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Executive Director

February 8, 2024,

Minutes of January 11, 2024
Human Rights Commission
J McCoart Building – Board Chambers

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 William Johnston, Benjamin Baldwin, Padreus Pratter, Aaron Muz, Victor Ginoba, Ramunda Young, Vice Chair Evelyn BruMar, Chairman Curtis Porter, Director Raul Torres, Manager Shelia Venning, and Administrative Specialist Tiffany Jones.

Chair Porter called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm.

Citizens Time

- Fifteen citizens were present.

Old Business

- The minutes of the December 14, 2023, meeting were approved (Baldwin moved/Johnston -second)

New Business

- Resolution to declare, affirm, and recognize the month of February as Black History Month (Baldwin moved/Johnston-second) Resolution passed 8/0 – 1 absent.
- Commissioner BruMar suggested that the Commission have a display at all Prince William County buildings recognizing the resolutions passed each month.
 - In response to Commissioner BruMar's suggestion, the Commission decided to distribute all resolutions to our community partners.

Elections – The Commission elected officers for CY2024.

- The officers are as follows:
 - Curtis Porter, Chairman
 - Evelyn BruMar, Vice Chairwoman
 - Ramunda Young, Parliamentarian

Universal Human Rights Day Program (UHRD)

- The program will be held on Saturday, January 13, 2024, at 10 am in the Board Chambers of the McCoart Building.
- Ralph Smith, Manassas City Councilman, will be the keynote speaker.
- The Commission will present two individuals and three groups with the Human Rights award.
- Commissioners were asked to be present by 9:30 am.

Committee Reports

Unity in the Community

- Unity in the community reported an incident in which KKK literature was left in the area surrounding Dar Alnoor Islamic Community Center.
- The next meeting will be held on Sunday, January 28, at 6:30 pm at Dar Alnoor Islamic Community Center.

Outreach Event(s)

- Mental Health in the Workplace Webinar is on January 31 at 6 pm via Zoom.
Speakers: PWC Human Rights Office, NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and PW Community Services Board.

Human Rights Student Leadership Council

- The next session of the SLC will be a guided discussion on mental health on February 1, 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm, at Kelly Leadership Center.
- On February 13, 4:30-6:30, Kelly Leadership Center, Fair Housing presentation.

Racial and Social Justice Commission (RSJC)

- The RSJC met on December 7; the report has not been finalized.
- The next meeting is TBD.

Director's Report

- On January 10, the HRO met with the Muslim Association of Virginia. We are planning a community dialogue with the Muslim community in the spring of this year.

- The next planning meeting has been scheduled for February. At that meeting, we will discuss concerns in the Muslim community, the format for the dialogue, and guest speakers.
- The County Attorney, Michelle Robl, will update the Commission on the latest Manassas City/ Park expansion information at the April commission meeting.
- The Jail Board will be meeting on January 17.

COMMISSIONER'S TIME

Aaron Muz – Thank you to the citizens for your attendance and for sharing your concerns.

Padreus Pratter – Happy New Year to the Commission.

Benjamin Baldwin – Thank you to the citizens for your attendance and for sharing your concerns.

William Johnston – Thank you to the citizens for your attendance and for sharing your concerns.

Victor Ginoba – Thank you to the citizens who had the courage to speak tonight.

Ramunda Young – Thank you to the citizens who spoke tonight.

Evelyn BruMar – Thank you to the citizens who had the courage to speak.

Curtis Porter – Thank you to the citizens for your attendance and for sharing your concerns.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 pm.

ACTIONABLE ITEMS

	RESPONSIBLE PERSON	DUE DATE	STATUS

**PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
CHARGES AND OUTCOMES FOR JANUARY 2024**

	Case Closures	Cases Opened	Inventory
Employment	1	3	
Housing			
Public Accommodation			
Education			
Credit			
TOTAL			22