



FAIR HOUSING OFFICE

CITY OF NORWALK

FAIR HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING HYBRID VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE & NORWALK FAIR HOUSING

OFFICE 137 EAST AVENUE 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR NORWALK CT 06851-5702

MAY 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 3:00 PM

**ATTENDANCE:** Jalin T. Sead (Chair), Joseph Mann, Alexandra Sollazzo, LMSW (3:08 pm), Brenda Penn-Williams (3:14 pm)

STAFF: Zabrina Román, Fair Housing Officer

OTHERS:

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Jalin T Sead called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. There was not initially a quorum present; however, the meeting proceeded with the Fair Housing Officer Report until a quorum was established.

**ROLL CALL**

Mr. Sead acknowledged those presents as above noted.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES - April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**\*\* MR. MANN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES.**

**\*\* MOTION SECONDED.**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*Public participation comments are not verbatim and represent a summarization of statements unless otherwise noted. Speakers are Norwalk residents unless otherwise noted.*

No members of the public requested time, and no written comments had been submitted in advance.

**OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. Fair Housing Officer Report

Fair Housing Officer Zabrina Roman reported that the office received 33 intakes during the last reporting period, marking the highest intake month for Fiscal Year 2025–2026.

Ms. Roman stated that most intakes were received through email and online communication. She also noted that the online intake form is temporarily down due to technical issues currently being addressed.

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Ms. Roman reported that the Norwalk Fair Housing Office was invited to participate in the Coalition to End Homelessness 23rd Annual Training Institute on a panel discussing local fair housing and housing equity efforts.

Ms. Roman also shared that she recently attended CHRO fair housing training and discussed recent Connecticut fair housing protections, including protections related to Clean Slate laws, victims of sexual assault, and victims of trafficking.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION: Commissioners discussed the possibility of utilizing volunteers or part-time support to assist with office intake calls and administrative tasks as office activity continues to increase.

Commissioners discussed the importance of the Norwalk Fair Housing consent decree and the distinction between Fair Housing and Fair Rent functions.

Commissioners commended Ms. Roman for her work during her first year as Fair Housing Officer and discussed the continued growth and visibility of the office within the community.

Commissioners reminded attendees of the upcoming NAACP Housing Summit scheduled for June 6, 2026.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 3:29 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Zabrina Román  
Fair Housing Officer, Norwalk Redevelopment Agency

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