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**DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR  
COMMISSION ON MINORITY AFFAIRS**

**Meeting Minutes**

A meeting of the Commission on Minority Affairs was held on Monday, February 28, 2022. Pursuant to public notice, this meeting was conducted by a Webex videoconference call.

**1. COMMISSION BUSINESS**

A. Chair Chaney called the meeting to order at 9:34 am.

B. Commissioners Present: Chair D. Edward Chaney, C. Yerania De Luca, C. Jose Melendrez, C. Angelica Villarta, C. E. Mercedes Krause

C. Commissioners Not in Attendance: Vice Chair Myisha Boyce, Commissioner Amy Shaw, Commissioner Hasaan Azam, Commissioner Kathleen Taylor

C. Staff Present: Carrie Foley, Program Officer for the Department of Business & Industry

D. Public Attendance: Marcel Schaerer, Deputy Director, Department of Business & Industry, Nicholas Dunkle, Linda Anderson and Lea Case

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**3. COMMISSION BUSINESS DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION BY THE COMMISSION**

A. **Approval of January 24, 2022 meeting minutes (for discussion and possible action)** Commissioner Martell-De Luca moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Krause seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**B. Subcommittee Updates (for discussion and possible action)**

1. Community Liaison

Commissioner Villarta said LVMPD along with the LVMPD foundation are going to be training home dogs in a park.

## 2. Legislative

None

## 3. Economic and Business Development

Commissioner Villarta discussed Nevada PTAC and training opportunities available later this month.

## 4. Workforce Development

Commissioner Martell-De Luca mentioned a few free workshops being offered by SCORE. She also discussed a Northern Nevada Development Authority annual state of the county presentation.

## 5. Housing

Commissioner Krause discussed the cost of rental housing. Commissioner Melendez discussed the new housing initiative that Governor Sisolak mentioned publicly recently. Commissioner Melendez suggested that perhaps at the next meeting we could have someone from the Governor's Office come and talk about the program.

Commissioner Krause talked about obtaining information on income ranges.

There was additional committee discussion on affordable housing.

Commissioner Melendez suggested possibly adding information to the Commission on Minority Affairs website with resources and information on the Governor's new initiative.

## 6. Health

Commissioner Melendrez provided an update on COVID numbers in Nevada, including positive cases and vaccinations.

## 7. Education

Commissioner Melendez discussed an upcoming meeting with the Board of Regents, where they will be presenting two diversity related components.

Commissioner Krause briefly discussed COVID numbers. Commissioner Krause discussed an agreement between the City of Las Vegas and CCSD, for various programs/services that will be available at local schools. She shared a document and discussed it including information on absenteeism and graduation rates. Commissioner Krause shared a link to the document in the chat for attendees to view.

Commissioner Krause also discussed focus groups that will be happening later in the year, followed by outreach programs and professional learning centered around absenteeism.

#### **4. New Business**

Commissioner Chaney said that the Management Analyst position is currently posted. He asked Commissioners to share the information with anyone they know who might be interested in applying.

Carrie Foley mentioned that we have received two applications for individuals who are interested in the vacancies on the Commission on Minority Affairs. Deputy Director Schaerer discussed the process/procedure for individuals who are interested in serving as a Commissioner.

Commissioner Chaney said that the Management Analyst, and vacant Commissioner positions are two different things and if you know anyone who is interested in either please ask them to apply as soon as possible.

#### **5. Public Comment**

None

#### **6. Next Meeting**

Next Meeting: Monday, March 21, 2022 at 9:30 am

#### **7. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:20am.