

**MICHIGAN CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION**  
**Monday, July 29, 2013 – 11:00 A.M.**  
**Michigan Department of Civil Rights, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Commission Room**  
**110 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI 48909**

**MINUTES (PROPOSED)**

**Present:** Commission Chair Mike Zelle  
Commission Vice-Chair Lisa Peeples-Hurst  
Commission Secretary Jared Rodriguez  
Commissioner Arthur Horwitz  
Commissioner Deloris Hunt  
New Commissioner Linda Gobler

**Excused:** Commissioner Agustin Arbulu  
Commissioner Rasha Demashkieh

*The meeting of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission was called to order by Commission Chair Mike Zelle at 11:04 p.m.*

I. WELCOME

Commissioner Zelle brought welcoming remarks and called the meeting to order.

II. SWEARING-IN OF NEW COMMISSIONER: LINDA GOBLER

Linda Gobler, appointed by Governor Rick Snyder on June 29, 2013 to succeed former commissioner Stephanie Comai for a term expiring December 31, 2014 indicated the following:  
*“I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this State, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Commissioner of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission according to the best of my ability.”*

III. INTERVIEWS OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

Candidate One: John Roy Castillo (11:10-12:00)

Candidate Two: Lee Gonzales (12:05-1:00)

BREAK (1:00-2:00)

Candidate Three: Eric Williams (2:05-3:00)

Candidate Four: Roland Hwang (3:10-3:55)

IV. DISCUSSION / DELIBERATIONS

Commission Chair Zelle asked each of the Commissioners to provide their initial impressions: Commissioner Horwitz provided his comments and concluded by stating that he recommended that the Commission explore additional potential candidates for the Executive Director position; Commissioner Rodriguez provided his comments and concluded by stating that he recommended

that the Commission explore additional potential candidates for the Executive Director position; Commissioner Lisa Peeples-Hurst provided her comments and concluded by stating that she recommended that the Commission appoint Eric Williams as Executive Director; Commissioner Gobler provided her comments and concluded by stating that she recommended that the Commission explore additional potential candidates for the Executive Director position; Commissioner Hunt provided her comments and concluded by stating that she recommended that the Commission explore additional potential candidates for the Executive Director position; Commissioner Zelle provided his comments and concluded by stating that he recommended that the Commission explore additional potential candidates for the Executive Director position;

***On Motion duly made and supported, the Commission voted whether MCRC determines not to name a permanent executive director; but instead to repost the position and seek additional candidates to be considered along with those who have already applied, and appoint an interim executive director from the MDCR Executive Team to serve for the next sixty days.***

***Motion carried: 5 Yea - 1 Nay - 0 Abstained.***

***On Motion duly made and supported, the Commission voted whether MCRC appoints Leslee Fritz as the interim executive director for the next sixty days.***

***Motion carried: 5 Yea - 0 Nay - 1 Abstained.***

After discussion, the Commission determined that MDCR will re-open the application process for the Executive Director position; Commissioners will have an opportunity to recruit possible applicants; Donna Wilson will re-post the position between the dates of August 12 through August 23, 2013; A Special Meeting for the screening of recommended candidates will be scheduled for September 23, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. in Lansing; the new interviews will take place at the next scheduled Commission meeting on October 7, 2013 – the meeting venue will be changed from Jackson to Lansing for the interviews; the start time of the October 7, 2013 meeting will be determined once the final candidates are selected.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

L.W. Morrow – Mr. Morrow brought concerns regarding continued harassment from the campus police department from Colorado University, and he is seeking a multi-million dollar award.

X. ADJOURNMENT

***On Motion duly made and supported, the meeting of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission adjourned at 4:36 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.***

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Secretary

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Director