

Minutes of the Cook County
Commission on Human Rights – Open Session
March 31, 2022

Attendance:

Present: Jack Block, Chair Angie Cowan Hamada, Ceylan Eatherton, Vice Chair S. Mayumi Grigsby, Gia Orr, Amber Smock, Sufyan Sohel, Rev. Richard Tolliver, Anjali Waikar

Absent: Director S. Baker

Staff Present: Deputy Director J. King, Investigator A. Cahn, Investigator J. Jones, Investigator J. Brown, Outreach and Training Coordinator J. Epplin-Zapf, Administrative Analyst K. Johns

I. Open Session

A. Call to Order

Chair Hamada called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

B. Statements by the General Public

There were no statements by the public.

C. Agenda Approval

The agenda was approved and adopted by unanimous voice vote.

D. Approval of the February 3, 2022, Regular Meeting Open Minutes

The meeting minutes to the February 3, 2022, Regular Meeting Open Minutes were approved and adopted by unanimous voice vote.

E. Director's Report

Deputy Director J. King reported that for the first quarter of fiscal year 2022, there were 36 active investigations, 136 intakes, 27 new cases filed and 22 closed investigations. She reported that there were 4 pending matters in administrative hearings with one in mediation. She noted that 12 cases have been settled with approximately \$12,000.00 paid out to complainants. Outreach and Training Coordinator J. Epplin-Zapf reported for the first quarter of fiscal year 2022, the office had participated in several trainings, panel discussions and working groups. She reported that information regarding the Source of Income protections memo had been distributed. She reported that staff has several coordinated trainings throughout the month with various community groups and partner agencies. She stated that she is hoping to release the Fair Housing video library by April 2022.

F. Commissioner's Updates

There were no Commissioner's Updates.

G. Commission 180-Day Extension for Investigation in 2021E007 and 2021PA004

A 180-day extension in 2017E007 and 2021PA004 was voted on and approved by unanimous voice vote.

II. Executive Session

At 10:12 a.m., the Board adjourned into Executive Session.

H. Discussion of the February 3, 2022, Regular Meeting Closed Minutes

There were no comments or corrections. Minutes to be voted on in open session.

I. Proposed Resolution Racial Covenants Unconstitutional – Commission Review and Approval

There was no comment or discussion made. Proposed Resolution to be voted on in open session.

III. Open Session

At 10:17 a.m., the Board convened back into Open Session.

J. Approval of the February 3, 2022, Regular Meeting Closed Minutes

The meeting minutes to the February 3, 2022, Regular Meeting Closed Minutes were approved and adopted by unanimous voice vote.

K. Voting Regarding Executive Session Items if any

The Proposed Resolution to find racial covenants unconstitutional was approved and adopted by unanimous voice vote.

L. Adjourn

By unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.