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CAMERA: Good morning, everybody, and...

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CAMERA: Thank you for hosting us here and having a hybrid meeting. I just want to start off by saying that, and then we will proceed with roll calls, because you're still present.

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Janssen Evelyn: Evelyn present.

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CAMERA: Commissioner Levitt, present.

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CAMERA: Commission?

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Kimberly Prescott: Senator Prescott present.

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00:00:26.620 --> 00:00:28.530
Noah Metheny: Commissioner Matheny present.

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Magdalena Navarro: Commissioner Navarro present?

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Janssen Evelyn: I think Jeff is present, but he just stepped away.

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CAMERA: Caitlin Horton, Executive Director, President.

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CAMERA: Yolanda Sonier, Deputy Director.

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CAMERA: Nicolette Young, Assistant Director.

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00:00:57.910 --> 00:00:59.810
CAMERA: So, no, he's devil's counsel.

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CAMERA: Candace Crenshaw, Education and Outreach Director for this.

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CAMERA: Alicia Bell, civil rights officer supervisor Classic?

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CAMERA: Tari Donaldson, Civil Rights Officer, Supervisor Present.

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CAMERA: Reclaiming my contact.

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CAMERA: Okay, is that everybody?

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CAMERA: There we go.

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CAMERA: So...

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CAMERA: I originally was going to do a very formal report, and I decided with the holiday season to actually

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CAMERA: First off, just get some business out of the way. The, Maryland Truth and Lynching Commission has finished its report. The link to it should be live soon. I will share it as soon as it's shared with me. Fortunately, I was unable to make the meeting yesterday where they were going to tell us when we would get the link.

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CAMERA: I apologize, as many of you may know, or may not know, my mother took a fall, and she fractured her hip.

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CAMERA: And we had the ortho appointment at the same time, so as soon as I get that, I will make sure that I share it with everyone in our group as well.

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CAMERA: I really wanted to take this moment, and to take this time, and in the spirit of...

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CAMERA: the holidays, and coming together, and friendship, and in community, to just, first off, say how much I appreciate every single one of you. All of our commissioners, all of our staff.

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CAMERA: All the work that you do, it has not been an easy year.

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CAMERA: And it's probably not going to be an easy year for a little while.

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CAMERA: There are so many pressures that it puts on us, both professionally and personally.

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CAMERA: And this is that moment to remind myself that

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CAMERA: We are surrounded by individuals who are there to support us.

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CAMERA: who... Know the work that we do, and the importance of it.

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CAMERA: And also by family and friends.

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CAMERA: That truly enrich our lives and give us that...

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CAMERA: So it's mental and emotional forces to be able to continue the important work that we do.

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CAMERA: And make sure that we are...

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CAMERA: Enabled, in some ways, to be able to continue down our path, and to inspire others.

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CAMERA: Continue down that path with us.

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CAMERA: So...

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CAMERA: I would just like to say that everyone happy holidays. Thank you so much for spending time with us.

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CAMERA: Thank you so much for hosting us.

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CAMERA: And again, I appreciate every single one of you.

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CAMERA: Thank you.

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CAMERA: Yeah, she'll be on the road, but she'll be alright.

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CAMERA: Thank you.

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CAMERA: Okay, with that, I turn it over.

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CAMERA: Well... Good morning, everybody.

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CAMERA: Thanks to those commissioners who were able to, show up in person, Commissioner Levitt and

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CAMERA: Chairwoman Stewart, we appreciate having you all, as usual. It's a pleasure to see everybody.

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CAMERA: My report will be somewhat brief.

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CAMERA: My first wanted to highlight, many of you all may have seen

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CAMERA: The press release that we sent out yesterday.

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CAMERA: Referencing the settlement of Cracker Barrel, so...

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CAMERA: I do want to highlight, Raphael Bowen, who was one of our lead investigators here.

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CAMERA: And, Ms. Bell's unit, who spearheaded alongside with the Office of the Attorney General, the investigative and resolution portion of that complaint. So.

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CAMERA: just really do want to highlight the work that Raphael put in.

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CAMERA: to getting us to this point, where we were able to settle with Cracker Barrel.

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CAMERA: The incident happened, almost a year ago, Involving, some disabled students.

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CAMERA: And Raphael, what truly did jump in just to make sure that

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CAMERA: our voice was heard, and that we held Cracker Barrel accountable, for the actions that happened during that incident. So I do want to just

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CAMERA: For the record, highlight the work of Raphael Bowen.

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CAMERA: And bringing this case to release. So, if you all haven't received the press release, let me know, and I'll be sure to make sure that you all receive a copy of the press release. And if you all have any questions.

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CAMERA: about that particular case, you can please feel free to reach out to Yolanda or Alicia in regards to the application case.

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CAMERA: We are almost at the finish line, with signing the MOU with the Maryland Real Estate Commission.

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CAMERA: As you all know, one of our priorities has been, better connecting, with folks within the real estate industry, to ensure that we are effectively and affirmatively driving fair housing.

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CAMERA: So we have, you know, kind of been going around, been meeting with all of the local

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CAMERA: Realtor Association.

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CAMERA: to develop individual MOUs, that will indicate any fair housing violations that they come across, that they will forward those over to us.

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CAMERA: For investigation. As you all know, about 2 years ago now, we did, sign the MOU with the Maryland Real Estate

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CAMERA: the Maryland Real Estate Appraisal Commission. I have signed the MOU for the Maryland Real Estate Commission. I should have it back momentarily. I just spoke to the Commissioner, earlier this morning.

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CAMERA: And he is signing the MOU, so I should have it back in my inbox between today and tomorrow. And then we will have an official MOU with the Mellon Real Estate Commission as well.

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CAMERA: From there, we will be going forward and signing MOUs with the local realtor associations and met with

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CAMERA: All of them collectively and individually. So we do anticipate early in 2026 that we will have the majority of the local real estate, realtor associations

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CAMERA: signing the MOUs, partnering with us as well, as we think about fair housing.

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CAMERA: Tomorrow, I will be heading down to Cambridge, to speak at the MACO Winter Conference. We did speak at the, summer session. They asked us to come again.

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CAMERA: For the fall symposium that they had, and then they had access again to speak, at this upcoming winter, session as well, to really talk about, the impact on civil rights in this current administration. So I will be heading down to Cambridge

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CAMERA: To present to those folks in MACO around the impact of civil rights and kind of where we are right now, based off our current administration. So, with that... MACO is Maryland Association.

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CAMERA: Yep.

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CAMERA: With that, again, I also want to share the sentiments of our chair.

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CAMERA: Just thanking everybody for the work that we all do. I tell folks all the time, I feel like I have the easiest job, because I simply get to talk about the great work that the staff is doing day in and day out, but I couldn't be more honored to work with such a diligent and committed group of folks, so...

