

**Minutes  
City of New Orleans  
Human Relations Commission  
4:15 PM Thursday, March 8, 2018  
AARP Offices  
3502 S. Carrollton Ave, Suite C**

**Present:** Larry Bagneris Jr., Tammy Barney, Janie Blackmon, Laura Fine, Caroline Good, Eva Hurst-San Martin, Clay Latimer, Lang Le, Meredith Reed, La'Tanja Silvester, Earl Williams.

**Absent:** Rabbi Edward Cohn, Anita Curran (Legal Counsel), Adonis Expose, Nathalie Nia Faulk, Diana Frank, Joseph Halm, David Robinson-Morris, Craig Stewart, Julie Thibodaux.

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- I. Call to Order & Introductions of HRC Members at 4:15 p.m.**
- II. Review of December & January minutes** – Review of the minutes were tabled until the April meeting due to the secretary's absence.
- III. Executive Director's Report – Larry Bagneris.**

Bagneris gave a final update on the ADA Administrator position – the city has received 15 applicants, interviewed five and recommended two for employment. Bagneris said the new ADA administrator is Hurst-San Martin. Bagneris said he is delighted to have Hurst-San Martin's energy in the office. Hurst-San Martin said she is excited about the new position but sad that she will not be able to continue to serve on the HRC. Bagneris also gave an update on the TIPS project and his scheduled January 30 meeting at the New Orleans Convention and Visitors' Bureau. After the Jan. 30 meeting was cancelled, he had a second meeting cancelled on Feb. 19. He presented the HRC committee with a letter that he sent in response to the second cancelled meeting. Bagneris said he hopes to be able to reschedule the meeting in the future. HRC members discussed the issue and encouraged Bagneris to continue to pursue the campaign. Latimer suggested that the HRC draft a resolution requesting the city administration seek to increase the service industry minimum wage. Bagneris said he would work with Latimer to draft that document. Silvester added that overturning the state's preemption laws would help as well. Bagneris will work with both HRC members to draft a resolution for HRC approval.

Bagneris reported on a single case that he received on Monday, March 5. He said eight people who work for the cleaning service contractor for the Outlet Collection at Riverwalk came to his office. Only one of the workers spoke English, but all were U.S.

citizens. The workers were complaining about a supervisor who would make men clean women's restrooms and visa versa as well as make employees clock in and clock out when they were told to and not when they arrived or left work. Bagneris contacted mall management and will meet with them later in the month to resolve the matter. He will report back in April.

**IV. Chairperson's Report – Tammy Barney.**

Barney said she recorded the March and April HRC Reports. The March show will feature Hurst-San Martin talking about her new position as the city's ADA Administrator, and the April show is an interview with Bagneris about what the HRC has done under the Landrieu administration. Barney said the show will take a break until September.

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**V. Unfinished Business – None.**

**VI. New Business.**

Williams moved to create a resolution to Mayor Elect Cantrell describing Bagneris' history and how he has served the country via his work with the HRC, and that the HRC would encourage Mayor Elect Cantrell to reappointment him as HRC Executive Director. Reed seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**VII. Announcements and Comments – None.**

**VIII. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.**

*Respectfully submitted by Joseph Halm, Secretary*