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Minutes-June 13, 2019 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chair Roland Watkins. The following commission members were present: Carole Lieber, Paul Lewis, Kiley Tibbetts, and Tony Sanders. Helen Connolly, Susie Lee, Walter Sargent, Latoya Asia, Sukari Pinnock-Fitts and Marilyn Calix were absent. Executive Director Gurjit Chima was present from the Office of Human Rights. Kellen Macbeth, Mike Pruitt, and Rolda Nedd were present as members of the public. The meeting proceeded as follows:

- I. Mr. Watkins indicated that the prior meeting's minutes would not be approved given a lack of quorum.
- II. The Executive Director provided an update on the procurement of a vendor for the county's barrier analysis study.
- III. Kellen Macbeth introduced himself as the Chair of the Tenant Landlord Commission (TLC) and introduced his colleague, Mike Pruitt. Rolda Nedd introduced herself as staff to the TLC.
- IV. Mr. Kellen proceeded to share information about his proposal to amend the county's Human Rights Ordinance to reflect source of income (SOI) as a basis protected from discrimination under the ordinance. Mr. Kellen informed the commission that he was sharing information about the proposal in his individual capacity and not as the Chair of the TLC since the TLC had not voted on the proposal. Mr. Kellen also shared that some members of the TLC had concerns about the ordinance which he indicated he was working to address. Mr. Kellen answered commissions questions about the proposal and acknowledged that the proposal may trigger the Dillon Rule.

- V. Mr. Roland requested that OHR purchase pens for distribution at the County Fair.
- VI. Ms. Chima requested dates from Mr. Watkins for the rescheduled invitation to CAO to discuss the process for commissioner complaints to OHR. Mr. Roland informed Ms. Chima that the HRC was not interested in re-inviting CAO at this time. Ms. Chima shared that the CAO remained interested in attending an HRC meeting to answer any questions commissioners' had on the issue.
- VII. Meeting adjourned.