

Meeting of the Commission  
June 26, 2013  
11:30 a.m.

James R. Thompson Center  
Murdock Room - IDHS  
Suite 5-300  
100 West Randolph Street  
Chicago, IL 60601

and

Lincoln Land Training Center  
130 W. Mason Street  
Room 104  
Springfield, Illinois

**MINUTES**

PRESENT:

**Commissioners**

In Chicago

Chairman Martin R. Castro  
Robert A. Cantone  
David Chang  
Terry Cosgrove  
Merri Dee  
Nabi Fakroddin  
Lauren Beth Gash  
Rozanne Ronen (via telephone)  
David J. Walsh  
Diane M. Viverito  
Patricia Bakalis Yadgir

In Springfield

Marti Baricevic

Absent

None

**Staff**

Keith N. Chambers  
Reva Bauch  
Michael J. Evans  
LaNade Bridges  
Donyelle L. Gray  
Evelio Mora  
Christine Welninski  
Kinza Khan, Coles Fellow  
Brett Werenski, Coles Fellow

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**Members of Public:** None

**NOTICE:**

Public and closed meetings of the Illinois Human Rights Commission are audio recorded.

**I. Call to Order**

On June 26, 2013 at 11:30 a.m., Chairman Martin R. Castro called to order a meeting of the Illinois Human Rights Commission.

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 physically present at the meeting.
- 2) Prior to the meeting, Commissioner Ronen gave notice to the General Counsel and Secretary of the Public Body, Donyelle Gray that she would be unable to be physically present at the meeting. Commissioner Ronen requested to participate via telephone. A motion to allow Commissioner Ronen to participate via telephone was made by Commissioner Cantone and seconded by Commissioner Gash. Motion carried 11-0.

**II. Consideration of Minutes**

May 15, 2013

The Commission voted to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2013, as submitted by staff. Motion to approve the minutes of May 15, 2013, made by Commissioner Nabi and seconded by Commissioner Walsh. Motion carried 12-0.

**III. Chairman's Report**

*Martin R. Castro, Chairman*

Chairman Castro did not give a report for the June 26, 2013 meeting.

**IV. Staff Reports**

A. *N. Keith Chambers, Executive Director*

Mr. Chambers reported that the Commission and the Illinois Department of Human Rights ("DHR") are in the process of discussing Housing and Urban Development

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(“HUD”) reimbursement funds for fair housing cases. Mr. Chambers will provide an update of the discussions at the next *en banc* meeting

*B. Dr. Ewa I. Ewa, Chief Fiscal Officer*

Dr. Ewa reported there was a final approval of the FY14 budget. The FY14 budget was approved for 1.7 million dollars. Dr. Ewa further reported that the supplemental budget for FY13 has not been approved.

Dr. Ewa reported that the Commission will go ahead and find money for wages owed to union staff of the Commission.

Dr. Ewa reported that a new receptionist will begin on Monday, July 1, 2013.

Dr. Ewa reported that the Illinois Torture Inquiry and Relief Commission received a budgeted amount of \$300,000.00. The Commission will not receive any of this money. Dr. Ewa further reported that the Commission will endeavor to separate the two Commissions’ budgets.

Dr. Ewa reported that he is awaiting approval from the Governor’s office for salary adjustments for the Commission’s Administrative Law Judges.

*C. Michael J. Evans, Chief Administrative Law Judge*

Chief Judge Evans was not available for the June 26, 2013 meeting. Deputy Chief Administrative Law Reva Bauch gave the report for the Chief Administrative Law Judge for the month of May 2013.

*D. Donyelle Gray, General Counsel*

Ms. Gray provided routine reminders to the Commissioners regarding the completion of appointee ethics training and timely submission of timesheets.

Ms. Gray informed the Commission that the yearly general audit is currently taking place, and that a subject of the audit could be the timesheets. Thus, she advised to please turn in promptly any outstanding timesheets.

Ms. Gray asked the Commissioner for volunteers to sit in for Commissioners for upcoming Panels A and B. Commissioner Gash informed Ms. Gray that she would volunteer for these Panels.

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**VI. New Business**

- A. *Presentation on Robert's Rules of Order*  
*Presenters: Assistant GC Evelio Mora and Coles Fellow Kinza Khan*

Assistant General Counsel Mora and Summer Coles Fellow Kinza Khan gave a brief presentation of Robert's Rules of Order.

- B. *Acknowledgment of Commissioner Dee*

The Commission acknowledged Commissioner Dee for the publication of her new book and Merri Dee Proclamation Day by the Illinois General Assembly.

**VII. Unfinished Business**

None

**VIII. Executive Session**

None

**IX. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m. Motion made by Commissioner Nabi, seconded by Commissioner Yadgir. Motion carried 12-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Donyelle L. Gray  
General Counsel