

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

Meeting of Panel B
June 24, 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 – Jacqueline Y. Collins (Panel Chair)
Janice M. Glenn
Stephen A. Kouri II

Also Attending – Selma D'Souza (Commission Chair) Mony Ruiz-Velasco
Demoya R. Gordon Gregory E. Vaci

Staff:

David Larson, Interim Executive Director
Claudia Ortega, Chief Financial and Human Resources Officer
Bonnie Kim, Deputy General Counsel
Adrian Atwater, Assistant General Counsel
Emily Curosh, Assistant General Counsel
Jaz Park, Assistant General Counsel
Michelle Crayton, Private Secretary
Bricia Herrera, Administrative Assistant I
Christine Welninski, Administrative Assistant I
Graciela Delgado, Administrative Assistant I
Samantha Judd Administrative Assistant II
Shantelle Baker, Administrative Assistant I
Cecilia Torres, Office Coordinator
John Aten, Office Specialist
Jose Galvez, Office Administrator III
Sara Schlecht, Edward Coles Fellow

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Members of the Public:	David Rothal	Armando Mojica	Reivis Barileau
	Michael Vernon	Alexandra Bruns-Smith	Oral Bennett
	Audrey Walling	Benjamin Salentine	Jerry Bauer

I. Call to Order

A meeting of the Illinois Human Rights Commission Panel B was called to order on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. by Panel Chair Collins.

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 – May 20, 2026

Panel B adopted the minutes as submitted by staff. Motion made by Commissioner Kouri; seconded by Commissioner Glenn. Motion carried 3-0-0.

III. Requests for Review

A. *Jeeva Retnam Charles vs. Stroger Cook County Hospital*
Charge No.: 2024CR0698 ALS No.: 25-0324

Panel B adopted the proposed order sustaining the Department's dismissal of Counts A, B, and C of the charge for lack of jurisdiction, vacating the Department's dismissal of Count D and remanding Count D to the Department for further investigation, and sustaining the dismissal of Counts H and I for lack of substantial evidence, but declined the proposed order and modified the proposed order to vacate the dismissal of Count E and remand Count E to the Department for further investigation. Motion made by Commissioner Kouri; seconded by Commissioner Glenn. Motion carried 3-0-0.

B. *Shanta Blanton vs. Weather Tech*
Charge No.: 2024SF3170 ALS No.: 25-0374

Panel B adopted the proposed order sustaining the Department's dismissal of the charge for lack of jurisdiction. Motion made by Commissioner Glenn; seconded by Commissioner Kouri. Motion carried 3-0-0.

C. *Elizabeth Shallenberger vs. Board of Trustees Of The University of Illinois*
Charge No.: 2023SF3018 ALS No.: 26-0069

Panel B adopted the proposed order vacating the Department's dismissal of the charge for lack of substantial evidence and remanding the charge for a finding of substantial evidence. Motion made by Commissioner Kouri; seconded by Commissioner Glenn. Motion carried 3-0-0.

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ALS No.: 26-0070

ALS No.: 26-0133

ALS No.: 26-0146

ALS No.: 26-0158

Panel B adopted the proposed order sustaining the Department's dismissal of the charge for lack of substantial evidence. Motion made by Commissioner Kouri; seconded by Commissioner Glenn. Motion carried 3-0-0.

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IV. Settlements

A. *Pamela Sexton vs. Greene County Housing Authority*

Charge No: 2026CH1170

ALS No.: 26-0253

Panel B adopted the proposed order approving the parties' Terms of Settlement and Agreement for Housing Charges between the Complainant and Respondent and retaining jurisdiction for purposes of enforcement. Motion made by Commissioner Glenn; seconded by Commissioner Kouri. Motion carried 3-0-0.

V. Public Comments

None.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m. Motion made by Commissioner Kouri; seconded by Commissioner Glenn. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Adrian Atwater
Assistant General Counsel
Illinois Human Rights Commission