

**Office of Equity and Civil Rights
Community Relations Commission
Virtual Meeting
Public Session Minutes
May 17, 2023**

Participating in the virtual conference were Commissioners Stephen Ruckman (Acting Chair), Amahl Foster, Yvette Ilechie, Deyo Johnson, and Reynaldo Evangelista. Also present were staff: Dana P Moore (Director), Danielle Burton (Supervisor), Zelma Ortiz (Investigator), Andrea Pineda (Investigator), and Nate Cohen (Investigator).

I. Welcome/Call to Order

A. The meeting was called to order at 12:13 pm by Acting Chair Stephen Ruckman.

II. Approval of the Minutes

A. The April 19, 2023 public session minutes were approved.

III. Director's Report

A. Director Moore gave the Director's Report.

1. Director Moore gave an overview of the Department of Planning and the Office of Equity and Civil Rights collaboration and equity plan for the City.

B. Data – Danielle Burton

1. CRC has received additional complaints from EEOC.
2. CRC's active cases having increased to 55.

C. Administrative – Director Moore

1. OECR has hired Viola Woolums (legal counsel) for the Mayor's Commission on Disabilities. Currently they have received five complaints.
2. It is budget season and OECR will add three new positions for the Equity Division under the new budget.
3. OECR is in the process of onboarding new hires for the Police Accountability Board.
4. The office is being measured for spacing. There are opportunities for staff to telework as staff has increased from 17 to 34.

D. Administrative – Danielle Burton

1. CRC Staff attended the Housing Committee meeting at the Baltimore Metropolitan Council - May 4, 2023
 - i. Zelma Ortiz gave a brief summary of the appraisal disparities and homeownership gaps that were discussed.

2. CRC Staff attended the Know Your Rights seminar for the Housing Choice Voucher program – May 12, 2023
3. EEOC training for new investigators will take place in June. Andrea Pineda will be attending.

IV. Commissioners' Report

- A. Acting Chair Ruckman reminded Commissioners that financial disclosures were due May 1, 2023.

V. Open Forum

VI. Closing

There was no further business to discuss.

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioners voted to adjourn at 12:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Drummond
Office of Equity and Civil Rights