Minutes of the Cook County Commission on Human Rights - Executive Session November 10, 2022

Location: Remote on Teams

Attendance:

Present via video: Jack Block, Chair Umi Grigsby, Vice Chair Gia Orr, Michael Lapinksi, Amber

Smock, Sufyan Sohel, Rev. Richard Tolliver, DHRE Staff

Absent: Ceylan Eatherton, Anjali Waikar

At 11:07 a.m., the Board voted to move into Executive Session. The Board cited that the reasons to move to Executive Session were to discuss pending litigation and to review closed minutes.

K. Discussion of the September 15, 2022, Regular Meeting Closed Minutes

There were no comments or corrections.

L. Litigation and Legal Strategy Working Group Updates

Commissioner Block provided updates on ongoing cases. Commissioner Block also noted that pursuant to the Commission rules, he, along with Commissioners Eatherton and Waikar has been designated by Chair Grigsby to review and provide recommendations on administrative hearing matters beginning in January 2023.

M. 2021JHA013 Complainant's Motion for Individual Right of Action – Hearing on Motion

Commissioner Block stated the complainant on 2021JHA013 withdrew their motion the morning of the November 10 meeting. Thus, the commission did not proceed with a hearing on November 10th. Deputy Director King and Investigator Jason Jones confirmed there were no other updates on the case.

N. Review of Minutes and Release of Closed Minutes: June 2021 to July 2022

Legal Counsel K. Khan stated that she and DHRE staff have reviewed the closed session minutes from the June 2021 through July 2022 period to determine if they were ready for public release, per the OMA rules. Only the February 2022 and July 2022 meetings had closed minutes, as the other meetings had no executive sessions. Deputy Director King recommended the commission vote to not disclose the meeting minutes from February 2022 and July 2022 due to confidentiality.

Chair Grigsby presented a motion to resume open session. By a unanimous vote, the Executive Session was closed at 11:22 p.m.