



**Orange County Human Relations Commission**  
**Minutes**  
**Monday, September 8, 2014**  
**Orange County Animal Services Building Conference Room**

M E M B E R S P R E S E N T			STAFF
Joyce Preslar	Andrea Jones	Christine Kelly-Kleese	James Davis
Vanessa Soleil	Matthew Hughes	Marc Xavier	Pamela Reynolds
Natalie Turner	Gerald Ponder	Dominika Baran	
Doris Brunson	Monica Richard		
G U E S T S			
Antonia Pedroza			
<i>Absent: Jamie Paulen and Rollin Russell</i>			

**I. Call To Order**

Chair Doris Brunson called the meeting to order at 6:11p.m.

**II. Introductions**

The members and staff introduced themselves to guest and board candidate, Antonia Pedroza.

**III. Minutes Approval**

Gerald made a motion to approve the August 2014 minutes. The motion was seconded by Christine and carried unanimously.

**IV. County Updates**

James informed the body that the County does permit the use of social media, to include Facebook. There is a social media use policy. James further stated that a member can be designated to post information on Facebook. The members recommended that the person voted to be the secretary should take on the responsibility of adding information on the County's HRC Facebook page.

James reminded the body that the BOCC is expecting an update on the HRC's activities, specifically with regard to gender equity, later this fall. In addition, he announced that he was interviewed on WCHL to discuss the upcoming events on gender equity, including the Community Read and the Human Relations Month Forum. This interview took place on Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> which is Women's Equality Day.

James announced that the department now has Karen-Language fair housing posters. A poster will be present at the October meeting to be viewed.

**V. Subcommittee Updates**

*Executive Committee:*

It was announced that Joe Polich's membership has been terminated due to his lack of attendance in accordance with the BOCC Advisory Board guidelines. It was also announced that secretary Cynthia Stubbs submitted her resignation. A resolution of appreciation for Cynthia's membership and involvement was read aloud. Doris will hand-deliver the resolution to Cynthia. The members will vote for a new secretary at the October meeting. Doris requested the members to consider hosting a planning retreat on a Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon on a date after November 4, 2014. James will discover whether a letter to the members' employers could be drafted. James informed the members that the annual advisory board report is due in December. Doris requested the members to inform her and James when they plan to attend an activity on behalf of the HRC so that this information can be included in the annual report.

Doris encouraged the subcommittees to meet in the interim and provide a highlight of the results of their meetings at the following HRC meeting.

*Building Integrated Communities (BIC):*

No Report.

*Diversity Matters:*

No Report

*Pauli Murray Awards:*

Gerald stated that the subcommittee is minus one member with Cynthia's resignation and asked members to consider joining the subcommittee. Gerald informed the members that he intends to collaborate with local Episcopal churches, particularly Pauli Murray's base church. Assistance will be needed to contact the churches and family members. A venue for the PMA's must be determined. The date of the PMA's is February 22, 2015; the nomination forms and information sheet will be sent to the members electronically.

*Essay Contest*

The members reviewed the essay contest information and recommended that the contest application be amended to include a statement clarifying that all Middle and High School-aged children that live in Orange County are eligible. There was brief discussion on the prizes to be awarded.

*Poster Contest*

The members recommended that the winning artwork submitted in the 2015 calendar should not be designated for any given month. It was also recommended that space be allotted on the contest application for the student to write a brief summary of the artwork submitted. The application will also be amended to include a deadline for teachers to submit entries to the HRC.

*Collateral Consequences:*

No Report.

**VII. Other Business/Announcements**

Gerald made a statement about the information on persons with disabilities that was provided by a local church. Doris stated that a letter was sent to Damon Seils regarding a task force to work on building a positive relationship between the police and the community.

**VIII. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

James E. Davis, Jr.,  
Interim Director