

NORTH CAROLINA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
Minutes of Commission Meeting  
January 18, 2017

The North Carolina Human Relations Commission convened in regular session on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 10:05 a.m. in Room 2601T-2 of the Department of Administration Building, Raleigh, NC. The following members were present:

Steve Stevenson, Chairman  
Guy Anglade (by teleconference)  
Deborah Britt  
Immanuel Jarvis  
Joseph Kyzer  
Lance Metzler  
Robert O'Neal  
Gilbert Parker  
Arthur Rich  
Adam Wilson

Staff Members Present: Phillip Jordan, Interim Executive Director, Human Relations Commission; Richard Boulden, Agency Counsel; Gene Troy, Human Relations Specialist

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Called to Order -- Chairman Stevenson called the meeting to order at 10:20am.
2. Invocation – Commissioner O'Neal
3. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Oath of Office – Commissioner Adam Wilson was sworn in the Hon. Robert Hunter of the N.C. Court of Appeals.
4. Roll Call and quorum count – The Chair noted that there was a quorum present.
5. Chairman Stevenson gave welcoming remarks, thanked Justice Hunter for his assistance and remarks, and introduced the staff and guests.
7. The Minutes of the December 14, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously.
8. The Chair asked for reports from each subcommittee as to what issues they had decided to pursue.

Commissioner Anglade reported that the Employment & Training committee will try to have program on the minimum wage for the April meeting.

Commissioner Parker said that the Education committee wanted to discuss the possibility of a state registry of teachers who have been found “responsible” for infractions which could be

searched by schools considering hiring a teacher or administrator. The Education Committee also wants to work on ways to get training for people who have been placed on disability.

Commissioners Wilson and Kyzer reported that the Public Safety committee would like to work on the problem of employment for persons with past criminal records who have not committed new crimes recently.

The Commissioners discussed the need for more frequent meetings, utilizing teleconferencing, webconferencing, or other low-cost means.

9. Old Business – Commissioner Rich offered an amended resolution on taxes on Olympic medals. On motion by Commissioner Jarvis, seconded by Commissioner Parker, the amended resolution passed on a vote of 9 for and 1 against.

The Chair reminded all Commissioners to update their SEIs and make sure they had completed the required Ethics training. He also reported that Commissioners Sprinkle and Britt would be attending NFHTA training online.

10. Other Business-- Staff member Gene Troy reported that the Southern Poverty Law Center had evidence of an uptick in hate crimes in the state since the November election. On motion of Commissioner Jarvis, seconded by Commissioner Jarvis, the Commission voted unanimously to table discussion of NCHRC response to this information,

The next meeting is set for Wednesday, April 12, 2017, in the Department of Administration Building in Raleigh.

11. On motion and second to adjourn, the meeting closed at 12:25pm.