

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY  
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
Monday, May 19, 2025**

**Meeting Minutes**

The monthly meeting was held in-person at the OHR Large Conference Center, 21 Maryland Avenue, Suite 331, Rockville, Maryland 20850 at 7 pm.

**Commissioners Present:** William England, Prof. Okianer Christian Dark, Alejandro Becerra, Janice Freeman, Dr. Rahul Jindal, Rachel Breslin, Candace Groudine, and Nina Weisbroth.

**Commissioners Excused:** Dr. Suresh Gupta, Suzanne Lofhjelm, Stephanie Mason and Terri Vann.

**Staff Attended:** Director James Stowe, Compliance Manager Loretta Garcia, and Staff Liaison Anis Ahmed.

**Chair:** Called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

**Approval:**

- Agenda for May 19, 2025, meeting was approved by a common consent.

**Chairman's Report:**

- Vice Chair Professor Okianer Christian Dark reported about the Commission on Remembrance and Reconciliation's Opening ceremony of Markers for the lynching victims.
- Director James Stowe reported about the preparation of the Montgomery County's recognition of the African American Living Legends, and the JuneTeenth Celebration.
- The Recognition of the Living Legends will be held on Friday evening of June 20, 2025. The ceremony will be followed by a reception.
- The JuneTeenth Celebration will be held on Saturday, June 21, 2025, from 10 am to 10 pm.
- Both celebrations will be held at the Center for Arts, Black Rock Center, Germantown, Maryland.

**Discussions:**

Recap of the discussion on Eviction process which was held at the Commission's April and next step for the HR Commission.

**Case Review Board:**

OHR Compliance Manager Loretta Garcia updated case report to the Commissioners with proving printed report.

**Miscellaneous:**

Commissioner Candace Groudine suggested inviting CASA leadership to the commission meeting for updating immigration situation in the County.

**Announcements:** Director James Stowe

- Eid-ul-Fitr, a Muslim religious holiday will be held on Friday, June 6, 2025.
- Applications sought for African American Living Legend. The living legends will be honored on June 20, 2025. The deadline for application is June 1, 2025.
- Montgomery County JuneTeenth celebration will be held all day on June 21, 2025, BlackRock Center for the Arts, Germantown.
- The 57<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Montgomery County Open Housing Act Proclamation is TBA.

**Adjourned:**

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm.