

**STATE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
DOVER, DELAWARE**

Tuesday, November 24, 2015

The November 24th Special monthly meeting of the Delaware State Human Relations Commission was held by video-conference the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Conference Room A, Dover, Delaware; and the Carvel Building, 820 N. French Street, 4th Floor Executive Conference Room, Wilmington, Delaware.

Attendance:

Commission Members Present: Chairperson Calvin Christopher, Commissioners Whittona Burrell, Erica Caesar, Chok-Fun Chui, Stephen Elkins, Earnest Gulab, Rose Mary Hendrix, Doug James, Prameela Kaza, Nancy Maihoff, Walter Smith Jr., Roy Sudler Jr., Robert Watson Jr., and Rosemarie Williams.

Commission Members not present: Commissioners Mashoor Awad, Jamaal Bivens, Diaz Bonville, Wallace Dixon, Bernice Edwards, J. Michael Harpe, Gail Launay-Tarlecki, Lorenzo Murdaugh, Olga Ramirez and Misty Seemans.

Staff from Division of Human Relations Office: Vince Petroff and Kelly Fox

Members of the public present: Harmon Carey, Kathy McGinnis, and Johnathan Starkey.

I Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Christopher at 4:34 p.m., followed by a period of silent meditation. Commissioner Elkins requested that during the period of silent meditation everyone remembers those affected by the recent attack in Paris; including all refugees and those concerned about the policies concerning refugees.

II Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the November meeting were submitted for review and reviewed. A motion was made to accept the minutes. Motion was seconded. A vote was taken, motion carries with no opposition.

III Apology for Slavery Request

Topic / Discussion	Actions to be Taken	Leaders	Due Date
<p>Chair Christopher advised the purpose of the meeting this evening was to take action concerning the request, received during the last meeting, for the Commission to join the coalition to support the request for the Governor and Legislature to issue an apology for slavery.</p> <p>Commissioner Elkins made a motion for the Commission to go on the record in support of the request to the Governor to issue an apology letter for slavery and that when the Legislature returns to session the letter is sent to them. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sudler. A call for questions was made; there were no questions.</p> <p>A vote was taken by roll call. The results of the vote were as follows: Commissioners Burrell, Caesar, Chui, Elkins, Gulab, Hendrix, James, Kaza, Maihoff, Smith, Sudler, Watson, Williams in favor. No opposition. Motion carries.</p> <p>Mr. Carey expressed that they would like the support given prior to December 6th in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the ratification of the 13th amendment. Chair Christopher expressed he understood and that the Commission will take that into consideration.</p> <p>Commissioners Sudler, Elkins and Maihoff asked who would be responsible for, when will the letter be written and when it will be sent. Chair Christopher</p>			

indicated that this is to be determined.			
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XI Meeting Adjourned

The Commission meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. by Chair Christopher.