

ST. MARY'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

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St. Mary's County
Human Relations Commission

August 8, 2019

MAP Offices

5:30 pm

Notes/minutes

The purpose of the Commission is "to encourage and ensure equal treatment to all, without regard to race, color, religion, ethical or moral conviction, ancestry or national origin, sex, age, marital status or physical or mental handicap.

➤ Call to Order: 5:35

Members Present: A. Dillahunt; G. Lawrence; J. Brewster; C. Frisby-Spencer; V. Burkes; J. Godinez

➤ Introductions

➤ Review of notes from the June 13, 2019 meeting (No quorum)

➤ New Business:

Presentations:

A. Presentation Elections Board: How Polling and Precincts are determined?

Presentation by the Board of Election staff Wendy Adkins and Tae Frere presented on the legislative and elections districts in St. Mary's County. They provided information on how they were determined and when changes to these areas occur. They answered a few questions. Most center around who to contact to about the laws for assigning polling places.

B. PFLAG

Sarah Underwood, Secretary of PFLAG Leonardtown, presented to members about what PFLAG was, how it got started in Southern Maryland; what services they provide to business, schools, and other organizations. The trainings they provide center around multiple topics and they only go where they are requested to go. They will only speak to adult groups. With youth, adults have to be present/and invite them to come in or they will speak at schools. Ultimately, that want to assure that state and federal laws are complied with. They are a volunteer body.

Old Business:

a. Election of Officers

Vante Burkes and Gabrielle Lawrence were elected co-chairs

b. Longest Table

There was a quick recap of the June event and it was the consensus that the HRC would continue to support. One of the suggestions would be to see if the meal could move to the area of the other branches. For the Lexington Park Branch, maybe Lancaster; for Charlotte Hall Lettie Dent park.

➤ **Anything for the good of the order**

The Division of Human Services will be working with SMCPs to bring in a Phase I two day training on race in the spring. However, it is limited to 40 people, at least 1 seat will be for an HRC member.

➤ **Adjournment : 7:17**