

Raul Torres Executive Director

September 12, 2024,

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

#### **Human Rights Commission**

Curtis Porter, Chairman
Evelyn BruMar, Vice Chair
Ramunda Young, Parliamentarian
William A. Johnston, III
Dr. Erika Laos
Padreus D. Pratter
Aaron Muz
Benjamin Baldwin
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## **MINUTES**

ChairMembersCurtis O. PorterWilliam JohnstonVice ChairDr. Erika LaosEvelyn BruMarPadreus D. PratterParliamentarianAaron MuzRamunda YoungBenjamin BaldwinVictor L. Ginoba, Jr.

<u>Present</u>: Commissioners Benjamin Baldwin, Aaron Muz, Ramunda Young, Vice Chair Evelyn BruMar, Chairman Curtis Porter, Director, Raul Torres, and Assistant Director, Shelia Venning.

Chair Porter called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

#### **Citizens Time**

There were no citizens present at the meeting.

### **Old Business**

 The minutes of the June 13, 2024, meeting was approved with corrections (Baldwin moved/Young - second)

#### **New Business**

No new business

# **Committee Reports**

## **Unity in the Community**

- Unity in the community had a virtual meeting on Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. They meet every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month.
- UITC is in the process of planning its annual International Prayer for Peace Day.

#### Jail Board

Jail Board meeting will be held on July 17, 2024.

# **Racial Social Justice Committee**

• RSJC meeting was held on June 20, 2024. The commission is finishing up the report for the BOCS.

#### **Director's Report**

- The HRO participated in the following outreach activities during June:
  - O June 4<sup>th</sup> Power of Pride outreach event
  - O June 13<sup>th</sup> Procurement Vendor Expo
  - O June 17<sup>th</sup> Juneteenth and Me event.
- The Commission held its second Community Dialogue forum on June 26<sup>th</sup>, with the Muslim Community. The guest speakers were Dar Al Noor Islamic Community Center representatives Abdulahad Farooq and Ehsan Islam; PWC Department of Social Services Kimberly Ellis and Holly Handy; PWC Chief of Police, Peter Newsham; and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) Mindy Weinstein, Washington Field Office Director.
- The office is in the process of recruiting for the vacant Outreach & Education Coordinator.
- The HRO will have an onsite visit with the State and Local Coordinator from EEOC.

## **COMMISSIONER'S TIME**

**<u>Aaron Muz</u>** – Nothing to report.

**Benjamin Baldwin** – Happy to see everyone.

<u>Ramunda Young</u> – Happy to see everyone. Will the office attend the African American festival? Any updates on the Manassas/Manassas City Expansion?

**Evelyn BruMar** – Casa BruMar, will be launching a YouTube channel. Casa BruMar will host its annual Symposium on Saturday, September 28, 2024, at the George Mason Science and Technology Campus.

<u>Curtis Porter</u> – Chair Porter looks forward to being a part of Casa BruMar's events. Come out to the African American Festival at Metz Middle School in Manassas, on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

No meeting in August

The meeting was adjourned at 8.45 pm.

## **ACTIONABLE ITEMS**

RESPONSIBLE PERSON	DUE DATE	STATUS

# PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION CHARGES AND OUTCOMES FOR JULY 2024

	Case Closures	Cases Opened	Inventory
Employment	6	5	
Housing			
<b>Public Accommodation</b>			
Education			
Credit			
TOTAL			25