

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TELEPHONIC COMMISSION MEETING OF THE  
COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2007, 2:30 P.M.  
21 GRAND STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106  
LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Andrew Norton, Chairperson  
Edward Mambruno, Secretary  
Cheryl Lynn Clarke  
Larry Conaway  
Jimmie L. Griffin  
George A. Marshall

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT**

Lillian Brown  
John Lobon  
Gloria Mengual

**STAFF PRESENT**

Raymond P. Pech, Executive Director  
David Teed, Assistant Attorney General  
Linda Civitillo, Executive Secretary

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Gareth D. Bye, Director of Legal Affairs  
Office of Policy and Management

**I. CHAIRPERSON**

A. Convene Meeting

Chairperson Andrew Norton convened the September 18, 2007 Special Telephonic meeting of the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities at 2:37 p.m.

**II. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Consideration of a Request for a Contract Compliance Exemption from the Office of Policy and Management

By letter dated September 13, 2007, the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) requested an exemption from certain contract compliance requirements with respect to a proposed agreement between OPM and the United States Department of Justice. Executive Director Raymond Pech provided background information for the Commissioners regarding the substance of the request. He recommended the exemption be granted. Attorney Gareth Bye, Director of Legal Affairs for the Office of Policy and Management, attended the meeting and responded to questions from the Commissioners regarding OPM's request. Discussion followed regarding the exemption request. A motion was made by

Commissioner Mambruno and seconded by Commissioner Marshall to grant the requested contract compliance exemption between the Office of Policy and Management and the United States Department of Justice. The motion carried unanimously with the exception of the Chairperson who did not vote.

B. Consideration of a Request for a Contract Compliance Exemption from the University of Connecticut Regarding a Proposed Agreement for the Provision of Entertainment at Jorgensen Hall

By letter dated September 13, 2007, the University of Connecticut requested an exemption from certain contract compliance requirements with respect to a proposed agreement between UCONN and Columbia Artists Management, Inc. (CAMI) of New York. Executive Director Pech provided information regarding the request and indicated he is recommending it be granted. A short discussion followed. A motion was made by Commissioner Clarke and seconded by Commissioner Marshall to grant the requested contract compliance exemption between the University of Connecticut and Columbia Artists Management, Inc. The motion carried unanimously. Chairperson Norton did not vote.

C. Vote on the Composition of the Search Committee for An Assistant Director

Commissioner Mambruno moved that the current search for an Assistant Director, as well as the currently existing search committee consisting of the entire nine-member Commission, be terminated due to concerns raised about the process. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Clarke and carried with the following Commissioners voting in favor of the motion: Clarke, Conaway, Mambruno and Marshall. Commissioner Griffin opposed the motion and Chairperson Norton did not vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mambruno that a new search for an Assistant Director be commenced as soon as possible, and that a new search committee be appointed to do so, consisting of Commissioners Larry Conaway, Edward Mambruno, Gloria Mengual, George Marshall and Cheryl Clarke as its Chair. Commissioner Clarke seconded the motion. The motion carried with Commissioners Clarke, Conaway, Mambruno and Marshall voting in the affirmative. Commissioner Griffin opposed the motion and the Chair did not vote.

III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, it was moved by Commissioner Marshall and seconded by Commissioner Mambruno to adjourn the meeting at 3:04 p.m. The motion carried unanimously with the exception of the Chair who did not vote.