

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

Meeting of Panel A
May 6, 2026
9:00 a.m.

Michael A. Bilandic Building
160 North LaSalle Street, Suite N-1000
Chicago, Illinois 60601

and

Jefferson Terrace
300 West Jefferson Street, Suite 108
Springfield, Illinois 62702

Via Webex

MINUTES

PRESENT

Commissioners:

Panel – Gregory E. Vaci (Panel Chair)
Demoya R. Gordon
Mony Ruiz-Velasco

Also Attending – Selma D'Souza (Commission Chair)
Jacqueline Y. Collins
Janice M. Glenn
Stephen A. Kouri II

Staff:

David R. Larson, Interim Executive Director and General Counsel
Claudia Ortega, Chief Financial and Human Resources Officer
Bonnie Kim, Deputy General Counsel
Emily Curosh, Assistant General Counsel
Jaz Park, Assistant General Counsel
Shantelle Baker, Administrative Assistant I
Bricia Herrera, Administrative Assistant I
Christine Welninski, Administrative Assistant I
Michelle Crayton, Private Secretary

Members of the Public:

Oral Bennett
Reivis Barileau
Michael Vernon
Tomas Ramirez
Armanda Mojica
David Rothal
Deena Sanceda
Audrey Walling
Jerry Bauer
Zoha Ullah

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Alexandra Bruns-Smith
Marilyn Prentice
Grace
Rob Telfer
Amy Sorenson

I. Call to Order

A meeting of the Illinois Human Rights Commission Panel A was called to order on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. by Panel Chair Vaci.

Pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/1 *et seq.*, it was determined that:

All three Commissioners were physically present at the meeting.

II. Minutes – April 8, 2026

Panel A adopted the minutes as submitted by staff with minor edits. Motion made by Commissioner Ruiz-Velasco; seconded by Commissioner Gordon. Motion carried 3-0-0.

III. Requests for Review

- A. *Halimah Muhammad C/O Aesha El-Amin vs. Distintive Schools*
Charge No.: 2024CF2411 ALS No.: 25-0377

Panel A adopted the proposed order sustaining the dismissal of the Petitioner's charge for lack of substantial evidence. Motion made by Commissioner Gordon; seconded by Commissioner Ruiz-Velasco. Motion carried 3-0-0.

- B. *Tammy Craig vs. Vickie Cook*
Charge No.: 2024SN1038 ALS No.: 25-0495

Panel A adopted the proposed order sustaining the dismissal of the Petitioner's charge for lack of substantial evidence. Motion made by Commissioner Ruiz-Velasco; seconded by Commissioner Gordon. Motion carried 3-0-0.

- C. *Tammy Craig vs. University of Illinois Springfield*
Charge No.: 2024SF1037 ALS No.: 25-0496

Panel A adopted the proposed order sustaining the dismissal of Counts A, C, and E of the Petitioner's charge for lack of substantial evidence and vacating the dismissal of Counts B, D, and F and remanding the counts for a finding of substantial evidence. Motion made by Commissioner Gordon; seconded by Commissioner Ruiz-Velasco. Motion carried 3-0-0.

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- D. *Jesse Jacquez vs. Marriott International, Inc. d/b/a Courtyard Chicago/River North*
Charge No.: 2025CF0915 ALS No.: 26-0055

Panel A adopted the proposed order sustaining the dismissal of Counts A, B, C, D, F, and G of the Petitioner's charge for lack of substantial evidence and vacating the dismissal of Counts E and H and remanding the counts for a finding of substantial evidence. Motion made by Commissioner Ruiz-Velasco; seconded by Commissioner Gordon. Motion carried 3-0-0.

- E. *Sulaiman Asim vs. Hilton Management LLC d/b/a Hilton Chicago*
Charge No.: 2024CA3151 ALS No.: 26-0086

Panel A adopted the proposed order sustaining the dismissal of Counts A, B, C, D, E, G, H, I, and J of the Petitioner's charge for lack of substantial evidence and vacating the dismissal of Count F and remanding the count for a finding of substantial evidence. Motion made by Commissioner Gordon; seconded by Commissioner Ruiz-Velasco. Motion carried 3-0-0.

