

**COMMISSION ON LANDLORD-TENANT AFFAIRS
MINUTES – May 7, 2024**

IN ATTENDANCE:

- COMMISSIONERS:** David Moskowitz, Alison Graham, Destiny Igiebor, Sherry Glazer, Don Weinstein, Charlie Marschke, Laura Murray, Mike Rosenzweig, Gagik Karapetyan, Stefanie Milovic, Nurith Berstein-Rosales, and Clover Baker Brown.
- COUNTY ATTORNEY:** Walter Wilson, Neal Anker
- OLTA:** Susana Capobianco, Leslee Clerkley, Adriana Parreira-Cora, Rosie McCray-Moody, Farida Robinson and Nicolle Katrivanos
- OTHER:** None

There was a regular (virtual – Zoom) meeting of the Montgomery County Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs on Tuesday, May 7, 2024. Commissioner Laura Murray called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes

The April 2, 2024, meeting notes were approved with four amendments.

Submission of Landlord-Tenant Cases/Scheduling of Cases:

The Commission voted on whether to accept jurisdiction on the following case submitted:

- Case No. 48570, *Harrison v Kushawaha*** - The Commission voted to accept jurisdiction in this case, however; since the investigator was not available, no hearing date was set or panel assigned. One Commissioner recused themselves from the vote or any comments as they knew the Respondent.
- Case No. 48939, *Walker v FPA/WC Wheaton Station, LLC*** – The Commission voted not to accept jurisdiction in this case and it was dismissed. The vote was seven Commissioners voted not to accept jurisdiction, three Commissioners voted to accept jurisdiction and one Commissioner recused themselves from the vote or any comments as they knew the Respondent. The case was dismissed on a 7 to 3 vote.

Appeals to Circuit Court:

COLTA Case No. 45464, *Stroman v Inigo's Crossing*, Appeal to Circuit Court— judicial review petition filed by tenant on 3/8/2023; notice issued to COLTA 3/8/2023; certificate of compliance filed 4/6/23; motion to extend time to file petitioner's memorandum 5/11/23; motion granted 5/25/23; petitioner's memorandum 6/9/23; letter to Judge McCally 7/26/23; correspondence from Judge McNally to all parties 8/14/23; order entered requiring DHCA to file administrative record by December 15th 11/7/23; administrative record received 12/14/23; notice of record issued 12/15/23; response to order received 12/22/23; letter to Judge McCally 2/26/24; remanded to the Department of Housing and Community Affairs 3/25/24; County motion to intervene 4/4/24; County motion for reconsideration 4/4/24. CLOSED.

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License Revocations:

None

Subcommittee Reports:

Commissioner Destiny Igiebor informed the Panel that the next meeting will be May 27, 2024, the last Monday of the month.

Staff Report:

OLTA Manager Nicolle Katrivanos, introduced OLTA's newest investigator, Farida Robinson. Ms. Robinson started about a month ago and this is her first meeting. Ms. Katrivanos also reported that she would be setting a date and interview panel to fill vacancies on the panel.

Old Business:

Commissioner Milovic again discussed the best way to maintain shadow training. She asked that everyone on the hearing panel come to the hearing at least 15 minutes early to attend to any problems that may arise. She also said she would send out notes regarding hearing etiquette. She also asked that new Commissioners attend at least three (3) shadow hearings prior to sitting on a panel. David Moskowitz is running the next shadow training.

New Business:

Commissioner Milovic reported that she has been keeping track of attendance at meetings and so far COLTA volunteers have been doing a great job about turning up timely. She reminded everyone that more than three absences were unacceptable and that she would need to speak with anyone who exceeded that number. Ms. Milovic also noted that Commissioner Igiebor was doing a great job with the shadow training and hoped everyone was attending through this means. She also reminded everyone that if the shadow training was not available, they were free to listen to each hearing as they are open to the public. This information should be posted on our website. Ms. Milovic also reminded the Commissioners to be careful of their comments at public meetings so they will not be misinterpreted.

Setting of Next Commission Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday June 4, 2024. Commissioner David Moskowitz was assigned as Chair for this meeting.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.