

**MARION CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
February 22, 2016, 6:30 p.m.**

Marion City Hall
1225 6th Avenue
Marion, IA 52302

Commissioners Present: Ms. Danielle Brazant
Ms. Renae Forsyth-Christy
Ms. Kim Gordon
Mr. Kent Jackson
Mr. Steve Moshier, Chair
Mr. Bret Nilles
Mr. Joe Stutler, Vice Chair
Ms. Angelica Vannatta

Commissioners Absent: Mr. Dave Baumler
Mr. Joseph Ellis
Ms. Queen Githaiga

Staff/Other Present: Ms. LaSheila Yates, Executive Director, Cedar Rapids Civil Rights Commission
Ms. Janet Abejo, Senior Investigator, Cedar Rapids Civil Rights Commission
Ms. Alicia Abernathey, Administrative Assistant, Cedar Rapids Civil Rights Commission
Mr. Devin Kelly, City Attorney, City of Marion

I. Call to Order

Noting there was a quorum, Commissioner Moshier, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Commissioner Brazant left the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

II. Roll Call/Introductions

Commissioners, staff and guests introduced themselves.

III. Public Response.

No public present.

IV. Closed Session

Case No. 3437 Andrea Clements v. Seldin Co. d/b/a ChapelRidge Apartments

Commissioner Stutler moved to go into closed session. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken. The motion carried on a unanimous vote and the Commission went into closed session at 6:37 p.m.

Commissioner Jackson moved to return to open session. Commissioner Nilles seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken. The motion carried on a unanimous vote and the Commission returned to open session at 8:18 p.m.

Commissioner Nilles moved to approve the ALJ's finding. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioners Nilles, Jackson, and Forsyth-Christy. Nays, Commissioners Vannatta, Gordon, Moshier and Stutler. Motion fails.

Commissioner Stutler moved to reject the ALJ's finding due to too many errors. Commissioner Vannatta seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioners Vannatta, Gordon and Stutler. Nays, Commissioners Nilles, Jackson and Forsyth-Christy. Abstain, Commissioner Moshier. Motion fails.

Commissioner Gordon moved to go back into closed session. Commissioner Stutler seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken. The motion carried on a unanimous vote and the Commission went back into closed session at 8:23 p.m.

Commissioner Nilles moved to return to open session. Commissioner Forsyth-Christy seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken. The motion carried on a unanimous vote the Commission returned to open session at 8:59 p.m.

Commissioner Gordon moved to approve the ALJ's finding. Commissioner Nilles seconded the motion. Ayes, Commissioners Gordon, Nilles, Jackson, Moshier and Forsyth-Christy. Nays, Commissioners Vannatta and Stutler. Motion carries.

Commissioner Stutler moved to approve payment of the ALJ's invoice. Commissioner Nilles seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

V. **Adjournment**

Commissioner Nilles moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Commissioner Stutler seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by Alicia Abernathey, Cedar Rapids Civil Rights Commission