

NORTH CAROLINA HUMAN TRAFFICKING COMMISSION Meeting Minutes
June 24, 2021, 10:00am-12:00pm
Meeting Conducted by WebEx* through the NC Judicial Center

Commission Members in Attendance by Video or Phone:

Jennifer Haigwood, NC Department of Labor
Caitlin Brooks, Public-at-Large
Amy Auth, NC Administrative Office of the Courts
Tammy Harris, The Ursus Institute
Deana Joy, NC Child Advocacy Center
Caitlin Ryland, Legal Aid of North Carolina
Suzanne Mauney Smith, Gaston County Police
Dr. Tommy Bernard, WakeMed
William "Billy" West, Cumberland County District Attorney
William Nichols, NC Sheriff's Association
Angelica Wind, NC Coalition Against Human Trafficking

Commission Staff Present by video:

Christine Long, Executive Director
Dr. Nancy Hagan, Training Coordinator

*Members of the public were invited to watch the meeting and access meeting materials through a stream provided on the website.

Call to Order and Roll Call:

The Chair called the meeting to order and read the following State Government Ethics Act reminder:

- In accordance with the State Government Ethics Act, it is the duty of every North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission (HTC) member to avoid conflicts of interest. If any HTC member has any known conflict of interest in respect to any matter coming in front of the HTC, they must identify the conflict and refrain from any participation in the particular matter involved.

Swearing in of New Member, Amy C. Auth:

Chair Haigwood introduced new member Amy Auth, NC AOC Director of Legislative Affairs, and shared some of her background. Amy was sworn in by Judge Andrew Heath.

Approval of the Minutes: April 22, 2021

The minutes were approved unanimously.

Committee Reports and Action Items:

Legislative Committee:

Legislative Committee Chair Brooks was excited to announce that the Commission received \$250,000 of recurring funding in the Senate's version of the budget. The legislative committee is now shifting their focus to the House to try to get the full \$500,000 in recurring funding that was requested.

Public Safety Committee Report:

Public Safety Committee Chair Nichols announced that they are still working on developing training programs. The next focus is rescheduling the Texas DPS Interdiction for the Protection of Children's train-the-trainer course.

Public Health Committee Report:

Committee Chair Dr. Bernard updated the Commission on the committee's recent work. They are working on training programs for the hospital. Through a contract with WakeAHEC, three presentations will happen over the summer using the committee's developed training.

Staff Report:

Director Long and Nancy Hagan gave an HTC Staff Update and highlighted some of the trainings that have occurred in the last couple of months. They discussed the contracts that the HTC has right now for training and the technical assistance grant. HTC staff are currently finalizing registration details for the Symposium that will take place in the fall.

Chair Remarks:

Chair Haigwood announced that her assistant and minute taker (Sarah Carr Barnes) for the Human Trafficking Commission will be leaving the NC Department of Labor and that she enjoyed her time attending the meetings and learning about the issues.

Public Comment:

Several members of the public spoke to Commissioners about current events.

Adjournment:

At 11:35 am the meeting was adjourned by Chair Haigwood. The next meeting will be held on August 26, 2021.