

## **COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS**

**Monday, January 27, 2025, at 7:00 pm**

**Meeting Place: Virtual**

### **MEETING AGENDA**

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**Call the meeting to order: Chair William England**

**Vice Chair Okianer Christian Dark**

#### **Sec. 27-1. County Code Statement of Policy. (Abbrev. Statement)**

(a) The County Council finds that discrimination because of race, color, religious creed, ancestry, national origin, age, sex, marital status, disability, genetic status, presence of children, family responsibilities, source of income, sexual orientation, or gender identity adversely affects the health, welfare, peace, and safety of the community.

Montgomery County's policy is to foster equal opportunity for all without regard to race, color, religious creed, ancestry, national origin, sex, marital status, age, disability, presence of children, family responsibilities, source of income, sexual orientation, gender identity, or genetic status and strictly in accord with their individual merits as human beings.

- I. Roll Call**
- II. Approval of Agenda.**
- III. Approval of Minutes: November meeting minutes for your approval**
- IV. Chair Report: Montgomery County Policy Statement on Human Rights.**
  - **Special Guest Erin O'Connor: Financial Disclosure Requirements**  
**Chief Counsel and Staff Director**
  - **Special Guest Bishop Paul Walker, Chair**  
**Montgomery County Police Accountability Board**
  - **Special Presentation CASA De Maryland**  
**Remarks from Special Guest Ms. Lydia Walther-Rodriguez**  
**-New Federal Immigration Policy and Its Impact on our Community.**  
**Q&A from Commissioners**
- V. Director's Report:**
  - **OIG Report Status Update**

- Agency Case Closure Tracking Report-Loretta Garcia
- Budget Preparation for 2026
- Updates from the Board Committees and Commission quarterly meeting.

**VI. Human Rights Commission Work Retreat Planning**

**Small Group Work:**

William England	Okianer Christian Dark	Alejandra Becerra
Janice Freeman	Suresh K. Gupta	Candace Groudine
Raul Jindal	Rachael Adapter	Nia Weisbroth
Terry Vann	Stephanie Mason	Suzanne Lofhjelm

**VII. Standing Committee Reports and Updates: (if any updates)**

- Interagency Fair Housing Coordinating Group, (To Be-Appointed).
- Human Trafficking: Commissioner Janice Freeman.
- Religious Advisory Group: Commissioner Terry Vann.
- Community Action Board: Commissioner Suresh K. Gupta. (nominated).
- Committee Against Hate Violence: Commissioner Rachael Breslin.
- Remembrance and Reconciliation Commission: Commissioner Okianer Christian Dark.
- Persons with Disabilities: Commissioner Candace Groudine.

**VIII. Discussion Items: Any issues or Concerns from Commission Members**

**XI. Announcements:**

- February 6<sup>th</sup>, Virtual Montgomery County Employee Black History Month Program "Labor and the Civil Rights Movement"
- February 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, NAACP ACT-SO Black History Month Poetry Read and special Langston Hughes Traveling Museum, Black Rock Center for the Arts, Germantown

February 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 -2:00 pm Author Dr. Joy DeGruy  
 The Universities at Shady Grove  
 9630 Gudelsky Drive, Building 2  
 Rockville, MD 20850

**X. Adjourn: Next Virtual Meeting: The February 24th Meeting will be an in-person retreat.**