

State of Maryland Commission on Civil Rights
Commission Meeting
June 13, 2017 – 10am
MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Roberto N. Allen, Esq.; Rabbi Binyamin Marwick

Commissioners Present by Phone: Dominique S. Moore, Esq.; Gina McKnight-Smith, PharmD, MBA; Laura Esquivel; Naima Said, Esq.

Management Present: Alvin O. Gillard, Executive Director; Cleveland L. Horton, II, Deputy Director; Nicolette Young, Assistant Director; Glendora C. Hughes, General Counsel

Staff Present: S. Spencer Dove, Executive Associate

ITEM	SUMMARY	ACTION
Call to Order	1. Meeting called to order at 10:03am.	None.
Approval of Minutes	1. Motion to approve May, 2017 minutes by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Said; approved unanimously.	Approved.
Chairperson's Report	1. Commissioner Allen serving as acting Chairperson for this meeting.	None.
Executive Director's Report	1. Participated in Hate Crimes Summit sponsored by Coalition Opposed to Violence & Extremism and the US DOJ on May 25. Joined by representatives from the Attorney General's Office, the Baltimore Field Office of the FBI. Gathering of law enforcement officials and other practitioners to talk about what we can do in response to hate/bias incidents. Also discussed possible greater cooperation between law enforcement and human relations commissions to respond to incidents of hate and bias. 2. African American Juneteenth celebration this coming Saturday at Lexington Park, MD. MCCR will have a table at the event and will disseminate information on that day. Commissioners welcome to join us at the event. 3. Tomorrow the Education & Outreach Unit will be conducting our "MCCR 101" presentation at Enoch Pratt Library branch in Sandtown/Winchester. Continues to be a part of our mission and priority to interact with communities directly to build new relations and forge new ones, while sharing how MCCR can serve the State of Maryland. Commissioners welcome to join us at the event. 4. June 20 – MCCR is conducting a "Know Your Rights" / "MCCR 101" training for tenants at 6 Saint Paul Street. It is an opportunity to connect with those agencies and neighbors housed in the same building as MCCR. Commissioners welcome to join us at the event. 5. In response to the murder at University of Maryland College Park, there is an increased focus and effort to respond to acts of hate and bias. Working to identify stakeholders and invite them to a future Commission meeting.	Motion to draft and issue statement approved.

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	6. Discussion about statement regarding murder of Richard Collins III, other hate crimes around the State. Commissioner Esquivel moves to make a statement, seconded by Commissioner Said; motion carries unanimously.	
Deputy Director's Report	1. Reviewed submitted written report. 2. Discussion about finding ways of relaying data in a digestible format to the public occurred. Staff to continue exploring how to implement such a mechanism outside of formal annual reporting.	None.
Assistant Director's Report	1. Reviewed submitted written report.	None.
General Counsel's Report	1. Reviewed submitted written report.	None.
Old Business	1. None.	None.
New Business	1. Commissioner Retreat tentatively scheduled for September 8, 2017, 9am to 1pm. Will share with Chairperson Wright about discussion today regarding MCCR role in hate crimes and how it should be explored at retreat.	None.
Good & Welfare	1. None.	None.
Adjournment	1. Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Marwick, seconded by Commissioner Moore, motion passes unanimously.	None.