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CAMERA: Just wanted to, again, thank everybody, the commissioners, for you all showing up each and every month. You all extending your time, anytime we need you all, questions or whatever it may be, you all also holding us accountable.

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CAMERA: for issues that we need to be on top of, and different perspectives that we need to be aware of as well. So, again, just want to thank you all for the work that you all do, and here to another brief year that I'm sure we'll have... that we will have in 2026.

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CAMERA: Mr. Vice Chair.

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Janssen Evelyn: Quick question. You... about the.

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CAMERA: Can't hear you. Can't hear you, Dad.

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Janssen Evelyn: Yeah, I was doing the little, you know, the bedroom voice, my bad. Quick question around the MOU.

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CAMERA: Wait a minute, Janssen, wait a minute. I know we... you're saying a lot, but hold on, we can't hear you for some reason. We missed all of them.

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CAMERA: Right now, Devin.

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Janssen Evelyn: My mics sound nice, my mics sound nice.

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Janssen Evelyn: 1, 2, 1, 2. No, my question, Cleveland, was, you mentioned the Association of Realtors, and I know you obviously had prior relationships with them. I'm curious, did any...

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Janssen Evelyn: jurisdiction or county have any question or concern about this MOU? And if so, what were their concerns?

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CAMERA: That's a great question. So, when I met with them, none of them really had any questions or concerns.

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CAMERA: They were all eager to...

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CAMERA: sign an MOU. The only request that they made is that they sign individual MOUs, because the option was whether we do it collectively or individually.

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CAMERA: They just requested to do it, individually, but all of them.

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Janssen Evelyn: Man, you froze, I don't know if you're still there, if you can hear me.

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Janssen Evelyn: Did they freeze to you, not blending? Yeah, they did.

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Magdalena Navarro: Yeah, they froze. They came back.

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Janssen Evelyn: Then back.

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CAMERA: I'm sorry, can you hear me?

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Janssen Evelyn: Yeah, you froze.

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Magdalena Navarro: Now you're back.

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Janssen Evelyn: seconds.

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CAMERA: No problem. So, we haven't... we haven't gotten any resistance or pushback, from any of the jurisdictions, any of the local realtor associations about not signing the MOU-only, request. And again, we

offer it up as an option.

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CAMERA: In terms of whether they wanted to do it individually or collectively, they prefer to do it individually, but nobody has pushed back and said they're not willing to or concerned about signing an MOG.

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Janssen Evelyn: Okay, copy that, and last question is, you, obviously I'm gonna see you at Mako tomorrow. Which session are you doing? What day, and what's the topic? So I can make sure I pop up and embarrass you.

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CAMERA: I like the way you think. It is, I am on Thursday, at 1.30.

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CAMERA: Last time it was the... last time it was Civil Rights Impact, and I forget the exact title for it during the winter session, but I'll... I'll get it to you before the meeting is over.

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Janssen Evelyn: Yes.

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CAMERA: From 1.30 to 2.30.

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Janssen Evelyn: Is Asha on that panel with you?

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CAMERA: No.

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Janssen Evelyn: Okay, she's doing another one, I believe, then.

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CAMERA: No, no.

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Janssen Evelyn: The two civil rights panels. Alright, excellent.

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CAMERA: Hi, everybody!

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CAMERA: the MOU...

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CAMERA: are somewhat different, because the MOU with the Commission, and with the appraisal Commission, we really focus on the... our relationship when it comes to complaints and sharing information about

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CAMERA: If they get complaints, if we get complaints.

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CAMERA: And all of these have been reviewed by their counsel, and myself.

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CAMERA: To ensure that the terms are

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CAMERA: something that both parties agree to, so it's like a contractual agreement that this is how we're going to decide to function together in the future, and, similar to some of the other MAs that we've had, like.

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CAMERA: There's Attorney General of Civil Rights.

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CAMERA: in it, as well. So, this is...

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CAMERA: MOUs are sort of like, in some instances, are

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CAMERA: Rule of procedure, how we're going to interact, and then other ones are, like... Further... Fair Housing.

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CAMERA: And that they're going to, proceed and be alert about their house survivors.

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CAMERA: when I've done training, it's always been... Basically, it's before we do.

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CAMERA: The realtors, get the communists, they get the existence.

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CAMERA: And if they don't tell us, we don't know about it, because a lot of people just

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CAMERA: go along or just give up. So, it's really important to have those kinds of relationships so that they can alert us

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CAMERA: What's going on out there in the community?

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CAMERA: Any other questions regarding, my report?

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CAMERA: Alright, hearing that, I will pass it off to... All right, Deputy Derrick?

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CAMERA: Thank you.

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CAMERA: How's everyone?

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CAMERA: You look very festive, I'm so excited. Thank you. And I guess it's... it is... 1?

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CAMERA: Holiday gatherings, so... Our one-year semi-anniversary, and we are delighted, delighted. Thank you, Stephanie, I appreciate that.

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CAMERA: And... Oh, I'm sorry, I have one more thing. It has been one year since Yolanda came here last year, and introduced her at the holiday party, so we're going to take time to shout her a happy one-year anniversary.

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Janssen Evelyn: Cleveland, thank you so much for mentioning that, and bringing attention to that. Thank you so much for...

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CAMERA: But, better make a fuss in January. I think that's our official meeting. It is.

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CAMERA: My first week was actually February, but it started,

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CAMERA: January 27. That's great. Definitely put you on move. For those of you who may be wondering about, this gentleman sitting to my right here.

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CAMERA: And, you know, who he is with the commission, what he does, and all of that.

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CAMERA: I have the pleasure of being able to introduce Tariq to those who may not know Tariq. Tariq has been with the Commission for 8 years.

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CAMERA: As a lead investigator, in the housing unit, was a lead.

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CAMERA: investigator in the housing unit, and we did a search for our new supervisor position, and I'm pleased to announce that Tariq is our new supervisor.

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CAMERA: So we can give him a half as well.

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CAMERA: Congratulations. Tariq's official, start in this position is tomorrow.

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CAMERA: But Tariq will be leading... his unit will be a dual unit. It will be part ADR and part employment.

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CAMERA: So, he will be spearheading, you know, where we are with ADR and taking it further, and then he will have a couple of investigators that will report to him that, will be investigating employment cases.

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CAMERA: And so, you know, he...

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CAMERA: You know, I'm excited to have him on board, I think everyone's excited. Tariq, I don't know if you want to say anything to the Commission and the Commissioners?

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CAMERA: just, it's a pleasure, and I'm honored, to be a part of this meeting, and to, introduce you all to myself and my new role.

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CAMERA: Thank you, Tariq. I didn't warn him that he was gonna step up on someone's spot and have a talk, so thank you, that was a quick session on you.

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Janssen Evelyn: Well, congratulations.

