

Frankfort Human Rights Commission

August 1, 2023, 5:00 p.m.

City Hall

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Kristie Powe. Present were Kristie Powe, Lisa Gabbard, Katima McMillan, Bruce Brooks, and Anita Collins. Newly appointed Commissioner John Opsata was also present. Fairness Officer Jason Hart was also present.

Two guests were present: Raymond Shields, prospective commissioner, and Juan Peña, Kentucky Commission on Human Rights.

The May meeting minutes were approved. Motion was made by Katima McMillan, and seconded by Anita Collins, with all voting in favor.

Jason Hart, Fairness Officer, informed the Commission that the case he'd previously recommended be withdrawn was officially dismissed without any appeals. He made note of the fact that the Commission should remember this situation, should anyone file a similar complaint in the future.

In New Business, it was reported that Tuesday, August 29 is Frankfort Fairness Ordinance Day, and our Commission will have a presence at any events.

Commissioners received training from Juan Peña, Human Rights Specialist at the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights. He shared a PowerPoint presentation entitled Ky. Civil Rights Training; Local Human Rights Commission Training. It covered several topics, but he focused on Employment Law for the group this time and offered to return to cover other topics in more depth. The information was very helpful, and the members thanked him for attending.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Bruce Brooks made the motion to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. with a second from Anita Collins, and all voted in favor.