



Raul Torres  
Executive Director

April 13, 2023,

Board Chambers

Minutes of March 9, 2023

Human Rights Commission

**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, Benjamin Baldwin, Padreus Pratter, Aaron Muz, Victor Ginoba, William Johnston, Ramunda Young, Evelyn BruMar, Vice Chair and Curtis Porter, Chair, Director Raul Torres, Shelia Venning, and Tiffany Jones. There were no citizens present. Chair Porter called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm.

**Citizens Time**

- No public comment.

**Old Business**

- Minutes of March 9, 2023, were approved (Baldwin /Pratter-second)

**New Business**

- Several students from Cohort 7 presented before the Commission on issues related to Civil and Human Rights.
- Resolution to declare, affirm and recognize the month of April as Fair Housing Month (Johnston moved/Baldwin-second) Resloultion passed 8/0 - 1 absent.
- Motion to dissolve VAHR (BruMar moved/Pratter second) – Motion failed 3/5
- Motion to make a decision on the future of VAHR after the other jurisdictions have weighted in. (Young moved/Ginoba second) passed 8-0

## **Committee Reports**

### **Student Leadership Council**

- The Graduation for Cohort 7 will be held on March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Auditorium at the Ferlazzo building.
- SLC will start recuting in October for Cohort 8.

### **Unity in the Community**

- On February 19<sup>th</sup> EJ Scott made a presentation about the historic Liberty Street in Manssas for Black History Month.
- Unity in the Community is working on obtaing the license to create a play or video of Ann Frank meeting Emmit Til. This is currently in discussion.

### **VAHR**

- The Chair has reached out to the members of VAHR to determine whether the association should continue or be dissolved.

### **Racial Social Justice Commission (RSJC)**

- The Racial Social Justice meeting will be held March 16<sup>th</sup>.
- The commission is working on finalizing the report to be presented to the BOCS.

### **PWC Jail Board**

- Nothing to report; Next meeting will be held March 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Director's Report**

- Commissioners names and photos have all been updated on the HRC website.
- Request confidentiality forms to be signed by the new commissioners and returned to the office.
- On March 18<sup>th</sup> the office will host a Webinar – “Re-Entry - The Prince Wiliam County Way”.
- Request that all commssioners be responsive in their communication with office staff.

## **COMMISSIONER'S TIME**

**Victor Ginoba** – Nothing to report

**William Johnston** – Noticed there has been an raise in crime in the county.

**Padresus Pratter** – Lets pray for students that are dealing with mental health issues.

**Aaron Muz** – Enjoy every year when the SLC students come to present before the commission.

**Benjamin Baldwin** – Thanked office staff for the Orientation and Ordinance training; happy to be part of the commission.

**Ramunda Young** – Thanked the staff for all their hard work; Happy Womans History Month

**Evenly BruMar** – Today is National Crab Meat Day; March 8<sup>th</sup> was HOLI (Hindi Festival) and International Womans Day; It has come to the attention of CASA BruMar that members of their community are being attacked because of their gender identity, gender expression and sexual orientation; Nominated to be one of Prince William County most influential woman.

**Curtis Porter** – Congratulations to Commissioners Young and BruMar for being nominated to be one of PWC most infulentional woman; Advised the commissioners to refer all complaints/concers of discrimination to the office.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23pm.

**ACTIONABLE ITEMS**

ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON	DUE DATE	STATUS

**PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
CHARGES AND OUTCOMES FOR MARCH 2023**

	Case Closures	Cases Opened	Inventory
<b>Employment</b>	1	5	
<b>Housing</b>			
<b>Public Accommodation</b>		1	
<b>Education</b>			
<b>Credit</b>			
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>18</b>