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CAMERA: Just a couple of other updates. I think we've mentioned the past couple months that we were seeking... we had some vacancies, we were seeking new staff.

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CAMERA: We have... Three, new staff members as far as case processing.

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CAMERA: That is starting tomorrow. We had one investigator, civil rights officer start, maybe 4 weeks ago. About a month ago.

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CAMERA: And then we have 3 that are starting tomorrow. We have another investigator, our civil rights officer, that starts January, 7th.

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CAMERA: And we have...

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CAMERA: We're slowly chipping away at our vacancies and trying to get a full house, and we have one more civil rights officer position that we are trying to fulfill, and then we also have a contractual

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CAMERA: civil rights officer chief position that we are in the process of trying to fill as well. So, I look forward to once the case processing unit is fully

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CAMERA: Fully... And ready, and...

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CAMERA: we can stop all the interviews, and everyone can continue to, you know, investigate. We'll be going through a period of time of training and onboarding for the new staff members.

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CAMERA: And I know Tariq, he will be onboarding as a supervisor at the same time of having to onboard new staff members, so Tariq and I will be, maneuvering that together as he... as we get him all, trained up and ready to go.

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CAMERA: So, I don't... Wow.

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CAMERA: Anything further to share? Does anyone have any questions for me about case processing?

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Janssen Evelyn: I'm not sure if you guys can hear me.

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Janssen Evelyn: Yeah, we can hear you. Okay, well, I just wanted to say, congrats, Tyreek, hope... am I saying it right, Tyreek?

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CAMERA: It's pronounced Tariq, but I...

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Janssen Evelyn: Tariq. Okay, excellent. Tariq.

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CAMERA: I'm late for dinner.

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Janssen Evelyn: Well, definitely congratulations, and I just want to give you a word of, warning. As someone who used to, have Yolanda as my boss, I just want to say, may the force be with you.

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CAMERA: Thank you, sir.

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CAMERA: All of a sudden, we're having sound issues. We can't hear you. We can't hear you. We can't hear you. Okay, thank you.

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CAMERA: I... I have nothing further, so at this point, I am going to throw the microphone, I think, to Nicolette. Yes?

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CAMERA: Okay, good morning, everyone. I hope that you all are having a nice, festive, happy holiday season thus far. You have my report. Yolanda has pretty much stolen, my thunder.

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CAMERA: But I just want to, reiterate that we do have some new staff members that will be starting tomorrow, 5 approximately, 3 in case processing and 2 over in education and outreach.

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CAMERA: We currently do have 6 vacancies.

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CAMERA: And those vacancies would include one administrative specialist that we're keeping vacant for Section 38, one assistant general counsel vacancy that we're keeping, vacant for Section 38, cost containment. We are in the process of interviewing.

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CAMERA: For, another Assistant General Counsel, and then we have, several, case processing vacancies, but we are actively, in the interview and or, pending,

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CAMERA: offer stage with those positions. Section 38 personnel.

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CAMERA: I'm sorry, was there a question about Section 38 cuts?

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CAMERA: Okay, thank you. Okay. I assume it's what the state is mandated. Yes, yes, you have to keep some positions vacant. That was a last-minute cut that they did during legislative session. Okay.

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CAMERA: Yeah. That was my assumption. Yes, yes, yes. I, you know, I appreciate that, because... I don't... you know...

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CAMERA: I don't know much about the state, the workings of the state, other than... We don't need much. Other than, other than,

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CAMERA: I will say there were courts.

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CAMERA: Sorry, I was gonna say, your report was great because it gave contextual clues. Personnel cost containment requirements, right there in the report, so... Exactly, exactly. So just moving on, we have received... we do anticipate receiving our governor's allowance, within the next couple of weeks. We have been actively engaged with our Department of Budget and Analysts,

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CAMERA: analysts, to address any of the issues that were, brought up in her analysis of our submission. Office relocation, proposals have been submitted, and we will hopefully, start working with Department of General Services on, doing site visits.

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CAMERA: Joint Chairman's Report is due on Monday, December 15th, and the committees are requesting that we do a report assessing the impact of the new positions within the agency. And included in my report is a breakdown of all of the areas that they would like for us to address.

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CAMERA: And I'm happy to answer any questions that you may have at this time.

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Janssen Evelyn: Yeah, my only question is, paragraph 4, when you talked about the fiscal year 27 Governor's Allowance Review, and that you anticipate receiving it. Just...

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Janssen Evelyn: for my edification, I... maybe I'm just having a senior moment, but what is the governor's allowance review? Is it just to... is it essentially a fancy term to say, if you have additional mid-year budget requests?

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CAMERA: So, okay, so thank you for that question. So, when we... so we submit, during the... during this budget cycle, we submitted our, 2027 budget request to, the Department of Budget and Management for review back in September.

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CAMERA: During the period between, like, September and December, they're, doing a review of the, proposal that we submitted to them, and then they'll submit questions to us that we need to answer, and we kind of have a general idea of where they're going, with the allowance.

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CAMERA: When we do the review, it's pretty much a technical review. There's nothing...

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CAMERA: they usually don't allow agencies to weigh in any further, unless it's something that's just so absolutely egregious that we need to have a conversation. But it's a technical review, it's not really a review of.

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CAMERA: Yes, you could, you know, we... we are proposing this cut, and now you can go ahead and fight us on it. You know, once they... once they send it to us, that... you just look... you're just making sure that the numbers make sense.

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CAMERA: And that if there's something that they're proposing as a reduction, you need to make sure that that number that they are putting in the allowance makes sense to you.

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CAMERA: So this really isn't an opportunity for us to fight them on any potential reductions. It's just a technical review to see if the information is factual.

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CAMERA: Okay, thank you for that, and I assume...

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Janssen Evelyn: I assume your proposed budget was, or per their instructions, was it just a continuation budget? A maintenance budget?

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CAMERA: Yes, yes, it was a continuation in any, anticipated,

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CAMERA: you know, new policies or, you know, anything that's associated with any new policies that we were implementing or proposing to implement in 27 that may have had a budgetary impact, we would include that information in there as well. But pretty much this, this new submission was baseline just

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CAMERA: Covering what we already have in 27.

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CAMERA: I mean, the 26, excuse me.

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Janssen Evelyn: Perfect, thank you.

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CAMERA: Sure, you're welcome. Just to, just to, just to, just to add to that briefly,

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CAMERA: And, and transparent view.

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CAMERA: Initially, our analysts, did. Quest.

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CAMERA: the... Our budget is reduced in fiscal year 27.

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CAMERA: We have been working with the Department of Budgeting Management and the Governor's Office in reference to that.

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CAMERA: So, a lot of it has to deal with the new pins that we were given. So, if you all remember, when we were given the 15 additional pins.

