**MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

**HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

**Monday, April 24, 2023**

**Meeting Minutes**

The monthly meeting was held on Monday, April 24, at 7 pm via the Zoom platform.

**Commissioners Present:** Hon. William England, Prof. Okianer Christian-Dark, Alejandro Becerra, Candace Groudine, Janice Freeman, Dr. Rahul Jindal, Nina Weisbroth, Dr. Rahul Jindal, Suzanne Lofhjelm, and Terry Vann.

**Commissioners Absent:** Dr. Suresh K. Gupta, Dr. Jeremiah Floyd, and Stephanie Mason.

**Staff Attended:** Director James Stowe, Compliance Manager Loretta Garcia, and Staff Liaison Anis Ahmed.

**Chair:** Called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

**Approvals:**

* Agenda was approved by a common consent.
* March (held on 4/3/2023) meeting minutes was approved by a common consent.

**Director’s Report:**

He reported on the following topics:

* Office of Human Rights Budget Request for FY2024.
* 3rd Cohort of the Small Business Initiative graduation set for Monday April 17th 10:00 am, County Council Office Building.
* 2023 NAACP Montgomery Branch Freedom Fund Gala, May 21, 2023.
* Hosting 2023 IAOHRA Conference August of 2023 Local Host Committee Role.

**Discussions:**

Discussions held on the following items:

* Human Rights Commission Retreat Follow Up January 23, 2023.
* Final Work Topics and Teams for 2023:
1. Gender Identity Issue
* Stephanie Mason
* Rachael Breslin
* Candance Groudine
* William England
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1. IAOHRA Annual Conference, 2023:
* Dr. Suresh Gupta
* Okianer Christian Dark
* Suzanne Lofhjelm
* Nina Weisbroth
* Terry Vann
1. Community Reinvestment Act (CRA):
* Dr. Rahul Jindal
* Alejandro Becerra
* Janice Freeman
* Jeremiah Floyd

**Committee Reports and Updates:**

* Interagency Fair Housing Coordinating Group - Commissioner Jeremiah Floyd, No report
* Human Trafficking: Commissioner Janice Freeman reported.
* Religious Advisory Group: Commissioner Terry Vann, no report
* Community Action Board: Commissioner Suzanne Lofhjelm reported.
* Committee Against Hate Violence: Commissioner Rachael Breslin, no report.
* Remembrance and Reconciliation Commission: Commissioner Okianer Christian Dark reported.
* Persons with Disabilities: Commissioner Candace Groudine, no report.

**Next Meeting:**

* Next monthly meeting will be held on May 22, 2023.

**Adjourn**

* The meeting adjourned at 9:01