



FAIR HOUSING OFFICE

**REGULAR MEETING – FAIR HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION
AGENDA**

January 12th, 2026 3:00 PM

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

Attendance: Joseph Mann, Alexandra Sollazzo, LMSW, Carol Frank, Jalin T. Sead (Chair)

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Fair Housing Advisory Commission was called to order at 3:04 p.m. by Chair Jalin T. Sead.

II. ROLL CALL

Mr. Sead called the roll and announced there was a quorum present. Commissioners present were Alexandra Sollazzo, LMSW, Joseph Mann, and Carol Frank. Staff Present: Zabrina Román, Fair Housing Officer and Guest Speaker: Rashida Rattray-Reid, Connecticut Fair Housing Center

III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting – November 17th, 2025

The minutes of the November 17, 2025, meeting was reviewed. A motion to approve was made and seconded. With no corrections or discussion, the minutes were approved.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

V. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Fair Housing Officer Report

The Fair Housing Officer provided an overview of recent office activity and highlighted the importance of situating Norwalk's fair housing work within broader statewide and national trends. The Officer emphasized education, outreach, and complaint tracking as key priorities moving into 2026.

The Officer introduced the guest speaker and noted the value of grounding the Commission's work in current data and enforcement patterns across Connecticut.

Presentation: Statewide Fair Housing Overview

Rashida Rattray-Reid, representing the Connecticut Fair Housing Center, delivered a comprehensive presentation on statewide fair housing trends. Topics discussed included:

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- Common categories of housing discrimination seen across Connecticut
- Ongoing issues related to source of income discrimination, disability-related accommodations, and voucher holders
- The role of fair housing education and early intervention in preventing escalation of complaints
- How local fair housing offices, including Norwalk, fit into the statewide enforcement and advocacy landscape

The presentation emphasized the importance of collaboration between municipalities and statewide organizations to ensure consistent application of fair housing laws and protections.

Commission members engaged in discussion following the presentation, asking clarifying questions and reflecting on how these trends align with issues observed locally in Norwalk.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Commission, a motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.

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

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