

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2015

The December monthly meeting of the Delaware State Human Relations Commission was held at The Outlook at the Duncan Center, 500 West Loockerman Street Dover, Delaware.

Attendance:

Commission Members Present: Chairperson Calvin Christopher, Commissioners Mashoor Awad, Jamaal Bivens, Diaz Bonville, Whittona Burrell, Erika Caesar, Chok-Fun Chui, Wallace Dixon, Stephen Elkins, Earnest Gulab, Rose Mary Hendrix, Doug James, Prameela Kaza, Gail Launay-Tarlecki, Nancy Maihoff, Janet Maull-Martin, Olga Ramirez, Walter Smith Jr., Robert Watson Jr., and Rosemarie Williams. DAG: Paige Schmittinger and Zoe Plerhoples.

Commission Members not present: Commissioners Bernice Edwards (unexcused), Michael Harpe (unexcused), Lorenzo Murdaugh (excused), Misty Seemans (excused) and Roy Sudler Jr. (unexcused).

Staff from Division of Human Relations Office: Romona Fullman, Ines Hungria, Nicole Alston-Jackson, Kelly Fox and Brenda Adams.

Members of the public present: Jamila Gulab, Louis Meyers, Lillie Dixon and Doris Bivens.

I Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Christopher at 6:26 p.m., followed by a period of silent meditation.

II Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the November 24th special SHRC meeting were submitted. A motion was made and seconded. A vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

III Members of the Public Present

No expressions from the public.

IV Chair's Report

<i>Topic / Discussion</i>	<i>Actions to be Taken</i>	<i>Leaders</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
Chair Christopher thanked Commissioners for their service to the Commission this year and welcomed all guests.			
Chair Christopher reminded all Commissioners of Hearing training scheduled Saturday, December 12 th . All Commissioners are encouraged to attend.			
Apology for Slavery – Chair Christopher advised that a Governor Jack Markell has announced his support for a resolution to apologize for slavery at Bethel AME Church this past Sunday Morning. Chair Christopher was in attendance at the services. He expressed the importance of follow through after the apology.			

V Director's Report

<i>Topic / Discussion</i>	<i>Actions to be Taken</i>	<i>Leaders</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
No formal Director's report was given.			

VI Committee Reports

<i>Topic / Discussion</i>	<i>Actions to be Taken</i>	<i>Leader</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
<u>Public Awareness Committee</u> – Commissioner James reported that Vince Petroff will be taping a Comcast Newsmakers segment in December.			
<u>Legislative Committee</u> – No report.			
<u>Community Response Committee</u> – Commissioner Maihoff reported that the Committee is still looking for Commissioners to fill vacancies in Kent County. She will be contacting potential Commissioners to interview at the January meeting.			

<p><u>Governor's Council on Equal Employment Opportunity Committee</u> – Commissioner Launay-Tarlecki reported the Committee reviewed the Department of Labor and the Department of Transportation on December 3rd. The next scheduled meeting will be January 13, 2016.</p>			
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VII Old Business

<i>Topic / Discussion</i>	<i>Actions to be Taken</i>	<i>Leader</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
None.			

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None.			

IX Good News

<i>Topic / Discussion</i>	<i>Actions to be Taken</i>	<i>Leader</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
<p>Commissioner Elkins thanked Chair Christopher for all that he has done.</p> <p>Commissioner Caesar expressed congratulations to Director Fullman for being recognized in the class of women in Delaware Today's Women in Business 2015.</p> <p>Commissioner Awad shared the grand opening of his Pie Five store in Dover.</p> <p>Commissioner Gulab shared that he and his wife will be celebrating 41 years of marriage on December 14th.</p> <p>Commissioner Kaza shared that her grandson was</p>			

born last week. Commissioner Bonville shard that his grandson is a recipient of the Better Delmarva and Jefferson Awards.			
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XI Meeting Adjourned

The Commission meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:41 p.m. by Chair Christopher.