- F. *Sulaiman Asim vs. Jaime Barajas*
Charge No.: 2024CN3153 ALS No.: 26-0088

Panel A adopted the proposed order sustaining the dismissal of the Petitioner's charge for lack of substantial evidence. Motion made by Commissioner Ruiz-Velasco; seconded by Commissioner Gordon. Motion carried 3-0-0.

- G. *Sulaiman Asim vs. Jennifer Irby*
Charge No.: 2024CN3152 ALS No.: 26-0090

Panel A adopted the proposed order sustaining the dismissal of the Petitioner's charge for lack of substantial evidence. Motion made by Commissioner Gordon; seconded by Commissioner Ruiz-Velasco. Motion carried 3-0-0.

- H. *Andrea Givens vs. Hy-Vee, Inc.*
Charge No.: 2025SP1217 ALS No.: 26-0104

Panel A adopted the proposed order sustaining the dismissal of the Petitioner's charge for lack of substantial evidence. Motion made by Commissioner Ruiz-Velasco; seconded by Commissioner Gordon. Motion carried 3-0-0.

IV. Contested Matter

- A. *Rosemane Piervil vs. Heather Rehabilitation and Health Care Center, Inc.*
Charge No.: 2023CF2738 ALS No.: 25-0260

Panel A adopted the proposed order declining review of the ROD and making it the final order of the Commission. Motion made by Commissioner Gordon; seconded by Commissioner Ruiz-Velasco. Motion carried 3-0-0.

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V. Settlements

- A. *Kimberly Taglia vs. Willow Walk Condominium Association*
Charge No.: 2026CH0100 ALS No.: 26-0168

Panel A approved the settlement agreement, and the Commission retains jurisdiction for the purposes of enforcement. Motion made by Commissioner Gordon; seconded by Commissioner Ruiz-Velasco. Motion carried 3-0-0.

- B. *Shannen Damiano vs. ASAP Management and Sanford Khan*
Charge No.: 2026CH1220 ALS No.: 26-0169

Panel A approved the settlement agreement, and the Commission retains jurisdiction for the purposes of enforcement. Motion made by Commissioner Ruiz-Velasco; seconded by Commissioner Gordon. Motion carried 3-0-0.

- C. *Hazel McClinton vs. Dickerson Realtors, Inc.*
Charge No.: 2026CH1043 ALS No.: 26-0170

Panel A approved the settlement agreement, and the Commission retains jurisdiction for the purposes of enforcement. Motion made by Commissioner Gordon; seconded by Commissioner Ruiz-Velasco. Motion carried 3-0-0.

VI. Petition for Default Order

- A. *Rosetta Robinson vs. Don Grayson*
Charge No.: 2024CN3083 ALS No.: 26-016

Panel A granted the petition for default. Motion made by Commissioner Ruiz-Velasco; seconded by Commissioner Gordon. Motion carried 3-0-0.

VII. Motions

- A. Motion for Voluntary Dismissal
Jonathan Smith vs. Steiner Security Services, Inc.
Charge No.: 2025CN0507 ALS No.: 25-0383

Panel A granted the motion for voluntary dismissal, dismissing the case with prejudice. Motion made by Commissioner Gordon; seconded by Commissioner Ruiz-Velasco. Motion carried 3-0-0.

- B. Motion to Withdraw as Counsel
Maria Carmen Patricia Huerta vs. Blachford Corporation
Charge No.: 2025CF1356 ALS No.: 26-0103

Panel A granted the motion. Motion made by Commissioner Ruiz-Velasco; seconded by Commissioner Gordon. Motion carried 3-0-0.

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VIII. Public Comments

None.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m. Motion made by Commissioner Gordon; seconded by Commissioner Ruiz-Velasco. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Curosh
Assistant General Counsel
Illinois Human Rights Commission