



METROPOLITAN HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

February 1, 2021
4:30 PM
METRO CONFERENCE ROOM
2310 PARNELL AVENUE
FORT WAYNE, IN 46805
Teleconference: 260-427-8590 PIN: 189039

Meeting called by: STATUTORY MONTHLY MEETING
Type of meeting: FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH
Note taker: LESLIE HERNANDEZ, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT IV

Metro Commissioners: Lana Keesling, Chair; Aisha Arrington, Vice Chair; Jesus Trevino; Dorian Maples; Larry Wardlaw; Tabitha Ervin; and Dr. David Lombard.

Agenda

Call to Order
Roll Call of Commissioners
Reading of Minutes
Office Report
Old Business
New Business
Concerns/Comments from the Public
Adjournment

Call to Order and Roll Call at 4:31 p.m.

Commissioners Keesling, Wardlaw, Arrington, Maples, and Lombard present.

Other Persons Present: Jenny Gosheff, Staff Attorney

- January 4th meeting minutes were read and approved.

OFFICE REPORT

EEOC

EMPLOYMENT CASE PROCESSING (10/1/20 – 9/30/21):

- **Intakes (by 9/30/21): 110 (contract number) 25 (current status)**
- **Contract number of case closures by 9/30/21: 265**
 - 96 No Probable Cause Cases
 - 9 Settlements(\$50,083.00)
 - 5 Withdrawals
 - 0 Lack of Jurisdiction
 - 0 Right to Sue or Full Credit Transfer to the EEOC

HUD

HOUSING CASE PROCESSING (7/1/20 - 6/30/21):

18 Cases closed for contract

- 2 HUD Settlements
- 0 Lack of Jurisdiction/withdraw/admin
- 16 No reasonable
- 0 Reasonable cause
- 0 Conciliated Reasonable cause (\$)

25 Pending (Open being investigated)

ATTENDED EVENTS/OUTREACH:

January 7, 2021: Staff Attorney Gosheff and Director Quintana attended the Mayor’s Commission on Domestic Violence, Rape, and Sexual Harassment meeting.

January 12, 2021: Senior Investigator Woods conducted Housing Training for First Choice Housing.

January 25, 2021: Staff Attorney Gosheff attended the Fort Wayne Work to Include meeting.

January 27, 2021: Staff Attorney Gosheff attended the EEOC Legal Update webinar.

January 29, 2021: Metro Staff attended FHCCI Fair Housing Training.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- Administrative Assistant Abigail Reyes is fully trained in her new position.
- The office reopened to the public on an in-person basis January 25. All staff is working in person during normal business hours.

BUDGET/CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Admin Hernandez reviewed budgets and calendar.

LEGAL UPDATE/MATTERS:

Mediations: The Commission had no mediations in January.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Office Repairs: Working with Barry Marquart on repairing and painting hallway and some

offices. New drinking fountain was installed.

- Fair Housing Event: Process of planning an in-person event in October. Since we had our 2020 Fair Housing Summit in September we'd like to give it more time until our next one and hopefully able to have it in-person.
- Current Case Age: 155.38
- Final Order: Michelle N. Wert v. Trubble Brewing EO-0033-A20/24D-2020-00051
Staff Attorney Gosheff reviewed the facts of the case and requested to adopt the Final Order in default of complainant. A motion to adopt the final order was made by Commissioner Arrington. 2nd – Commissioner Maples. Approved. [Commissioners Keesling, Arrington, Maples and Lombard voted to adopt the final order.](#)

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

CONCERNS FROM THE PUBLIC:

MEETING ADJOURNED at 4:53 pm