



## NOTES

Friday, December 14, 2018, 12:05pm – 12:55pm  
Oregon State Bar, Sandy Room  
16037 SW Upper Boones Ferry Rd.  
Tigard OR 97224

### ATTENDANCE:

**Chair:** Jamal Fox  
**Vice Chair:** Lawanda Manning  
**Commissioners:** Mariotta Gary-Smith, Musse Olol  
**Absent:** Angela Addae, Djimet Dogo, Kayse Jama, Senator Monroe,  
Representative Bynum

### **I. Meeting Called to Order** - Chair Fox called the meeting to order at 12:25pm.

A. Introductions and roll call – a quorum was not established.

### **II. Review and approval of agenda and minutes**

A. Review and approval of December 2018 Agenda

B. Review and approval of OCBA October Meeting Minutes

Those present requested that an e-vote be held to approve the meeting minutes. They also suggested that other members confirm their attendance (phone or in person) to support the voting and discussion needs of the OCBA 24 hours before the scheduled meeting.

### **III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. OCBA Bylaws review – Chair Fox

The policies and language of the Bylaws has changed over the last month, to reflect the current status of the OCBA. There was discussion about the use of "Black/African American" within in bylaws for clarity. All folks present appreciated the work of Chair Fox, Commissioner Addae, and OCBA staff to prepare this draft. There were no further revisions. The Bylaws will continue as open for public review until the next regular meeting of the OCBA when they will be formally adopted.

### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

A. National Trafficking and Modern Slavery Prevention Month resolution – Chair Fox

There are 2 options for the January resolution: National Trafficking Month, or National Mentoring Month. Staff will conduct an e-vote to decide which will be the January resolution.

B. 2019 Governor's Black History Month proclamation review of draft

Commissioner Gary-Smith noted that 2019 is the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first arrival of Africans to the shores of the American colonies, and if this could be part of the language of the proclamation.

Commissioners discussed this article about the 1619 date, noting that it challenges the date but also highlights its importance: (<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/misguided-focus-1619-beginning-slavery-us-damages-our-understanding-american-history-180964873/>).

Commissioner Olol said he would reach out to the Urban League of Portland to check in about other events, or recognition of the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Commissioner Olol would like OCBA to have a presence in social media and would like to discuss this further.

C. OCBA Search words for 2019 Legislative session

The staff will use the current set of OCBA legislative search words for preparing the initial set of 2019 equity related bills for OCBA to review. Commissioners may add search terms throughout the session and staff will add bills to the OCBA review list accordingly. 2019 equity-focused bills will be discussed at the next regular meeting of the Commission.

D. Commissioner sign-up for afternoon Breakout sessions

Commissioners signed up for the afternoon Breakout sessions.

E. Statute revision: OCBA Commissioners to serve 4 year terms

This item was tabled until the next regular meeting of the Commission.

**V. Commissioners' Reports** – there were no Commissioners' reports.

**VI. Adjourn** – Chair Fox adjourned the meeting at 1:05pm. Many thanks to Commissioner Mariotta Gary-Smith for taking the notes.