

Civil Rights Commission Agenda

Regular Meeting

March 15, 2021 - 06:00 PM

Online Meeting

Members : McKenzie Colas (Chair), Janelle Shoemake (Vice-Chair), Kate Stevens (Secretary), Amy Bergquist, Jeffrey Cobia, Andrew Crowder, Blythe Davis, Cindy Devonish, David Farrar, Mary Fee, Bob Fine, Victoria Fok, Ashley Gold, Bennett Hartz, Paul Hurckman, Cindy Lord, Kenneth Rance, Cassandra Shepherd, Mark Stignani, Jayne Swift, and Jared Widseth (Quorum - 12)

Staff: Ayan Adan

Call To Order

1. Roll Call.

A quorum was present.

2. Adoption of the agenda.

Action taken: Adopted.

3. Acceptance of minutes

[Feb 22, 2021 Civil Rights Commission](#)

Action taken: Accepted.

Presentation

4. Receiving a training on the review panel and SharePoint access.

[Review Panel Training 2021](#)

Kaela McConnon Diarra, Compliant Investigations Division Manager, gave a presentation on the review panel and how to review cases that are presented to the Commission.

Abdifatah Mohamed, Complaint Investigations Division Senior Investigator, gave a presentation on which District Minnesota followed when it came to ruling on cases. He also informed the Commissioners on what to expect when it came reviewing various cases.

Matthew Odumuyiwa, Compliant Investigation Division Program Assistant, went over how to access SharePoint in order to review documents.

New Business

5. Reviewing Executive Committee's decision regarding Commissioner Farrar's unexcused absences.

[Appellant Statement](#)

Farrar moved that the Commission affirm that he provided good cause for his absences. On roll call, the motion passed.

Farrar moved that the Commission affirm that he provided timely notice for his absences. On roll call, the motion passed.

Farrar moved that his absences in 2020 be considered excused. On roll call, the motion passed.

6. Receiving and filing a report from the Chair relating to Subcommittee assignments.

Community Engagement & Research Subcommittee: Stevens, Devonish, Hurckman, Davis, Fok, and Gold

Standards & Procedures Subcommittee: Bergquist, Cobia, Fee, Hartz, Shepherd, Widseth, Fine, and Stignani

Workforce Compliance Subcommittee: Cobia, Lord, Rance, Swift, Stignani, and Farrar

Public Comment

7. Receiving and filing public comments.

Reports

8. Receiving reports from the following:
 1. Accountability for the Killing of George Floyd Task Force
 2. Vice-Chair of Civil Rights Commission
 3. Chair of the Civil Rights Commission
 4. Civil Rights Department - Director of Complaint Investigation Division

[Task Force Statement \(Mar 11, 2021\)](#)

Addendum

Approving a statement drafted by the Accountability for the Killing of George Floyd Task Force.

Lord moved to approve. On roll call, the motion passed.

Adjournment