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CAMERA: As part of that, we could not officially bring the pins on board based off the turnover rate until October the 1st.

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CAMERA: than what Department of Budget Management has done. On the flip side.

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CAMERA: They looked at those pins and said, because those pins have remained vacant.

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CAMERA: Then we should abolish those pins, without the consideration of why we had to fill those pins.

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CAMERA: Until that point. So, we have had that conversation with them, we've had that conversation with the governor's office.

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CAMERA: And we are confident that they will adjust that... this initial recommendation. So, it is not final yet, but I just want you all to know that it is a conversation that we are having with them right now.

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CAMERA: Alright, so my only question is, the federal funding preparation, is that

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CAMERA: actually appropriated, or are you still waiting? So, the 2025, so we have not received our 2025 reimbursement yet. We're still waiting for... I think we received notice that EEOC had finalized

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CAMERA: Going forward, you...

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CAMERA: increase to our contracts based on the fact that we do have these new positions, and they will be able to contribute. So, you know, we're ramping that up very quickly to get more federal funding in the agency.

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CAMERA: Okay.

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CAMERA: I'm just...

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CAMERA: I know. I totally understand the environment we're in right now, and the questions and concerns. We're all concerned. You know, I know. Yeah, that's all I'm gonna say. We'll have a clearer picture on, in part, some of it next month, because there are a number of facts

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CAMERA: who are due for renewal with HUD next month.

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CAMERA: So we'll have the opportunity to see, how HUD handles those renewals.

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CAMERA: And if, in fact, HUD is going to move forward with this substantial equivalency piece, we'll have a better... somewhat of a clearer picture, hopefully, sometime next month, as these facts go through. I think the closest one to us is New Jersey, so we'll see what that looks like. We are in constant communication with them.

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CAMERA: to see what that renewal process looks like, and if HUD

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CAMERA: changes, their status or reduces their contract. We'll have an idea to know whether we should expect to see the same sort of similar cut to ours at some point.

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CAMERA: Oh.

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CAMERA: Also, EEOC has changed the way that they're handling their contracts right now.

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CAMERA: So, right now, they have awarded everyone 20% of what their previous contract was.

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CAMERA: And so, right now, what we are guaranteed is 20% of our 547 number, and then once we reach that 20%, then we have to request

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CAMERA: an additional percentage, and so they're doing it in increments, as opposed to us having at the beginning, where, we know we have 547 cases. That is our contract.

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CAMERA: Okay. So, we are maneuvering.

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CAMERA: That new information and this new way.

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CAMERA: Do not envy that.

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CAMERA: Were there any other questions about, nicholas Report?

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CAMERA: Just the Joint Chairman's report that you're going to be submitting, is it possible for that to be circulating?

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CAMERA: Yep, we can make sure you all get that.

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CAMERA: to join him.

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CAMERA: It won't really be much, because we get out of the position. Understood. So, the responses in that JCR report will be very short, but we will comply and submit our responses to that.

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CAMERA: It also gives us a nice baseline for going forward with it, especially, I think, the budgeting issues are going to be continued for a couple years, so...

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CAMERA: Thank you. No problem.

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CAMERA: Any other questions for, Nicholas Report?

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CAMERA: Thank you. Okay, thank you. I'm gonna pass it on to Ms. G. Good morning, everyone. Good morning.

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CAMERA: You have my report, so I'm not gonna go through the cases.

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CAMERA: But I do want to point out where

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CAMERA: To raise the issue about our legislative

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CAMERA: initiative, the departmental bill that we have for adding education to Title 20.

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CAMERA: And where we are at this point.

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CAMERA: They, we finally, yesterday, Eaton.

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CAMERA: on the way out the door, got a draft of the bill that was submitted to legislative reference. I haven't had a chance to go through it, but it's just a draft, which is why I haven't shared it, because it could change. It will change.

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CAMERA: We have been, meeting with the, the Maryland Department of Education, the...

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CAMERA: Higher Ed Commission, the, Maryland Department of Disabilities, we also had met with,

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CAMERA: The, the, Department of Education has an Inspector General, and we met with

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CAMERA: That office, and they were very welcoming to have some assistance, because they said, you know, we really don't know anything about discrimination law, and, they, are getting those inquiries, and they're going to work.

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CAMERA: The department... the Department of Education meeting, they pretty much have been on board. We asked each of them to look at the

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CAMERA: Package that was sent to the governor's office and give us some feedback, as to, any areas that they had concerned about or wanted to have input with.

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CAMERA: And, meet with the, you know, their, their constituents and, and, and their boards.

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CAMERA: And they,

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CAMERA: Didn't... they... so far, they haven't sent us anything, but we're supposed to meet with them again.

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CAMERA: Because I think they had some turnover in terms of the person that we were communicating with.

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CAMERA: the Commission on Higher Education, they did submit a four-page, document that raised some of the questions that they had, or some of the concerns that they had.

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CAMERA: And, we are going through those, and I'm going to meet with them again. And when I say we,

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CAMERA: It's, the, University of Maryland, Law School.

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CAMERA: Senior Director of the... Kids and Banks, law set up.

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CAMERA: Nick Dixon, who had previously worked with OCR, the Department of Education.

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CAMERA: and, Spencer and myself.

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CAMERA: Been meeting with all these folks and trying to,

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CAMERA: We want to get the feedback or any, have any kind of discussions or, challenges before the bill drops. We have not... we're not going to file the bill until session starts.

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CAMERA: One, strategically, because we don't want to show our hand and have people be able to give up to,

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CAMERA: attack, but, Monique has been talking to the, advocacy groups and getting their feedback as well as what they want to see and what they're concerned. Our message has been we're not trying to

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CAMERA: Usurp the authority of the various organizations.

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CAMERA: that we're trying to fill the gap of OCR.

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CAMERA: In terms of... One, they are...

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CAMERA: They want to eliminate OCR from the department, in order to hold the Department of Education.

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CAMERA: But, that...

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CAMERA: there's been a slowdown in terms of their... the complaints that they've had from Maryland. We looked at the data.

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CAMERA: for...

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CAMERA: complaints coming out of Maryland, specifically, to determine whether... and when we were putting the fiscal note, to determine whether we could handle them or not.

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CAMERA: But they are reporting that there's slowdown in the cases that we still have at OCR. But what we put in the bill is that we're going to have concurrent jurisdiction with the various departments that we don't want to take over, because just like with the Department of Health, they're the experts.

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CAMERA: And, we need their expertise.

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CAMERA: to provide us with information, and so that this is a shared venture. It's not MCCR coming in to pull in the field and take it over. It is MCCR providing an option for,

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CAMERA: of citizens.

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CAMERA: that may disappear if OCR doesn't continue to function the way it's supposed to, and also to provide, an option, because basically you have the... the institution policing itself, so there's an independent option available

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CAMERA: The devil's in the detail. The more... the more that I, dig into this and... and... and talk and learn.

