

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

James R. Thompson Center
Murdock Room - DHS
100 W. Randolph Street, Suite 5-300
Chicago, Illinois 60601

Meeting of Panel B
May 11, 2011
10:30 a.m.

MINUTES

Present: Commissioners

David Chang (Panel Chair)
Marylee V. Freeman
Robert A. Cantone

Staff

Harriet Parker
Donyelle L. Gray
Evelio Mora
Bricia Herrera

I. Call to Order

A meeting of Human Rights Commission Panel B was called to order on May 11, 2011, at 10:30 a.m. by Panel Chair David Chang.

Pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/1 et seq., it was determined that:

- 1) A quorum of the public body was present at the meeting.

II. Consideration of Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting of April 13, 2011 were approved as submitted by staff. Motion made by Commissioner Freeman, seconded by Commissioner Cantone. Motion carried 3-0.

III. Contested Matter

Ellen Grafner v. St. Peter's Catholic Church
Charge No.: 2006CF0338

ALS No.: 07-602

Pending before the Panel were the Complainant's exceptions to the ALJ's

Recommended Order and Decision (“ROD”). The Panel voted to decline review of the ROD and voted to adopt the ROD as the final Order and Decision of the Commission. Motion made by Commissioner Cantone, seconded by Commissioner Freeman. Motion carried 3-0.

IV. Requests for Review

A. Ella J. Wade v. Cook County Bureau of Administration, President’s Office of Employment Training (P.O.E.T.)

Charge No.: 2008CF3482 ALS No.: 10-0442

The Panel sustained the dismissal of the charge in the above-referenced matter for Lack of Substantial Evidence. Motion made by Commissioner Freeman, seconded by Commissioner Cantone. Motion carried 3-0.

B. Louis Angel Soto v. City of Chicago Board of Education

Charge No.: 2009CF4258 ALS No.: 10-0440

The Panel sustained the dismissal of the charge in the above-referenced matter for Lack of Substantial Evidence. Motion made by Commissioner Freeman, seconded by Commissioner Cantone. Motion carried 3-0.

C. Ernestine Jackson v. City of Chicago Board of Education

Charge No.: 2009CA3385 ALS No.: 10-0342

The Panel sustained the dismissal of the charge in the above-referenced matter for Lack of Substantial Evidence. Motion made by Commissioner Cantone, seconded by Commissioner Freeman. Motion carried 3-0.

D. Cory Schultz v. Illinois Valley Community Hospital

Charge No.: 2009CN2779 ALS No.: 10-0458

The above-referenced matter had been voluntarily dismissed by the Complainant on November 17, 2010. Therefore, since this matter was no longer pending, Panel B rendered no ruling on this agenda item.

E. Beverly Williams v. Air Wisconsin

Charge No.: 2009SF0239 ALS No.: 10-0459

The Panel vacated the dismissal of the charge in the above-referenced matter. The charge is reinstated and remanded to the Illinois Department of Human Rights for further investigation. Motion made by Commissioner Cantone, seconded by Commissioner Freeman. Motion carried 3-0.

V. Petition for Hearing to Determine Complainant's Damages

Gina Rost v. Barley House

Charge No.: 2010CA1864

ALS No.: 11-0238

The Panel voted to grant the Petition. Motion made by Commissioner Cantone, seconded by Commissioner Freeman. Motion carried 3-0.

VI. Second Motion for Extension of Time to File Request for Review

Fenton Powell v. Northwestern University

Charge No.: 2009CF3251

ALS No.: 11-0064

The Panel voted to grant the Motion. The panel granted the Complainant an additional 60 days to file his Request for Review. No further extensions will be allowed. Motion made by Commissioner Cantone, seconded by Commissioner Freeman. Motion carried 3-0.

VII. Motion to Withdraw Department's Motion for Order to Close Case

Obioma Little v. Tommy Gun's Garage, Inc.

Charge No.: 1999CF1627

ALS No.: 11577

The Panel voted to grant the Motion. Motion made by Commissioner Cantone, seconded by Commissioner Freeman. Motion carried 3-0.

VIII. Motion to Reverse Jurisdictional Error Made by the Illinois Department of Human Rights and Motion in Opposition to Commission's Order Directing the Department to Make Finding of Substantial Evidence

Fred Hollingworth v. Galena Unit School District No. 120

Charge No.: 2009CN1061

ALS No.: 11-0006

The Panel voted to deny both of the Motions. Motion made by Commissioner Cantone, seconded by Commissioner Freeman. Motion carried 3-0.

IX. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m. Motion made by Commissioner Freeman, seconded by Commissioner Cantone. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Donyelle L. Gray
Acting General Counsel