

**Minutes of the Cook County
Commission on Human Rights - Executive Session
September 15, 2022**

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Attendance:

Present via video: Jack Block, Chair Umi Grigsby, Vice Chair Gia Orr, Sufyan Sohel, Rev. Richard Tolliver, Anjali Waikar

Absent: Ceylan Eatherton, Amber Smock, Deputy Director J. King, Legal Counsel K. Khan

Staff via video: Director S. Baker, Investigator A. Cahn, Investigator J. Jones, Investigator J. Brown, Investigator O. Cobbins, Outreach and Training Coordinator J. Epplin-Zapf, Administrative Analyst K. Johns, Executive Assistant A. Sumpter

Parties via video: Counsel Richard Bruen for CHA and Attorneys Nicole Schult and Ashley Bishel for Johnson

At 10:47 a.m., the Board voted to move into Executive Session

H. Discussion of the July 21, 2022, Regular Meeting Closed Minutes

There were no comments or corrections.

I. Discussion of 2021JHA013

The commission amended the September 15, 2022 meeting agenda to allow the legal counsel for both parties on case 2021JHA013 to provide a status update regarding a settlement agreement. Attorneys Nicole Schult and Ashley Bishel appeared on behalf of complainant Anthony Johnson, while attorney Richard Bruen represented Chicago Housing Authority. Ms. Schult and Mr. Bruen agreed the parties would reach an agreement in the following week. Commissioner Block stated the commission may allow the parties to continue discussing a settlement under the condition that they reach an agreement before the next scheduled commission meeting. He continued that if a settlement had not been reached, the commission should seek setting a hearing at the November 10, 2022 Human Rights Commission meeting. Director Baker informed commissioners that in open session, they would vote on an oral motion for continuance on the motion for transfer to Circuit Court.

J. Pending Investigation for Discussion

Director Baker asked the commission for 180-day extensions for the following cases: 2022H004, 2022JHA004, 2022PA001, 2022SC002, 2022E005, and 2022E001. Chair Grigsby asked for more information regarding 2022JHA004. Investigator A. Cahn stated the investigation was complete, and that the case needed to undergo review from senior staff and an order needed to be sent to the parties. Vice Chair asked for clarification on

case assignment numbering. She later stated that this would help with data compilation for the strategic planning working group.

Chair Grigsby presented a motion to resume open session. By a unanimous voice vote, the Executive Session was closed at 11:07 a.m.