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CAMERA: the deeper it gets, the more it gets. A lot of it is in the regulations. When we look at Title IX, you just see certain language, which is basically with Title VII.

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CAMERA: You've got minimal, but the real... Meat is in the... regulations.

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CAMERA: That determine how the process... and one of the things, in terms of talking with the parties, is that,

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CAMERA: There will be regulations that have to be promulgated, but in the interim, just like we've done with

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CAMERA: the, Department of Health, this is what we've done with the Real Estate Commission, is to do MOUs to at least set the groundwork while we flush out how we're going to work together with this concurrent jurisdiction. So, there's still a lot more work. We have several meetings still lined up next week.

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CAMERA: to, one, to go over some of the Higher Ed Commission's concerns, and, and with the Department of Education to, deal with any of their concerns, and then go back to the bill

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CAMERA: the bill, drafter to, make adjustments and changes per those concerns. But we will... once we got something that is... that... that... that is nearly where it should be, we will... we'll share that, with you.

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CAMERA: For, you know, additional input.

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CAMERA: Before we had the belt shop.

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CAMERA: So,

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CAMERA: That is where we are with that particular piece of legislation. It's just one piece, but it's a lot of work, because you've really got to

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CAMERA: the more I read, the more complex this, education piece is.

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CAMERA: any questions. So I'm a formal Title IX coordinator. Title IX in it, I don't even know how... I mean, we'll have no access to educational record.

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CAMERA: the jurisdiction is different from the federal level. If it's alright, I'd like to see, like, some language on that, just because that's... that's a kettle of fish that is completely separate and apart from, like, Title VII, and...

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CAMERA: you know, it has been raised by the Higher Ed Commission, which is why we're doing concurrent, because there's things that we're not going to just take over.

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CAMERA: And they've raised some of those things about Title IX and access, and and the thing is, is that, no, right now we don't, but we can't.

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CAMERA: If it's put in the statute.

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CAMERA: Also, how do we, coexist with what is left of the federal oversight.

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CAMERA: And whatever that is.

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CAMERA: And...

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CAMERA: So there are things that may be in the bill that input would be sort of, like I call the Christmas tree bill.

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CAMERA: And that by the time you get to the bottom... to the end, you know, you've given away some of the balls, but you gotta have something to give away in negotiating. And also.

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CAMERA: Feedback from,

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CAMERA: The committees in terms of what is, what they're interested in, what they think

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CAMERA: will work, it won't work. And it may be this year, you know, you put the idea out there, you put the concept out there, and that this is, my experience with putting out new areas of jurisdiction, is that the first year is not going to be near that it's going to apply.

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CAMERA: It's gonna be, you know, fine-tuned.

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CAMERA: As you go along. Now, miracles do happen, but the normal course of things is that you introduce the idea, and then you start educating, and you start working.

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CAMERA: fine-tuning.

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CAMERA: Where we have the kind of drill.

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CAMERA: that will work, and provide the, the option to the citizens of Maryland, regardless of what they're doing on the federal level.

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CAMERA: Any questions?

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CAMERA: And, I would like to talk...

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CAMERA: to use Stephanie, about, you know, what we have.

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CAMERA: And your perspective.

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CAMERA: from either position that having been highly coordinated. We're looking for all input, before we finalize a bill. Yeah, I'm still certified at level 1, 2, and 32, and very tech-site.

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CAMERA: I kept up my shirts.

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CAMERA: Well, federal law requires that anybody that participates in the processes, including the jurisdiction, or adjudication.

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CAMERA: Has to have certifications, and you have to post it annually.

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CAMERA: I just keep on incense.

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CAMERA: Any other questions?

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CAMERA: Yeah.

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CAMERA: with something I saw. Okay. It's not related, because I didn't notice it took that. Okay, thank you.

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CAMERA: Okay. Yeah. Yeah, hilarious. Yeah.

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CAMERA: Yeah.

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CAMERA: Sometimes I'm not spook. Oh, yeah, that too.

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CAMERA: I will, toss this to our parents back.

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CAMERA: Alright, happy Tuesday, everyone!

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CAMERA: It's so great to see you virtually and in person. I just want to highlight a few things, regarding education and outreach, so we are really grateful,

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CAMERA: also, just in alignment with everyone stating, our new hires. We have two new hires that begin tomorrow, and one will be visiting us today during our Winterfest, so we're excited to see our team grow and expand so that we can continue to expand our outreach to make our MCC our household name, and for, you know, different agencies to continue to

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CAMERA: train with us, so we're really excited. Also, I wanted to highlight, we had our community days of service. It was Yolanda's idea, but education and outreach made sure everything was organized and planned out, so we had our two community days of service on November 17th and 18th, which was really, really exciting. We were able to help impact the community, and also it impacted our staff, so...

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CAMERA: It was a very, very special moment for us to participate in our community days of service, at different organizations around our state. Also, I wanted to highlight Education Outreach, they have been working... we have been working really diligently, and I want to give you an example. We had an agency that requested conflict resolution training and sexual orientation and gender identity training.

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CAMERA: So, our staff, our team went to facilitate these trainings. We had a training 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. We had an hour break, and then we stayed from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. So, you know, we didn't want to say, hey,

we'll come back another day. We wanted to,

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CAMERA: accommodate their requests. So I'm just really grateful for our team being flexible and accommodating those requests to ensure that we are, disseminating the information out.

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CAMERA: Also, we were having a Fair Housing Symposium December 12th and 13th that has been rescheduled to April.

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CAMERA: one challenge that we have been experiencing is just ensuring that we have our game use selected, solidified, at least 60 to 90 days in advance to ensure that we get great participation as a state agency, the state agency that we are, we don't want to have events and 12 people are showing up. The information that we're sharing a lot of times is free, and it is so vital, so our Fair Housing Symposium has been

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CAMERA: scheduled. And again, even with that challenge of solidifying venues in advance, it is still... venues are still being solidified, but that's just a challenge that E&O has been realizing that we're experiencing. So we're just taking different ways to navigate through that to ensure that we book our venues as far in advance as possible.

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CAMERA: I know that this is... we're in December now, but I do want to highlight that we did book our venue for our 2026 Protecting Civil Rights During Challenging Times Symposium. It will be at Bowie State University, so I'm excited to share more details with that. We have requested the governor's appearance, who also, presented last year. So, that was an idea that Cleveland shared with E&O last year. I'm sorry, this year, 2025.

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CAMERA: So we're excited to implement it for 2026 again. The purpose is to let everyone in our state know how different agencies, grassroots organizations, human rights agencies are protecting civil rights, and any questions that the community members may have.

