

**COMMISSION ON LANDLORD-TENANT AFFAIRS
MINUTES – January 7, 2025**

IN ATTENDANCE:

COMMISSIONERS: Mike Rosenzweig, Alison Graham, Destiny Igiebor, David Goldberg, Clover Baker-Brown, Stefanie Milovic, David Moskowitz, Sherry Glazer, Aluanda Drain, Thomas Jackson, Laura Murray and Gagik Karapetyan

COUNTY ATTORNEY: Walter Wilson

OLTA: Valerie Whitby, Lecia Stein, Lorie Seals, Nicolle Katrivanos, Rosie McCray-Moody

There was a regular (virtual – Zoom) meeting of the Montgomery County Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs on Tuesday, December 3, 2024. Commissioner Dave Goldberg chaired the meeting, calling the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes

The December 3, 2024, minutes were approved by all Commissioners.

Submission of Landlord-Tenant Cases/Scheduling of Cases:

No cases were presented at this meeting.

Appeals to Circuit Court: Update

Case No.45464, Carolyn Stroman v. Inigo's Crossing LLC –

There were no updates on this case; COLTA hearing was held per Circuit Court's request for further proceedings.

License Revocations:

None

Subcommittee Reports:

Commissioner Destiny Igiebor reported that the Public Awareness Subcommittee Report was active, she was in the process of reviewing newsletter drafts submitted by Commissioner Rosenzweig. Once reviewed she would submit for approval. She reiterated that COLTA will not draft newsletters on rent stabilization matters, but that a training with the ORS and AOBA already occurred and could be organized again if required.

Staff Report:

OLTA Manager Nicolle Katrivanos reported that Investigator Jane Blackwell retired at the end of November; the office is in the process of reviewing applicants and will likely repost the position to ensure candidates with the required skillset apply. In addition, the OLTA Handbook is being completed and will include an entire chapter dedicated to rent stabilization. Lastly, she informed the Commission that the OLTA listserv still isn't working despite multiple meetings with IT; she will create a new one.

Old Business:

With respect to the pending COLTA interviews for the tenant category opening, two candidates will be interviewed on January 23rd, starting at 6:30pm. The interview panel will consist of Commissioner Moskowitz, Commissioner Karapetyan, and Commissioner Goldberg. Nicolle will review the recommended changes to the interview questions provided by Commissioner Baker-Brown and Commissioner Moskowitz. Rosie will send an email to the interview panel with a link, the questions, and resumes.

New Business:

Commissioner Milovic informed the Commission that due to personal matters; she would be resigning as Chair of COLTA but would continue serving as a tenant category commissioner, effective next meeting. She highlighted the accomplishments/progress of COLTA, including the steady attendance and participation of commissioners and thanked Commissioner Igiebor for serving as her Vice Chair. Commissioners were instructed to contact Commissioner Milovic or Nicolle Katrivanos if they were interested in serving as Chair, nominating someone, or if they simply wanted more information regarding the responsibilities of the position. The vote will take place at the next meeting.

Setting of Next Commission Meeting:

Commissioner Stephanie Milovic will chair the next meeting, on February 4, 2025.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.