

Present: Commissioner Dunbar
Commissioner Crawford
Commissioner Margensey
Commissioner Margosis
Commissioner Salinas
Commissioner Selim
Commissioner Solon
Executive Director Saunders
Division Director Carroll

Absent: Commissioner Cho
Commissioner Khairallah
Commissioner Lawson
Commissioner Simon

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dunbar called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 18, 2009.

Approval of Agenda: It was moved by Commissioner Margosis and seconded by Commissioner Margensey to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: It was moved by Commissioner Margosis and seconded by Commissioner Crawford to approve the minutes as amended from the February 2, 2009, meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Announcements: Executive Director Saunders presented to the Commission a proclamation announcing April as Fair Housing month. The proclamation was signed by the Commission Chair and will be presented as a Board item.

Executive Director Saunders announced that Commissioner Cho will be absent from the next few meetings but will return as soon as possible.

Executive Director Saunders presented the monthly Case Status Report. The report shows that the staff is on point with the Balanced Score Card. In January, the staff mediated a \$60,000 settlement and in February, a \$90,000 settlement.

Executive Director Saunders announced that staff has been working with public television in preparing a 45 to 60 second PSA for the Commission. The PSA will inform the community about the Commission and give information on the protected classes. As many Commissioners as possible are encouraged to participate, especially the Chair and Vice Chair. Commissioner Salinas recommended that the PSA be translated into Spanish. Commissioner Margosis stated that he would work with WETA to see if they would also run the PSA.

Executive Director Saunders announced that because of a recent article published in The Washington Post regarding the backlog of cases with the EEOC, the staff may be receiving quite a few more cases from EEOC for investigation.

Commissioner Dunbar announced that the Virginia Association of Human Rights (VAHR) Planning Committee met on Monday to plan the annual training sessions. The proposed venue is Quantico instead of Virginia Beach. The VAHR committee is proposing a banquet with a keynote speech on the 45th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act.

Staff Issues –There were no staff issues.

PENDING BUSINESS

Commissioner Margosis invited Executive Director Saunders to Greenspring to sign the facility contract. Commissioner Margosis is to follow up with Director Saunders with a date. Commissioner Margosis is to follow up with Congressman Connolly for confirmation of attendance.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

HRC #2006259E – This was a follow up discussion on the appeal held on December 3, 2008. It was moved by Commissioner Margosis and seconded by Commissioner Margensey that the staff decision be upheld due to a no cause finding. The motion passed with unanimous vote.

HRC #2008389H – It was moved by Commissioner Margosis and seconded by Commissioner Crawford that the Commission issue a no causing finding under the County Ordinance. The motion passed with unanimous vote.

HRC #2007029E – It was moved by Commissioner Margosis and seconded by Commissioner Crawford that the staff decision be upheld due to a no cause finding. The motion passed with unanimous majority vote with one abstention.

HRC #2008033E - It was moved by Commissioner Margosis and seconded by Commissioner Margensey that the staff decision be upheld due to a no cause finding. The motion passed with unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.