

**ALEXANDRIA COMMISSION ON HIV/AIDS
MINUTES
July17, 2023
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Del Pepper Community Center – Room 1305**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mohammad Fayaz Naqshbandi, Margaret Nabors, Christian Rodriguez, Carl Welliver, Shelbert Williams

AHD STAFF: Nechelle Terrell, Debby Dimon

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Carl Welliver, at 6:38 p.m.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Members of the commission provided introductions.

III. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF MAY MINUTES

The minutes of the June, 2023 meeting were distributed and reviewed. Commissioner Christian Rodriguez moved to accept the minutes and a 2nd motion was made by Commissioner Mohammad Fayaz Naqshbandi. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

IV. MEMBERSHIP UPDATES AND RECRUITMENT EFFORTS

Nechelle shared that former Commissioner Charlotte Ray moved out of Alexandria City, therefore she has resigned from the commission. Carl stated that he will do one last round of outreach efforts to those with vacant seats on the commission before moving forward with recommendations to City Council for removal.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Commission Revamp Recommendations

The commission finalized recommendations for removal of vacant seats to put forward to City Council. Nechelle and Carl will make one last effort of outreach to those commissions to solicit membership.

Commission Promotional Materials

Nechelle there are funds to make small purchases for the commission through the Alexandria Health Department budget. She reminded the commission of ways to obtain funding through co-sponsorship of events with other agencies and organizations such as Northern Virginia Clergy Council for Prevention of HIV/AIDS, Inova Juniper and other groups we have worked with in the pass.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Outreach & Messaging Efforts

Commissioners requested an “elevator speech” when recruiting other members to join the commission. Carl stated he will create something to share. Commissioner Christian Rodriguez offered to take on ACHOH social media and Nechelle will check with Gloria Sitton about any social media guidelines. Nechelle currently manages ACOHA Facebook page.

V. COMMISSIONER/AGENCY UPDATES

Carl shared the Los Angeles County Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan, 2022-2026 for the commission to look over. Nechelle stated that Virginia has an Integrated Plan that is led by the Virginia Community HIV Planning Group (CPG). She will contact Elaine Martin, Director of VDH Division of Disease Prevention and Health Department Co-Chair for CPG, to present at a future meeting.

VII. ADJOURMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.