

## Minutes of the Fairfax County Tenant-Landlord Commission

May 11, 2023

7:30 p.m.

Government Center Conference Room 232  
12000 Government Center Parkway  
Fairfax, VA 22035  
Chairperson Chamberlain, presiding

Attendance:

Commissioners: Chamberlain, Otonde, Reid

Absent:

Commissioners:

Staff Attending:

Susan C. Jones, Consumer Specialist III  
Consumer Affairs Branch

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairperson Chamberlain.

### **Minutes**

Commissioner Otonde made a motion to approve the April 13, 2023, minutes. Chairperson Chamberlain seconded the motion. The minutes were approved, 2-0-1.

### **Report of the Director**

Director Makely was not in attendance at the meeting.

Susan Jones, Branch Manager, Consumer Affairs informed the Commission that on May 9, 2023, the Board of Supervisors (BOS) approved the FY 2024 budget.

### **Report of the Chairperson**

Chairperson Chamberlain mentioned the increase in May advice inquiries. He also questioned the statistics involving properties under the Virginia Residential Landlord Tenant Act. Chairperson Chamberlain suggested reclassification. Staff will review their process.

### **Commission Matters**

Commissioner Reid spoke about new affordable dwelling units near his rental in Tysons being built.

Commissioner Otonde stated the complex where she lives allows food trucks to come several times a week for the residents and the loud noise from the generators disturbs peaceful enjoyment in the evenings. Commissioner Otonde has brought the issue to the attention of management and feels no compromise to the situation like letting the food trucks go to another section of the complex or provide power to the trucks to keep the noise level down. Staff will provide information on the process.

Chairperson Chamberlain spoke of the mission of the Tenant-Landlord Commission (TLC) and the desire to meet in various locations and times throughout the County to bring awareness to the residents about the TLC. Chairperson Chamberlain asked to put this item on new business for next month.

### **Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss.

### **New Business**

1. **Draft Advisory Memo.** Chairperson Chamberlain asked the Commissioners to email any suggested edits to the letter. Chairperson Chamberlain will have a final copy of the letter at the next meeting to approve and send to the BOS.

Chairperson Chamberlain mentioned that Title 42 is ending, and we will see a massive influx of additional people into the County. This will affect our workforce housing and the County needs to be prepared, not from an occupancy related issues initially, but from plumbing, hazard risks, fires, and overcrowding. This could lead to short term housing relocation situations that turn into long term situations when people found employment and a foothold in the community especially in our brick & mortar three story communities. You will not see an influx of complaints, mostly because they speak another language. Chairperson Chamberlain would love to reach out and do random building inspections of some of these communities from a consumer awareness side.

Commissioner Reid made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Otonde seconded the motion. The motion passed, 3-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.