

**Minutes of the Cook County
Commission on Human Rights – Open Session
October 5, 2023, at 10:00 am**

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Location: 69 W Washington Street, Chicago, IL 60602
22nd Floor, Conference Room D

Attendance:

Present: Chair Sufyan Sohel, Vice Chair Gia Orr, Commissioners Jack Block, Ceylan Eatherton, Michael Lapinski, and DHRE Staff

Absent: Commissioners Amber Smock, Anjali Waikar, and Rev. Richard Tolliver

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A. Call to Order

- Chair Sohel called the meeting to order at 10:11 am.

B. Statements by the General Public

- There were no public statements.

C. Agenda Approval

- A motion to approve the agenda was made and carried by the following vote:
 - **Ayes:** Chair Sufyan Sohel, Vice Chair Gia Orr, Commissioners Jack Block, Ceylan Eatherton, Michael Lapinski
 - **Nays:** None
 - **Absent:** Commissioners Amber Smock, Anjali Waikar, Rev. Richard Tolliver

D. Approval of the September 7, 2023, Regular Meeting Open Minutes

- A motion to approve the September 7, 2023, regular meeting open minutes was made and carried by the following vote:
 - **Ayes:** Chair Sufyan Sohel, Vice Chair Gia Orr, Commissioners Jack Block, Ceylan Eatherton, Michael Lapinski
 - **Nays:** None

- **Absent:** Commissioners Amber Smock, Anjali Waikar, Rev. Richard Tolliver

E. Commissioners' Updates

- None

F. Director's Report

- Interim Director reviewed the Director's Report.
- **Outreach:** Reviewed ongoing outreach efforts and noted growth of subscribers to DHRE newsletter. 2022 annual report is now available in Spanish.
- **Policy:** None.

G. Investigation Extension Request

- A motion to approve the Investigation Extension Requests was made and carried by the following vote:
 - **Ayes:** Chair Sufyan Sohel, Vice Chair Gia Orr, Commissioners Jack Block, Ceylan Eatherton, Michael Lapinski
 - **Nays:** None
 - **Absent:** Commissioners Amber Smock, Anjali Waikar, Rev. Richard Tolliver

Closed Session

- A motion to move into Executive Session for discussions, as identified in the agenda, was made and carried by unanimous voice vote at 10:26 am.

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- At 10:56 am the Board reconvened to Open Session.

K. Voting Regarding Executive Session Items, if any

I. Approval of the September 7, 2023, Regular Meeting Closed Minutes

- A motion to approve the September 7, 2023, regular meeting closed minutes was made and carried by the following vote:
 - **Ayes:** Chair Sufyan Sohel, Vice Chair Gia Orr, Commissioners Jack Block, Ceylan Eatherton, Michael Lapinski
 - **Nays:** None
 - **Absent:** Commissioners Amber Smock, Anjali Waikar, Rev. Richard Tolliver

II. Approval of closed meeting minutes from May 2023 – July 2023

- A motion to approve publication of the May 2023 – July 2023 regular meeting closed minutes with redactions of confidential information was made and carried by the following vote:

- **Ayes:** Chair Sufyan Sohel, Vice Chair Gia Orr, Commissioners Jack Block, Ceylan Eatherton, Michael Lapinski
- **Nays:** None
- **Absent:** Commissioners Amber Smock, Anjali Waikar, Rev. Richard Tolliver

L. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made and carried by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 am.

Minutes submitted by Board Staff.