

**CITY OF NORWALK
FAIR RENT COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 13, 2024
SPECIAL MEETING
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

ATTENDANCE: John Church, Chair; Fran Collier-Clemmons, Vice-Chair;
Lunise Constant; Peter Halladay (Dialed in); Sonja Oliver;
Breann Penn-Williams; Johnnie Mae Weldon (7:41 pm).

STAFF: Carlos Duque, Fair Rent Coordinator; Russell Liskov, Attorney.

A. Call to order

Mr. Church called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm.

B. Approval of minutes of previous Meeting

- **October 9, 2024**

Ms. Collier-Clemmons said she was not in attendance at the meeting.

**** MS. OLIVER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF
OCTOBER 9, 2024 WITH THE AMENDMENT OF STRIKING MS.
FRAN COLLIER-CLEMMONS FROM THE ATTENDANCE LIST.
** MR. HALLADAY SECONDED THE MOTION.
** THE MOTION WAS APPROVED WITH ONE (1) ABSTENTION (MS.
COLLIER-CLEMMONS)**

C. Chair's Report

Mr. Church commended the commission members for being committed to advocate for the community members. He reminded them to keep the mission in mind regardless of the recent election results and their political beliefs.

****MS. JOHNNIE MAE WELDON JOINED THE MEETING AT 7:41 PM****

Ms. Collier-Clemmons thanked Mr. Church for the words of encouragement and is proud to be on the commission.

Mr. Church thanked everyone for contributing to making Norwalk a better place.

Ms. Penn-Williams said thank god for the commission as the last few weeks she has been getting multiple calls regarding tenants being treated unfair. She believes the commission is needed and they need to be there to advocate for the residents of the city.

Mr. Church also thanked Mr. Duque and Attorney Liskov for being the front line responders to the commission. He added there will be two hearings coming up and hopes everyone can attend.

D. Coordinator's Report

Mr. Duque shared in regards to what was just said, many properties do get highlighted while others don't. He wishes residents would reach out to the commission to get information on housing laws.

He went on to share the Covid-19 housing relief assistance program was recently concluded last month as two agencies managed the \$500,000 dollar funds which assisted over 120 families with paying arrears and security deposits.

On October 21, 2024, Mr. Duque attended the annual Landlord meeting to present information regarding the office and answered many questions. Shortly after the meeting a complaint was submitted to the commission.

Mr. Duque added he was not able to attend the State Fair Rent Coalition meeting on October 25th due to other commitments but is part of a subcommittee which will be having a meeting on December 4th. He also was invited to speak to the Greenwich Fair Rent Commission as a subject matter expert on November 20th.

Mr. Church thanked Mr. Duque for all the work he has been putting into the city, surrounding communities and state.

E. Review, Discussion, and Motion on Open Cases

Mr. Liskov reviewed the following case and recommended the commission take no action.

- **1831-23**

**** MS. OLIVER MOTIONED TO TAKE NO ACTION.**

**** MR. HALLADAY SECONDED THE MOTION.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Liskov reviewed the following case and recommended the commission take no action.

- **1839-23**

**** MS. WELDON MOTIONED TO TAKE NO ACTION.**
**** MS. COLLIER-CLEMMONS SECONDED THE MOTION.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Liskov reviewed the following case and recommended the commission to close the case.

- **1849-24**

**** MS. OLIVER MOTIONED TO CLOSE THE CASE.**
**** MS. COLLIER-CLEMMONS SECONDED THE MOTION.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Liskov reviewed the following case and recommended the commission to take no action.

- **1851-24**

**** MS. OLIVER MOTIONED TO TAKE NO ACTION.**
**** MS. WELDON SECONDED THE MOTION.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Liskov reviewed the following case and recommended the commission to no action.

- **1852-24**

**** MS. COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOTIONED TO TAKE NO ACTION.**
**** MS. OLIVER SECONDED THE MOTION.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Liskov reviewed the following case and recommended the commission to no action.

- **1854-24**

**** MS. PENN-WILLIAMS MOTIONED TO TAKE NO ACTION.**
**** MS. WELDON SECONDED THE MOTION.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Liskov reviewed the following case and recommended the commission to no action.

- **1855-24**

**** MS. OLIVER MOTIONED TO TAKE NO ACTION.**

**** MS. WELDON SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Liskov reviewed the following case and recommended the commission to no action.

- **1857-24**

**** MS. OLIVER MOTIONED TO TAKE NO ACTION.**

**** MS. WELDON SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Liskov reviewed the following case and recommended the commission to no action.

- **1858-24**

**** MS. OLIVER MOTIONED TO TAKE NO ACTION.**

**** MR. HALLDAY SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

F. Presentation of New Cases

Mr. Liskov reviewed the following case and recommended hearing the case.

- **1859-23**

**** MS. OLIVER MOTIONED TO HEAR THE CASE.**

**** MS. WELDON SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

G. Old Business

Mr. Church thanked Ms. Penn-Williams for inviting him to a NAACP chapter dinner which was great.

Ms. Penn-Williams replied thank you for joining the dinner.

Ms. Collier-Clemmons asked who was invited to the event in Greenwich.

Mr. Duque replied they invited the New Haven executive director of fair rent commission, a lawyer from the Connecticut Legal Services, and himself.

H. New Business

There was no discussion at the time.

I. Motion to Adjourn

**** MS. COLLIER-CLEMMONS MOTIONED TO ADJOURN.**
**** MS. OLIVER SECONDED THE MOTION.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Vianca Rivera,
Telesco Secretarial Services.