November. We are already working hard to get information out to the members of the Council, so we can begin to work on those reports.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **GOOD NEWS**

Erica & Husband are expecting their first child in January.

Marie will be speaking at University of Maryland in November; the topic is “Balancing Work and the Family.”

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and approved at 8:03 p.m.