

Minutes of the
Cook County Commission on Human Rights
October 16, 2019

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Attendance:

Present: Chairperson K. Gunn; Commissioners J. Block, T. Connor, A. Hamada, C. Eatherton, G. Orr, A. Smock.

Absent: Vice-Chairperson K. Ayala-Bermejo, Commissioners E. Clarke-Bey, C. E Harris II, H. Ratner

Staff: Director N. Keith Chambers, Deputy Director G. Smith, Legal Counsel E. Stewart, Investigator A. Cahn, Administrative Analyst K. Johns.

Members of the public: Tom Benedetto, Chicagoland Apartment Association, Michael Scobey, Illinois REALTORS, Mary Kay Monaghan, private landlord, Brent Adams, Woodstock Institute, Troy O'Quinn, Thornton Township, Henry Shah, Shriver Center on Poverty Law, Sarah Yousef, Community Renewal Society, Ahmadou Drame, Safer Foundation, Gianna Baker, Chicago Fair Housing Alliance, Maria Moon, Chicago Fair Housing Alliance, Michael Glasser, Neighborhood Business Alliance, Tina Wallace, Neighborhood Business Alliance, Cook County Commissioner Degnan

Chairperson Gunn called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

I. Adoption of Agenda

The motion to change the order and approve the agenda was approved and adopted by unanimous voice vote.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes-May 9, 2019

The May 9, 2019 meeting minutes were approved and adopted by unanimous voice vote.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes-July 16, 2019

The meeting minutes to the July 16, 2019 were approved and adopted By unanimous voice vote.

IV. Executive Session

- a. 2016H003-Review of ALJ Recommended Order and Decision on Liability and Damages

At about 10:20am the Commissioners adjourned to Executive Session where they discussed and voted on the ALJ's proposed decision on Liability and Damages.

V. Voting Regarding Executive Session Items, if any

At 10:42am Chairperson K. Gunn's motion to end executive session was unanimously supported.

Statements by the General Public

There were twelve oral statements by the general public.

VI. Discussion of Just Housing Rules Committee Public Hearing and Proposed Amendments to the Interpretive Rules

Deputy Director G. Smith led a discussion with the commissioners about the draft rules. The draft rules were submitted to the Cook County Board Rules Committee. The Rules Committee returned proposed modifications to the Commission's draft rules. The Commission received lengthy public comments in support of and in opposition to the proposed modifications. The Commission then adopted draft rules that are attached hereto.

VII. Other Business, If Any

VIII. Adjourn

By a unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 12:19 p.m.