



## **Durham Workers Rights Commission Meeting 3.25.2025- Virtually via Zoom**

**Attendees:** Vice Chair Powell, Interim Chair Ballan, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Taylor, Commissioner Pedersen, Commissioner Fenerty, Commissioner Reinstein, Commissioner Medelius, Commissioner Morell

### **Agenda Items:**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:03pm

PUBLIC COMMENTS – A member of the public Keiara Tyson was online to observe.

### MINUTES/OLD BUSINESS

- A. Note: DWRC minutes for February was moved and approved at 6:05pm
- B. The new members introduced/shared their backgrounds
- C. Commissioners shared their thoughts on future projects within the commission.

### COMMITTEE UPDATES:

- Commissioner Pedersen shared his thoughts:
  - a. Indoor Air quality standards within the workplace.
- Commissioner Reinstein shared her thoughts:
  - a. Partner with the Teacher's Union
  - b. She shared the Rally she attended had a great turnout. She plans on keeping the commission updated through the GroupMe app.
- Commissioner Medelius shared his thoughts:
  - a. Commissioner Medelius proposed a resolution supporting CAUSE to the Council members for Amazon workers to unionize.
  - b. He stated he will be willing to help create the resolution with the help of Commissioner Taylor.
- Interim Chair Ballan shared that a fellow bartender and herself have started gathering to discuss hospitality related issues within the workplace.
  - a. She shared that if anyone that would be interested in joining or if you know of anyone, please reach out.
  - b. She stated she would pass along a flyer from the Workers' Assembly in regard to the VA. Information went out within the GroupMe contacts.
- Commissioner Fenerty shared his ideas:
  - a. Snapshot/report on Labor conditions in Durham
    - i. Organizing efforts
    - ii. Gaps in protection/issues
    - iii. Behaviors within the workplace
  - b. Vice Chair Powell shared with Commissioner Fenerty the past efforts within the commission with a similar project.
- Interim Chair Ballan, Commissioner Pedersen, and Vice Chair Powell shared the recap from the Workers+ Project.

- Interim Chair Ballan made note that she will put her efforts into finding a City Council Liaison for the commission.
  - a. Commissioners discussed different avenues to take to retain a Council Member as Liaison.
  - b. Commissioner Fenerty suggested going to a Council Meeting to speak on need of a present Liaison for the commission.
- Commissioner Reinstein shared a recap of the teacher's meeting with the School Board superintendent.
- Commissioner Fenerty shared an idea:
  - a. Written/Audio visual of workers in Durham
  - b. Workers' Voices series
  - c. The Commissioner shared his insight of resources that could be used with SWA.
  
- Commissioner Reinstein shared that she created a flyer; will be shared within GroupMe.
- Commissioners discussed ways for outreach to the public via social media.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS-**

- A. Fellow Commissioners shared interest in meeting up and calling into meetings virtually.

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:04pm**

**Next meeting: April 22nd at 6pm via Zoom**

**Respectfully Submitted by: Ashlee Adams, Secretary to Workers' Right's Commission.**