



**Community Relations Commission
Monthly Meeting/Hybrid
Public Session Minutes
February 18, 2026, at 1 pm,
Baltimore City Hall, Curran Room, 4th Floor
Holliday Street, Baltimore, MD 21202
February 18, 2026**

- I. Participating in the conference were Commissioners Todd Yeary, Nadine Finigan-Carr (Chair), Reynaldo Evangelista, Amahl Foster, Gloria Andela, Stephen Ruckman(remote), Matthew Menter (remote), Chanel Green. Absent: Yvette Ilechie. Also, present were staff: Aracely Stafford (Interim Deputy Director), Danielle Burton (Division Chief), Andrea Pineda (Investigator), Zelma Ortiz (Investigator)(remote), Tiffany Jones (Investigator)(remote), Emma Kaufman (Investigator), and Martina Gardiner (Administrative Coordinator).

- II. Welcome/Call to Order
 - A. The meeting was called to order at 1:12 pm by Chair Finigan-Carr.
 - B. Open remarks.

- III. Approval of the Minutes
 - A. Motion to approve November 11, 2026, minutes was made by Commissioner Green and seconded by Commissioner Evangelista. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioners Ruckman and Menter abstained.
 - B. Motion to approve January 21, 2026, minutes was made by Commissioner Foster and seconded by Commissioner Evangelista. Motion carried unanimously.

- IV. Director's Report
 - A. Deputy Stafford gave the Director's report.
 - B. Staff Updates
 1. CRC has signed off on the Fair Employment Practices Agencies (FEPA) contract with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.
 2. CRC staff will participate in the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights Symposium. February 21, 2026.
 3. Civil Rights Week has been set for Oct 2-9, 2026.



4. Chief Burton has been elected to serve as Vice President of MAHRA, representing Baltimore City in this statewide leadership role.

C. Board Vacancies

1. The Mayor's Office of Government Relations (MOGR) has sworn in all board members.
2. All commissioners are required to complete the Ethics requirements by April 30, 2026.

D. Legislative Updates

1. The Inclusionary Housing Board meeting provided the latest information on seating the final renter applicants for the Commission.
2. Tisha Gutherie will serve as the City Council President's representative for a renter at or below 60% of AMI.

E. Education & Outreach

1. CRC staff are currently working with External Affairs' Chief Jumel Howard and MCCR for the Fair Housing month events in April.
2. Dates and times will be sent out at the end of February for all events and activities.

IV. Commissioners' Report

- A. No report.

V. Open Forum

- A. Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 18, 2026
- B. CRW October 2-9th. Commissioners are asked to provide suggestions for CRW. Reminder: Planning meeting in July. If there are other ideas for tickets including sponsorships, please have information or ideas by July 2026 that can be discussed during the planning meeting.
- C. Chief Howard will be working towards fair housing month.
- D. Rev. Jesse Jackson's last trip to Baltimore was in 2019.
- E. Guest introduction – Lamar Marten represented the LGBTQ community and Mayor's Office of Homeless Services.

VI. Closing

- A. There was no further business to discuss.
- B. Chair Finigan-Carr read the Closed Session Statement and closed the meeting at approximately 1:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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