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Commission on Civil Rights

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AGENDA

July 13, 2021

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Dial in – 405-357-8797

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- 9:30 a.m. Gathering
- 10:05 a.m. Call to Order
- Roll Call
 - Approval of April, 2021, and May, 2021 minutes
- 10:10 a.m. Introductions & Comments.
- This celebrates ADA month. As a society and as a Board of Commissioners, extensive work exists in safeguarding and in expanding equal living, learning, and earning, by people with disabilities. Too many places of public accommodations, whether physical spaces or virtual spaces on-line, remain inaccessible. WE applaud the work of the many attendees of this Board meeting. In that, disability is an intersectional issue that can affect all.
- Public comment period
 - Introduction of Briefers and Guests
 - Guest: Kimberly Fullerton, Esq. Past Chair of the MSBA Animal Law Section Fernando Guerra, Esq. Chair of the MSBA animal law section
 - Representative of the Maryland Lynching Truth and Reconciliation Commission
 - Representative Disability Rights Maryland
 - Student Guests: Camila Thorpe, MSBA Animal Law Section Student Representative; Jessica Avila, Governor’s Summer Intern Fellow
 - Board or Staff Spotlight
- 10:20 a.m. Briefings
- Update on the Work of the Maryland Lynching Truth and Reconciliation Commission
 - First hearing targeted to occur, on October 2, 2021, in Western, Maryland.

- In May 2021, the Governor pardoned several victims of race-based crimes in Maryland. This recognizes the work of Will Schwarz and others. The Chair has an article slated to appear in the “Race and the Law” issue of the Maryland Bar Journal on the work of this important public body and related concerns.
- A possible briefing by Disability Rights Maryland on litigation related to inaccessible pathways and intersections.

10:40 a.m. Q&A Among the Board and the Public

11:05 a.m. Staff Reports

11:40 a.m. Old/New Business

- On June 18, 2021, at 11 A.M. The Chair attended a press conference and celebration in Annapolis, Maryland, related to the Maryland Lynching Truth and Reconciliation Commission
- On July 26, 2021, at 9 A.M. Coffee Forum with the Chair Ms. Shirley’s Café on West Coldspring Lane On August 7, 2021, at 9 A.M. The Chair will walk East Towson with historic preservation advocates for safeguarding this historic African American Community.
- Board Meeting and Retreat (Elections) November 2, 2021
- Board Social Mixer and New Officer Ceremony in December
- Next Meeting: Meeting and Executive Session, on August 10, 2021

12:00 p.m. Adjourn

The Maryland Commission on Civil Rights will hold its next Commission meeting on Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

Location: To Be Determined

Please check <https://mccr.maryland.gov/Pages/Commissioners.aspx> for updates

The public is invited to attend and participate. If you require an accommodation to attend the meeting, please submit your request at mccr@maryland.gov.