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CAMERA: And as you see, we continue to expand our outreach on social media as well. There was a time we had 340 followers, now we have over thousands, and we know that everyone isn't on social media, but it is helpful for our agency to be recognized on social media as well.

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CAMERA: Those are all the updates for P&L. Does anyone have any questions?

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CAMERA: Are you working with Asha Buick?

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CAMERA: We've been working with Dr. Peters at Boom.

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CAMERA: But if you have any suggestions, please share.

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CAMERA: Believe it or not, Asha, who is their events coordinator over there, used to work for the Engineers Club. She was my coordinator for my wedding. I ran into her at an event over there that was, done... it was done by the state for, and to Sarah.

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CAMERA: So, yeah, she's amazing. If you can work with her, I would 100% recommend it. That woman is a miracle. Okay, thank you so much. And then, so to that point, Dr. Stewart, we've been working with Dr. Peters at Moon State, and then he also sent out, different activities, so Education and Outreach will be participating in other activities leading up to February to build the momentum for protecting civil rights during challenging times.

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CAMERA: symposium. So, we're grateful to build that partnership. That's wonderful. That's exciting. Thank you. Thank you. Any other questions or comments? Suggestions?

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CAMERA: Say that again? I guess other than my observations, you have a lot going on. Yes, we do, and I just... I really want to highlight, you know, the work that the team is doing. We have been working really, really diligently, so we're, you know, doing our best, but if anybody has any suggestions, just let us know.

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CAMERA: I got nothing other than... Great, but it's... It's challenging time, so...

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CAMERA: Thank you, and shout out to our executive team for always supporting us.

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CAMERA: And you guys know I love preventative work, so... Yes.

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CAMERA: Thanks.

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CAMERA: Thank you.

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CAMERA: Bounce of prevention, right?

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CAMERA: I'm a carrier.

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CAMERA: Thank you all.

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CAMERA: That is, that is all of the staff reports out here.

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CAMERA: I believe for new business, we have a potential permission.

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CAMERA: Sorry about that. New business. So, as I said, I'll share that.

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CAMERA: I'm sorry, go ahead. I have nothing. I'm just cold, so my tea hits back.

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CAMERA: Also, for new business, I would like to let everybody know for the April meeting.

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CAMERA: I've just checked with Cleveland, and I'd like to have that as an in-person meeting.

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CAMERA: It will, of course, be hybrid, so that if any members of the community wish to join us, that there's that opportunity. But I do want to get back into where we're doing this a little bit more regularly. It's not just a once-a-year occasion.

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CAMERA: April, hopefully, the weather will be a little better. We won't be teeth-chattering and freezing as a general rule, and then we'll look for some time, I think, in the fall, maybe early, because we do the gala annually now.

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CAMERA: to balance that, and then also be able to participate in December, simply because we get the rollover for the celebration, and I'm not going to lie, I love it.

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CAMERA: So I think that's where we are with that. I know we're coming into a new year, there's a lot of new things going on, so I just... everybody, you know, if you can remain

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CAMERA: attentive, so that we see what's coming out, the things that we can support, the things that we can attend, the ways that we can be helpful to the Commission.

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CAMERA: And its work. It would be very, very appreciated. And then also think about different ways that we can support each other in, you know, sort of knowing what's going on, both at the federal and state level, so that we remain a resource

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CAMERA: As well as, you know, fulfilling our other obligations under the regulations. And I'm a compliance person, so yes, I say that under the regs. But I just want to make sure that we're all being hyper-vigilant, because things are changing so quickly on every level.

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CAMERA: For example, I'm attempting to create a bot, God help us all, I'm not a programmer, that just monitors changes at the federal level of legislation, and it's coming back with hundreds, just hundreds a week, so...

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CAMERA: It is a very busy time.

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CAMERA: And I just want to make sure that we're all engaged.

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CAMERA: Any questions, concerns, comments, anything else for new business that I forgot?

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CAMERA: I would say, if I may add, Madam Chair, I have been selected to receive the Martin Luther King Jr. Greenkeeper Award. Yay!

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CAMERA: And the, ceremony will be January the 16th. It will be myself and, Governor West Warren.

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CAMERA: January 16th, huh?

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CAMERA: the Council of African American Leaders.

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CAMERA: We will update you all, with the information, if you all are able to attend. I'm watching my calendar right now. It is a Friday night.

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CAMERA: Yeah. It is a Friday night, so I know, folks may have other plans, or other, but...

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CAMERA: You'll be there with me in spirit. You'll be there with me in spirit. You'll be there with me in spirit, so... No, we will be, we will be purchasing a table.

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CAMERA: And we'll send out the information, for the event, shortly. Candace has all the details, so she'll make sure that, she gets you all the information, and if you all would like to attend.

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CAMERA: We can ensure that we save you a seat at, our commission date. Well, but we need to know if you plan to come, so we can make sure to have enough space for the commissioners and staff that wants to go. I've already put it on my calendar.

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CAMERA: Thank you, and congratulations! That is... Well deserved. Well deserved.

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CAMERA: I just...

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Magdalena Navarro: I just want to say, this is.

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CAMERA: doing one burn. Oh.

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Magdalena Navarro: I just want to say congratulations, it's, sometimes, people notice the work.

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Magdalena Navarro: And, and delighted that, you have received this recognition of your efforts.

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Magdalena Navarro: So, yeah, if you could, if someone is there, put it in the chat, the date and the time, that would be great as well. Thank you.

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CAMERA: No problem.

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Kimberly Prescott: Yeah, cause I didn't hear that either.

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Kimberly Prescott: I'll be honest, I've been having a hard time hearing the whole time, but I've been catching bits and pieces.

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CAMERA: Oh, we're sorry, it is Friday, January the 16th, but Candace will... Candace is putting it in the chat as we speak.

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CAMERA: you know, we talk about, and I'm just gonna interrupt for one quick second, apologies.

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CAMERA: We talk about all the challenges and the triumphs.

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CAMERA: This is one of those great moments where we get to celebrate a triumph.

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CAMERA: Of someone in our team.

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CAMERA: And someone's so committed.

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CAMERA: to the work of MCCR, And what it does, so...

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CAMERA: All I can say is congratulations, it is very well deserved, and it is reflective

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CAMERA: Of your commitment and passion.

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CAMERA: And we appreciate that very, very much.

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CAMERA: I say we, because I know you guys agree. You like that assumption? Yes.

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CAMERA: No, that's all I think, that's all I have.

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CAMERA: Okay, old business, I do not think we have any old business. I think we were pretty cleaned up the last meeting, am I correct?

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CAMERA: We got everything out that we needed, including our other

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CAMERA: Commission-led. Yep. So we're good on that. Yep.

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CAMERA: I think we're good. I believe we need an executive session, if everybody can hang out for a few moments.

