



MINUTES
 Monday, January 10, 2022
 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Virtual Meeting
 Via Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT	STAFF
Frances Castillo	Sharron Hinton, Interim Director
Ellis Driver	Melvyn Blackwell, Civil Rights Specialist
David LaBarre	Courtney McLaughlin, Intake Specialist
Allison Mahaley	
Samantha Beecham	
Ana Garcia Turner	
Dion Graham	

MEMBERS ABSENT
Stephanie Harrell (excused)

I. Call to Order

- A. Commissioner & Chair, Frances Castillo
 - i. Called meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

II. Minutes Approval – 13 December 2021

- A. Approval
 - i. Motion by Commissioner Garcia-Turner
 - ii. Second by Commissioner Driver
 - iii. All were in favor of approving the December 13th meeting minutes

III. County Updates

- A. Civil Rights Specialist, Melvyn Blackwell
 - i. The Eviction Diversion division is no longer within the Human Rights & Relations Department and has been moved into the Housing & Community Development department.
 - ii. The request to change Human Relations Commission (HRC) meeting dates to the fourth Thursday of the month will be heard by the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on Tuesday, January 18th.

IV. Executive Committee Report

- A. Commissioner & Chair, Frances Castillo
 - i. No executive committee updates at this time

V. Annual Report & Work Plan

A. Commissioner & Chair, Frances Castillo

- i. Annual Report and Work Plan presented. Commissioner Castillo request feedback and edits be submitted to her by Wednesday, January 12th.

VI. **HRC Events & Committee Reports**

A. Committee Reports

i. *Communications Committee*

1. Commissioner, LaBarre

- a. Promotion of Community Book Read continues. Consideration for Black History Month and Pauli Murray Awards being discussed.
- b. Will follow-up with Commissioner Harrell regarding any additional updates.

ii. *Board Diversity Committee*

1. Commissioners, Garcia-Turner & Graham

- a. Recommendations have been made to the proposed questionnaire for current Commission and Board representatives. Will submit questionnaire to HRC for review and feedback by January 20th, 2022.
 - i. Interested in accessing data from previous Board applicants and holding discussion with previous Board members about their experiences.

iii. *Community Board Read Committee*

1. Commissioner, Castillo

- a. *Caste* flyers have been distributed and shared.
- b. Awaiting a response from the community facilitators.
- c. Greear Webb has agreed to facilitate the youth book read of *The Black Panther Party: A Graphic Novel History*
- d. Public library has had to order more copies of *Caste*
- e. Committee is working to determine the timeframe for when the youth read will occur (concurrently or consecutively).
- f. Human Rights & Relations (HR&R) staff will submit to have event promoted through the Daily Tarheel twitter feed.

iv. *Pauli Murray Awards Committee*

1. Discussion

- a. There has not been a keynote speaker consider or secured at this time.
- b. Commissioners will identify speakers that they would like to invite to be a keynote for the the Awards ceremony and submit their names to the HR&R staff.
- c. HR&R staff will identify the allotted budget for speaker allocation.

VII. **Other Business/Announcement/Upcoming Events**

A. Interim Director, Sharron Hinton

- i. GARE team has presented the the BOCC and other commission meetings to decide on the finalized racial equity framework.
- ii. GARE training sessions will occur on January 13th and January 15th. Local Board members and current Commissioners are welcomed to attend.

VIII. **Adjourn**

- A. Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Castillo at 6:42 p.m.
- B. NEXT VIRTUAL MEETING: Monday, February 8th, 2022 via [Zoom](#)