

**Office of Equity and Civil Rights
Community Relations Commission
Virtual Meeting
Public Session Minutes
September 16, 2020**

Participating in the virtual conference were Commissioners Todd Yeary (Chair), Phillip Farfel, Stephen Ruckman, and Nadine Finigan-Carr. Absent: Commissioners Adote Akwei, A. Adar Ayira, and Karsonya Whitehead. Also present were staff: Cedric McCray (Director), Lisa Kelly (Supervisor), Danielle Burton, Lauren Jackson, and Zelma Ortiz.

I. Welcome/Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at approximately 12:03 pm. A quorum was not established.

II. Approval of the Minutes

A. July 15, 2020

- a. Minutes not approved due to lack of a quorum.

III. Director's Report

A. Director McCray gave highlights:

- a. Raemond Parrott no longer Director.
- b. Director McCray gave a brief summary of Civil Rights Week
- c. Legislative update and discussion on staff proposal to place a cap on compensatory and punitive damages under Article IV. Chair Yeary stated that there needs to be more research into damages and recommendations.
- d. Commissioner Finigan-Carr spoke about labor trafficking and the Baltimore City Human Trafficking collaborative. She would like to see updates on this collaborative in future reports.

IV. Commissioners' Report

A. Chair Yeary spoke about the issue of Commissioner appointments

- a. Short staffed
- b. Normal workflow disrupted due to COVID-19
- c. Need for additional candidates

V. Open Forum

- A. Chair Yeary commended the staff for their commitment and hard work.

B. Next meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2020.

There was no further business to discuss.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Drummond
Office of Equity and Civil Rights