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CAMERA: Thank you all. Thank you. And for everybody leaving the room that isn't coming back and everything else, happy holidays, and for everybody coming back, we can't wait to celebrate with you.

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CAMERA: Glendora wins the sweater every year, I swear. The best holiday sweaters. He hasn't seen this year.

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CAMERA: -Oh! I saw it was happening. -Oh. It's hilarious. -Oh.

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CAMERA: Excuse me, but he reacted.

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CAMERA: Anytime that I will.

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CAMERA: I'll keep saying, I need to make sure I have everything.

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CAMERA: I wasn't invited. Oh, you weren't? Okay. Some things I'm invited to. Some things, if I don't get an invitation, I won't...

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CAMERA: I'm just showing you, we have executive sessions as well in Dora's face.

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CAMERA: He's like, I'm not sitting here. Yeah.

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00:55:45.760 --> 00:55:51.419

CAMERA: Thank you. Thank you. Love it. See you soon, Matt.

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CAMERA: That's not working? Candace.

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CAMERA: Did you one thing? I don't know if I'm gonna get the cool one, but that's fine.

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CAMERA: I can jump on and, turn the volume on if I can.

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CAMERA: Just permission.

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CAMERA: Okay, and then 4 of us.

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CAMERA: Can you hear us?

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Janssen Evelyn: Yes.

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CAMERA: Okay, great.

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CAMERA: Thank you. Can you... can you hear us better?

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CAMERA: Than you were before?

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Janssen Evelyn: Yes.

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CAMERA: Okay. Well, there we go.

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Magdalena Navarro: For me, the same.

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CAMERA: Prescott's like, we do apologize, but, I want to apologize because we didn't get this information out, sooner, especially to, Madam Chair, and Mr. Vice Chair, in reference to a potential, commission initiated complaint.

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CAMERA: We did receive, and Yolanda's going to provide you all with a little more detail, but we did receive,

a complaint of potential housing discrimination.

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CAMERA: And anytime we receive... 8 complaints or 8? 8. The number 8. Yup, number 8, right? So anytime we receive a number of complaints, involving the same respondent, the same issues, we always seek to file a commission-initiated complaint, and how we move forward. So,

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CAMERA: Yolanda will kind of give you all some of the details, and reference to the issues, but we are requesting, that we accept the information and move forward with

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CAMERA: a commission-initiated complaint, and with that, I'll turn it over to Ilana to talk about some of the issues involved in

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CAMERA: the potential commission-initiated complaint.

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CAMERA: Thank you. So, it's a housing case.

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CAMERA: That, would be... it's a systemic discrimination against mentally and physically disabled individual residents that is at a property.

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CAMERA: So, the Department of Health through one of their providers, Primus Health, has individuals that Somerset Bay property.

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CAMERA: And they started issuing them

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CAMERA: notices that they have to vacate the premises. They have not given any reason, except for they've cited the reason, wrote, that it is improper use of the premises.

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CAMERA: They've been at the property, there's been no issues with payment.

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CAMERA: And they've also started issuing these notices to the tenants as well, for them to vacate the premises.

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CAMERA: And they're only doing this to the individuals who are disabled and, in their apartments through

Primus Health.

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CAMERA: And so, as Cleveland mentioned, it's about 8 different

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CAMERA: residents that we know of that are... have been issued the notices to vacate. The respondents would be A&G Management Company, which is the property manager of Somerset Bay Property.

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CAMERA: So, we are seeking to investigate that further.

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CAMERA: There... both the Department of Health and Primus Health has attempted to get more... to get clarification as to why they've issued the notices to vacate, and...

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CAMERA: They have not given any other reasons except for

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CAMERA: That the property is being used for purposes other than a private dwelling.

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CAMERA: Excuse me?

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CAMERA: Being used for anything other than the private club?

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CAMERA: Right, but as far as the information we have, is that it is a private dwelling, because... but they place people, so the leases, I believe, are in the name of, Primus Health.

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CAMERA: With the actual tenant's name as well, and they're saying it's not for the purposes of a private dwelling, which, in fact, they are for a private dwelling, for the individual that is living in those particular, you know, units.

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CAMERA: That's the needs to investigate. Correct, correct. So, we are asking the Commission for, authority to move forward in a commission-initiated complaint.

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CAMERA: It could be more than these 8 that we know of.

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CAMERA: But I think the 8 is... so there's 8 that are leasing through Prime itself, yes. And all 8, or have been... yes, they all have been issued at the same time, yes.

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CAMERA: Yeah, and they've also, issued the notices to the tenants that are in there, meaning the residents. Yeah. They've issued it to Primus Health, the Department of Health, and the tenants that they must be.

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CAMERA: Oh, so I... I concur with the commission. Yeah.

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Angela Scott: Me too.

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CAMERA: The property itself, I'm assuming, is bigger than just that 8? Yes. Okay.

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CAMERA: So there's, for lack of a better term, a control group. That's why we're saying we know about the 8, because the 8 has come forward, but we don't know if there are additional residents who may be out there who just haven't reached out to us as of yet.

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CAMERA: Hold on. Yeah. I don't know if that...

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CAMERA: And you said Department of Health has reached out and been unable to get information on the Prime Minister Health as well? Yep. They said they made multiple good faith efforts to resolve the issue. They are cooperating and, are the reason why we know about it. And Prime Minister Health is what?

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CAMERA: It is their, their care provider. Okay. Is...

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CAMERA: Is my understanding, and their role is to get them placed. Got it.

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CAMERA: unit, so...

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CAMERA: There's been no other defaults or things that we're aware of. Okay. Like I said, I started discussions, I agree with you, I think. So what they told us, they said that they've had a clean record with no late rent payments, no lease violations, no disturbances.

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CAMERA: And that they've just done a systemic campaign of trying to get these tenants out of the property, despite the fact

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CAMERA: There's been no complaints about them, no late rent payments, no nothing. That we know of. That we know of, yeah, that we know of right now, because we have to be fair.

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CAMERA: I'm sorry, I can't... I can barely see that. My eyes are terrible. Magdalena?

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Magdalena Navarro: Yes, I... it's very interesting, and I concur that this needs to be investigated. A few things that I wasn't sure.

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Magdalena Navarro: every single person also is, has some condition, they... some limitations, every single one of them? Okay.

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CAMERA: That's why they are.

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Magdalena Navarro: And then the other... the other question is, they said that they... that they're not complying with private dwelling, that there's a... that's... that was the recent chair?

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CAMERA: They said the property was being used for purposes other than a private dwelling.

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Magdalena Navarro: Very interesting.

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Magdalena Navarro: This is a very interesting case, and it could be a case of discrimination against these individuals. So, but we don't know if maybe it could be that they want to raise the prices, and they have a lower, rent.

