

# ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

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**July 8, 2021**

**VIRTUAL MEETING VIA TEAMS**

**7 PM**

## **Meeting Minutes**

- I. Chair Helen Connolly called the meeting to order. Members present included Jose Quinonez, Kiley Tibbetts, Susie Lee, Walter Sergeant, Shawn Pierce, Carole Lieber, Roland Watkins and Whytni Kernodle. Executive Director Gurjit Chima and Anna Maynard were present from the Office of Human Rights. Bill Price was in attendance. Bill Price joined as a member of the public.
- II. Mr. Sergeant moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Pierce. The minutes were unanimously approved.
- III. No public comment
- IV. The Chair reminded commissioners about the upcoming Tiffany Joslyn Forum in September and the Education Taskforce outreach event in October, sharing that only one regular commission meeting remained in November this calendar year before the December James B. Hunter Awards. Mr. Tibbetts, Mr. Pierce and Ms. Lieber offered to serve on planning committee which the Chair volunteered to lead. Ms. Lee offered to share information with the committee for planning the Tiffany Joslyn event. The Executive Director requested that commissioners send the office any marketing materials and the names of James B. Hunter awardees by the first or second week of November, or as soon as possible, so that awards could be timely ordered. The chair asked all commissioners to publicize all events through their networks.
- V. The Chair asked if members wished to meet in person at the next regularly scheduled meeting in November to which Mr. Tibbetts, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Pierce, Mr. Dirish, and Ms. Lieber replied "yes." Ms. Lee shared she was open to returning to in-person meetings while Mr. Quinonez stated that his preference depended on the state of the pandemic given the Delta variant. Ms. Kernodle requested a hybrid option while Mr. Krieger preferred to meet virtually. The Executive Director shared that the office would book rooms for upcoming meetings but shared that the rooms may be in different locations given availability.
- VI. The Chair asked if the Tiffany Joslyn event would be virtual to which Ms. Lee responded that it would be virtual like last year. Ms. Kernodle shared the Education Taskforce Event would also be virtual.
- VII. The Chair asked OHR to book a room for the James B. Hunter Awards in December.
- VIII. The Executive Director shared that she would share information on the requirements pertaining to any future virtual meetings.
- IX. The Chair recognized the efforts of OHR, the Executive Director and Anna Maynard, sharing her appreciation for their hard work and ongoing support to the commission. The Chair

further shared that while commissioners often challenge each other, that she has seen an increase in acrimony on the commission in recent years and urged commissioners to engage respectfully.

X. There were no extensions

XI. The meeting was adjourned.