



Raul Torres
Executive Director

June 8, 2023,

Board Chambers

Minutes of May 11, 2023

Human Rights Commission

MINUTES

Chair

Curtis O. Porter

Vice Chair

Evelyn BruMar

Parliamentarian

Ramunda Young

Members

William Johnston

Dr. Erika Laos

Padreus D. Pratter

Aaron Muz

Benjamin Baldwin

Victor L. Ginoba, Jr.

Present: Commissioners, Padreus Pratter, Victor Ginoba, William Johnston, Aaron Muz, Benjamin Baldwin, Vice Chair Evelyn BruMar, Chairman Curtis Porter, Director Raul Torres, Manager Shelia Venning, Administrative Specialist Tiffany Jones, and County Attorney Michelle Robl. There were no citizens present. Chair Porter called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

Citizens Time

- No citizens were present.

Old Business

- Minutes of May 11, 2023, were approved (Baldwin moved/BruMar-second)

New Business

- A Motion to go into close session was presented, duly seconded, and approved. The Commission when into close session to obtain legal advice from the County Attorney.
- County Attorney Michelle Robl advised the Commission in closed session.
- The Commission voted on a motion to return to open session, which was approved.
- The Commission certified that the matter discussed in closed session was legal advice provided by the County Attorney.
- Resolution to declare, affirm and recognize June 19 of 2023 as Juneteenth Day (Pratter moved/Ginoba-second) Resolution passed 7/0 - 2 absent.
- Resolution to declare, affirm and recognize the Month of June of 2023 as Lesbian,

30 Years of Eliminating Discrimination and Establishing Equal Opportunity

Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer or Questioning (LGBTQ+) and More Pride Month (Pratter moved/Ginoba-second) Resolution passed 6/1 - 2 absent.

- Resolution Stating the Human Rights Commission's Strong Interest in Finding a Legal Path to Extend and Provide Agree Human Rights Services to The Cities of Manassas and Manassas Park (Ginoba moved/BruMar-second) Resolution passed 7/0 – 2 absent.

Committee Reports

Unity in the Community

- Commissioner Porter will reach out to Unity to discuss the HRC's participation in their Day of Prayer/Day of Peace celebration.

VAHR

- VAHR held a partial directors meeting on Monday, May 8, to discuss the plans for its future.
- Commissioner Porter thinks it's time to dissolve the organization, as it is ineffective. There is \$3,000 in the treasury, and he would like to host training to liquidate the account.
- Commissioner Porter plans to email all Directors, requesting that a representative from each jurisdiction be available on June 26, 2023, to discuss using the remaining funds for training.

Racial Social Justice Commission (RSJC)

- The RSJC did not meet in April. The next RSJC meeting will be held on Thursday, May 18.

PWC Jail Board

- The Jail Board will be meeting on Wednesday, May 17.

Director's Report

- The inventory stands at about 17 cases for the office.
- The office is on track to close 34 cases this year, as stated in the contract with the EEOC.
- The office hired a contractor to do Fair Housing Testing on the county's Western end. The report will be distributed in the next coming weeks.
- The HRC office has an advertisement in the May edition of the Prince William Living magazine.

COMMISSIONER'S TIME

Aaron Muz – Noting to report.

Benjamin Baldwin – Nothing to report.

Padreus Pratter – Nothing to report.

Victor Ginoba – Happy Military Appreciation Month

William Johnston – Title 42 immigration policy expires at midnight.

Evenly BruMar – On May 21 from 12 pm – 4 pm, Quality Prince William will host a Pride event at the Harris Pavilion in Manassas.

Curtis Porter – Chair Porter would like to thank everyone who attended tonight's HRC meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.

ACTIONABLE ITEMS

ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON	DUE DATE	STATUS

**PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
CHARGES AND OUTCOMES FOR MAY 2023**

	Case Closures	Cases Opened	Inventory
Employment		1	
Housing		2	
Public Accommodation	1		
Education			
Credit			
TOTAL			20