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Magdalena Navarro: Because of their conditions. So there's a lot of things that we will find out with this investigation. Thank you for bringing this to our attention.

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CAMERA: It's very interesting and unfortunate, and hopefully we don't...

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CAMERA: The investigation doesn't reveal additional people that have been impacted, but it's very well

possible that there are additional individuals who identify as disabled that this tapped into as well.

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CAMERA: One more quick question, you said that private...

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CAMERA: China's time. Do they have any other...

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CAMERA: spaces that have not received a notice, or have all of their spaces. So, like, I don't know the answer to that question. I was just curious if you were talking about scope, so... Yeah, but they would know. They would know, yeah, they'd have to know how many instances they have. Yeah.

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CAMERA: Oh.

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CAMERA: The only thing that we'll need, I know,

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CAMERA: Madam Chair, in our initial comment has approved the initial investigation piece of it. We would need, obviously, 3 additional commissioners

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CAMERA: To sign off, on the Commission-initiated complaint, so if we have 3 of you all that would be willing to... I know we have Commissioner Levitt.

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CAMERA: Got Commissioner Navarro, and then is that Commissioner Scott? Did you have your hand at Commissioner Scott?

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Angela Scott: I did. I can sign also.

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CAMERA: And yeah, and if you want

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01:05:19.950 --> 01:05:22.229

CAMERA: It, like, it's avid, I can do it.

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01:05:22.460 --> 01:05:23.410

CAMERA: for me.

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01:05:23.640 --> 01:05:26.830

Angela Scott: But yeah, if there are 3 people there, then just do that.

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01:05:27.150 --> 01:05:28.590

CAMERA: Oh, that's renewed.

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01:05:28.780 --> 01:05:32.990

CAMERA: We were begging on you being here, Commissioner Scott, you know, we were begging on you being here.

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01:05:32.990 --> 01:05:43.929

Angela Scott: I was, too. I, I, I, listen, I just... my meeting in the morning ran late, and I couldn't get there, and I would have to leave by 1, so I don't think I'll be able to make it.

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01:05:43.930 --> 01:05:44.840

CAMERA: No problem.

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01:05:44.840 --> 01:05:45.840

Angela Scott: So...

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01:05:45.840 --> 01:05:56.790

CAMERA: Yeah, I know how cold it is outside, so I know these are all excuses that nobody else had to go to the car. I hear you. And Commissioner Eden's on his way here anyway, so...

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01:05:57.050 --> 01:05:57.900

Magdalena Navarro: Okay.

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01:05:57.900 --> 01:05:58.540

CAMERA: Oh, yeah.

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01:05:58.860 --> 01:05:59.830

Angela Scott: That's 3.

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01:06:00.210 --> 01:06:01.470

CAMERA: Okay, I can't.

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01:06:01.470 --> 01:06:11.800

Janssen Evelyn: Starting tomorrow at Mako. Look, I wanted to be there. I... I had an interview at 9 o'clock, and then it wouldn't have... I would have gotten there too late, and then I... it's just a lot going on.

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01:06:11.800 --> 01:06:12.700

Angela Scott: Yeah.

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01:06:12.700 --> 01:06:16.200

Magdalena Navarro: Wow. And, Ann, I just want to share...

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01:06:16.200 --> 01:06:20.310

CAMERA: I would like to share my... I can't hear you.

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01:06:20.820 --> 01:06:21.850

Magdalena Navarro: Can you hear me now?

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01:06:22.060 --> 01:06:28.440

CAMERA: She's muted somehow, I don't know how. You mute yourself, but we can't hear you on our side. But she doesn't... it doesn't say mute.

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01:06:28.440 --> 01:06:29.949

Magdalena Navarro: No, I'm not... I'm not muted.

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01:06:29.950 --> 01:06:36.200

CAMERA: We had a problem. I think it's okay. Hold on a second.

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01:06:36.300 --> 01:06:37.250

CAMERA: Hold on, hold on.

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01:06:38.660 --> 01:06:39.480

CAMERA: No, I don't...

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01:06:44.490 --> 01:06:45.630

Magdalena Navarro: Can you hear me now?

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01:06:48.210 --> 01:06:50.589

Magdalena Navarro: Can you hear me now? Can you hear me now?

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01:06:51.370 --> 01:06:52.730

CAMERA: Sort of.

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01:06:52.730 --> 01:06:55.120

Magdalena Navarro: Sort of. Okay, now? No?

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01:06:56.340 --> 01:07:13.179

Magdalena Navarro: Okay, well, my apologies as well. I would have loved to be there as well, but I just came from a long trip from Asia, and there's a lot of things with the, as you may imagine, with the government and the agencies and so on.

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01:07:13.180 --> 01:07:18.629

Magdalena Navarro: To take care of, and, it's, it's very disappointing. So...

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01:07:18.700 --> 01:07:26.080
Magdalena Navarro: Again, enjoy, have a great time. Aileen, thank you for your, kind text, I saw it too late to respond.

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01:07:26.280 --> 01:07:30.069
Magdalena Navarro: So... I can't hear you now.

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01:07:30.200 --> 01:07:34.909
Magdalena Navarro: I don't know if, if, Evelyn, if Jensen can hear.

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01:07:36.790 --> 01:07:40.079
Magdalena Navarro: Okay, so, so, so sorry, but enjoy.

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01:07:44.770 --> 01:07:56.100
Yolanda F. Sonnier: That's all I got, for the commission piece. Okay. Can they hear us? Yeah, they can hear us. We can hear you. Okay. So, Eileen was saying to you, Magdalene, she was gonna pick you up. That was why she texted you. Okay.

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01:07:56.100 --> 01:07:56.620
Magdalena Navarro: Yeah.

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01:07:56.620 --> 01:08:02.220
Yolanda F. Sonnier: If there are no other questions, no other business, then I will ask to adjourn.

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01:08:02.760 --> 01:08:04.100
Yolanda F. Sonnier: Any nays?

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01:08:05.920 --> 01:08:15.850
Yolanda F. Sonnier: Excellent. Everyone, please, please have a wonderful, safe, Joy... Restful holiday season.

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01:08:15.850 --> 01:08:16.550
Angela Scott: Yes.

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01:08:16.810 --> 01:08:18.859
Yolanda F. Sonnier: Peaceful, absolutely.

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01:08:19.529 --> 01:08:20.479
Yolanda F. Sonnier: So...

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01:08:20.890 --> 01:08:21.710
Magdalena Navarro: Same tool.

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01:08:21.710 --> 01:08:23.309
Janssen Evelyn: See you all later.

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01:08:23.319 --> 01:08:23.959

Yolanda F. Sonnier: Thank you.

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01:08:24.310 --> 01:08:24.810

Magdalena Navarro: Hi.

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01:08:25.790 --> 01:08:28.259

Yolanda F. Sonnier: So... I have...