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HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MINUTES

July 21, 2021 VIRTUAL Human Rights Commission Meeting

Minutes were approved in the HRC Meeting on _____

Human Rights Commissioners Present: Chair Rasheada Caldwell, Agnes McCray, Rev. Roosevelt Baums, Nodesia Hernandez.

Absent: Leo Sanchez, John Rushing III, Al-amin Muhammad, Liban Mohammed, Mia Wade, Lanessa Chaplin, Barbara Johnson, Chris Gilkes.

Community members present: Sora Iriye, Nicole Henry, Dr. Rev. H. Bernard Alex, Cole Kuczek, Shantelle Felder, Lael Pierce.

County staff present: Montanette Murphy

Meeting began at 5:40.

- 1) **Attendance:** Attendance taken.
- 2) **Greetings and Welcome**
- 3) **Approval of May/June minutes:** Minutes not approved. No quorum.
- 4) **Approval of June/July agenda:** Minutes not approved. No quorum.
- 5) **Recognition of visitors:** Visitors were recognized but no public comment.
- 6) **Guests:** The Honorable Justice Julie Cecile and Thomas Smith, Esq.
- 7) **Discussion with Judge Cecile and Thomas Smith, Esq., on how to make the courts more welcoming:** Commissioners had a robust discussion about how to make the courts more welcoming to all but particularly people with disabilities, people of color and the LGBTQIA+ community. Commissioners Agnes McCray, Nodesia Hernandez, Roosevelt Baums and Chair Rasheada Caldwell spoke. Judge Cecile and Attorney Thomas Smith agreed to meet again with the Commission and invited Commissioners to do a walkthrough of the courts.
- 8) **Administrator's Report:** Announced National Night Out and other community events. HRC will decide which summer month to take off.
- 9) **Chair's report:** No report.
- 10) **New business/Old Business/Announcements:** None.
- 11) **Meeting ended at 6:30 p.m.**