



MINUTES
 Monday, September 13, 2021
 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Virtual Meeting
 via Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT	STAFF
David LaBarre	Melvyn Blackwell, Intake Specialist
Ellis Driver	Annette Moore, Director
Frances Castillo	
Dion Graham	
Samantha Beecham	
Ana Garcia Turner (unexcused)	

MEMBERS ABSENT
Tomeka Ward-Satterfield
Allison Mahaley (excused)
Stephanie Harrell (excused)
GUESTS
Brennan Bowman (Asset Management Services)

- I. **Call to Order** – *Frances Castillo, Chair*
 - A. *Frances Castillo*, called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm..
- II. **Minutes Approval** – *August 09, 2021*
 - A. Commissioner David LaBarre motioned for the minutes from the last HRC meeting to be approved. Commissioner Samantha Beecham seconded the motion. All were in favor of approving the minutes.
- III. **Community Climate Grant Applications**
 - A. Mr. Brennan Bowman reviewed the grant applications received with the HRC. Mr. Bowman recorded as the HRC scored all of the applications. Commissioner Samantha Beecham motioned for the scores to be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners as the HRC’s recommendations. Commissioner Dion Graham seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.
- IV. **Executive Committee Report**
 - A. Committee members had nothing to report at this time.
- V. **County Updates**
 - A. Ms. Moore announced that Mr. Melvyn Blackwell had been hired as the Civil Rights Specialist and the new case investigator. She reported how the county will develop an internal Racial Equity plan soon.

- B. Ms. Moore informed the HRC that the department would be interviewing for the Eviction Diversion Expediter position that week. She noted how the Eviction Diversion Attorney working in court coupled with Housing and Community Development's Emergency Housing Assistance Program are cutting down and stopping evictions in Orange County. A couple of weeks ago, she explained, there were thirty-four cases in court, but only one resulted in eviction. The following week, she explained there were twelve eviction cases, and none resulted in eviction. She discussed the eviction moratorium being declared unconstitutional and how working with the housing providers' council to get continuances to October 12, 2021, allowed some residents in crisis some breathing room from eviction. She expressed concern about the state's HOPE program and the process of putting contracts in place to provide financial support to residents.
- C. Ms. Moore briefly discussed the NC Human Relations Commission's (NCHRC) resolution forwarded to them via email. She encouraged HRC members to read over the resolution and email her any feedback or thoughts regarding it.

VI. Terms & Re-Appointments

- A. Due to the lack of time, this will be an agenda items at the October 2021 meeting.

VII. HRC Applications & Recommendations

- A. With hopes of all Commissioners to be present and for the sake of time, HRC members collectively decided to table this agenda item until the October 2021 meeting.

VIII. HRC Events & Committee Reports

- A. Committee Reports
 1. Commissioner David LaBarre requested to provide a status report earlier in the agenda of the meeting because he had to log off early. He reported that there has been correspondence between Ms. Kristy and they would like to know if any HRC member would like to speak on behalf of the Pauli Murray Award. Commissioner Castillo will speak on behalf of the award. Commissioner LaBarre noted that he had made attempts to reach out to the Pauli Murray Center to share the event but has been unsuccessful. Commissioner Castillo has a contact at the center and she will email Commissioner LaBarre the contact information.
 2. The Board Diversity Committee is scheduled to provide updates at the October 2021 meeting.
 3. Commissioner Castillo provided an update on the Community Book Read. She noted how the committee plans to meet on September 20, 2021. She explained how they would start working on the publicity of the book read. In this meeting, they will also begin planning for next years' Pauli Murray Awards.

IX. Other Business/Announcement/Upcoming Events

- A. Commissioner Garcia Turner announced the Pauli Murray documentary movie; I Am Pauli Murray, beings streaming on Amazon on September 17, 2021.
- B. Ms. Moore announced there would be public hearings of the countywide racial equity plan in the coming weeks. She noted the next hearing will be at the next Board of Health meeting and will focus on health. This meeting will be on September 22, 2021, at 6 pm.

X. Adjourn

- A. Commissioner Castillo adjourned the meeting.

B. NEXT VIRTUAL MEETING: October 11, 2021, call-in info to come