



**JHRC COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Tuesday, January 14, 2014**  
**12:00 p.m.**

**Meeting Minutes**

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| <b>Commissioners Attending:</b> | Victoria Bryant-Riggins, PharmD          | Ken Middleton                        |
|                                 | William "Casey" Bulgin                   | Nathan Rousseau, PhD                 |
|                                 | Mario E. Decunto                         | Walette Stanford                     |
|                                 | Leonardo del Rosario, MD                 | Michael B. Stovall, Jr.              |
|                                 | Crystal Freed, Esq.                      | Cindy Watson                         |
|                                 | Rocelia Gonzales                         | Dottie Wilson                        |
|                                 | Sammy Miller                             |                                      |
| <b>Commissioners Absent:</b>    | Parvez Ahmed, PhD                        | Michael Wachholz                     |
|                                 | Daniel "Dan" O'Connor                    |                                      |
| <b>Staff Attending:</b>         | Charlene Taylor Hill, Executive Director | Wayne McGovern, EO/EA Specialist     |
|                                 | Linda Grant-Hunter, Assistant Director   | Joan Dolbear, Executive Secretary II |
|                                 | Michael Wedner, Deputy General Counsel   |                                      |

**I. Call to Order**

Commissioner Walette Stanford, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

**II. Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance**

Commissioner Stanford called for a moment of silence and led the Commissioners in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Commissioner Casey Bulgin to approve the summary of the Meeting Minutes from December 10, 2013. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Victoria Bryant-Riggins. The motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Public Comment**

There were no Public Comments.

**V. New Business**

**A. 2014 OneJax Humanitarian Award Honorees**

Ms. Charlene Taylor Hill reported that Commissioner Parvez Ahmed was selected as one of the 2014 OneJax Humanitarian Award Honorees.

**VI. Old Business**

There was no old business discussed.



## **VII. Committee Reports**

### **A. Community Relations Committee**

#### **1. Human Trafficking Art Exhibit**

Commissioner Crystal Freed provided an update on the Human Trafficking Program scheduled during January and February, 2014. The vision is to raise community awareness by using art as the medium. The art installation will open on January 23, 2014 and will be moved to multiple locations around the city. The art panels will be on exhibit at the February 5, 2014 Art Walk at Hemming Plaza (the Art Walk is held the first Wednesday of the month). A victim of Human Trafficking will be keynote speaker on February 13, 2014 at Jacksonville University. In addition, E. Benjamin Skinner, author of "A Crime so Monstrous," will be speaking on February 23, 2014 at UNF. Additional information will be forthcoming.

A public service announcement (PSA) is in the process of being developed.

### **B. Employment Committee**

The committee is looking into employment trends and what issue it wants to explore. Two issues discussed were mental health and disclosing a disability to an employer. The committee's goals and objectives will be determined at the next meeting.

## **VIII. Executive Director & Staff Report**

Charlene Taylor Hill reported that she has been invited to be the keynote speaker at the Martin Luther King breakfast on Monday, January 20, 2014 in Clay County

Ms. Hill will email the Commissioners information on two events. The first is "Reclaiming Young Black Males for Jacksonville's Future." This program is being held the first Saturday in February. The keynote speaker will address keeping young black male students in school in order to reach their potential.

The second event is about the Ritz Chamber Players Concert to be held on January 22, 2014.

Three Commissioners have resigned. Michele Rollins resigned to be able to volunteer with the JHRC. She has already conducted mediation and is also working on intakes. Sherry Murray resigned due to health reasons. Susan Harthill resigned to take a position with the United States Department of Labor as Deputy Solicitor and is relocating to Washington, DC. Tina Comstock has ended her second term and has decided not to serve until she is replaced.

Ms. Hill stated the staff has been encountering more mental health issues amongst people coming into the JHRC office. Employers are also having a difficult time with accommodating employees with mental health conditions. Commissioner Mario E. Decunto has agreed to meet with the JHRC staff to discuss the best ways to communicate with persons who may have mental health conditions. Ms. Hill also mentioned that JCCI will be conducting a study on the lack of funding for mental health and what is needed in Jacksonville to help remove the barrier or stigmatism.

Ms. Hill reviewed the metric statistics for the month of December.



**IX. Chair's Report**

Commissioner Walette Stanford reminded the commission that the Martin Luther King Breakfast was on Friday, January 17, 2014.

**X. Announcements**

Monday, February 3, 2014 @ 10:00 a.m. Housing & Public Accommodations Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, February 4, 2014 @ 10:30 a.m. .... Employment committee Meeting  
Thursday, February 6, 2014 @ 11:30 a.m. .... Community Relations Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, February 11, 2014 @ 11:30 a.m. .... Executive Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, February 11, 2014 @ 12:00 p.m. .... Commission Meeting

**XI. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.



# Upcoming Events

| JHRC SPONSORED EVENTS   |  |         |
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| Date/time/Location  | Event  | Contact |
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| JHRC SUPPORTED EVENTS   |  |         |
| Date/Time/Location  | Event  | Contact |
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| COMMUNITY EVENTS  |  |         |
| Date/Time/Location  | Event  | Contact |
| January 17, 2014<br>Prime F. Osborn<br>Convention Center<br>8:00 a.m. | 27 <sup>th</sup> Annual Martin Luther King, Jr.<br>Breakfast<br>Keynote Speaker<br>Soledad O'Brien |         |