



REGULAR MEETING – FAIR HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION AGENDA

JUNE 16, 2025, 3:00 PM
VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **ROLL CALL**
- III. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**
 - A. **Special Meeting: 5/19/2025**
- IV. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
- V. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. **Housing Justice Starts Here: A Reintroduction to the Norwalk Fair Housing Office**
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Meeting Dates and Times**
 - B. **Fair Housing Officer Updates**

VII. ADJOURNMENT



**SPECIAL MEETING – FAIR HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION
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May 19, 2025, 4:00 PM

HYBRID BY ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING & NORWALK FAIR HOUSING OFFICE 137 EAST
AVENUE 2ND FLOOR NORWALK CT 06851-5702

Attendance: Jalin T. Sead (Chair), Carol Frank, Joseph Mann, Brenda Penn-Williams

I. CALL TO ORDER

Due to a lack of quorum at the beginning of the meeting, the meeting was called to order informally at approximately 4:00 PM by Fair Housing Officer Zabrina Roman. Updates and discussions proceeded until quorum was established later in the meeting.

II. ROLL CALL

A quorum was officially established at approximately 5:00 PM upon Brenda’s arrival.

III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A. Special Meeting – April 21, 2025

Motion: was made by Joseph Mann to accept the minutes from the Special Meeting held on April 21, 2025.

Second: Jalin T. Sead and Brenda Penn-Williams voted in favor

Abstained: Carol Frank

Vote: Motion passed.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present for comment.

V. OLD BUSINESS

None discussed due to the delayed quorum.

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VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Fair Housing Officer Report

Zabrina Roman shared the following updates:

- The office received 20 phone calls and 3 emails requesting assistance since the last meeting.
- Zabrina has launched an Instagram page for the Norwalk Fair Housing Office, which has begun to gain traction. A recent video received 354 views, 46% from non-followers. Plans are underway to create a Facebook and LinkedIn page, with Instagram content auto-posting to Facebook for efficiency.
- Community outreach includes a recent meeting with Triangle Community Center regarding LGBTQ+ housing concerns.

B. Housing Justice Starts Here: A Reintroduction to Norwalk's Fair Housing Office

- An upcoming webinar on June 6, 2025 will feature remarks from the Commissioner of Housing, Chair Jaylen, and a 20-minute presentation by Zabrina on the office's work and housing discrimination.
- 25 RSVPs have been received; many organizations are planning to share the webinar with their networks.
- A July event is in planning, a screening of *Survival of a Small City*, potentially followed by a panel discussion featuring Commission members and redevelopment representatives.
- Zabrina emphasized the goal of hosting at least one event per month, alternating between in-person and virtual formats. A possible August event may focus on early childhood educators and the impact of housing on their work.

Discussion on Meeting Frequency and Time

- Members discussed the possibility of reducing meeting frequency to every other month during the summer, with flexibility depending on upcoming events or pressing business. Zabrina will circulate a proposed meeting schedule for the remainder of the year.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Joseph Mann moved to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: Jalin T. Sead second.

VOTE: Unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Zabrina Román

Fair Housing Officer, City of Norwalk

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