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Fair Housing and Cultural Diversity Committee Virtual Meeting Report

Thursday, January 28, 2021
Virtual Zoom Meeting
1:00pm-3:00pm

Susan Sommers, Chair

Hind Hatoum, Vice Chair

Chair, Susan Sommers, welcomed and discussed housekeeping items, and the previous meeting report was accepted. She also thanked Patrick Reilly for everything that he has done and that he will be missed.

Vice Chair, Hind Hatoum, introduced our speaker Omar T. Mohammedi. Mr. Mohammedi, a former NYC Commissioner on Human Rights for 12 years. Mr. Mohammedi opened his presentation by speaking about real life experiences of discrimination. He addressed several situations that he has encountered in his life, both personal and professional. When he was finished, he took many questions from the committee as well as guests.

Chair, Sommers thanked Mr. Mohammedi who received a virtual round of applause from the committee and offered for him to stay on for the panel session.

Chair, Sommers then announced and introduced the panel members, Arthur Briscoe, Marlon Briscoe, Joanne Poole, Ezekial “Zeke” Morris, Dr. Danette O’Neal, and Sarah Ware. They engaged in questions from the Chair as well as the audience in their real-life experiences in a segment called “Stories from the Streets”. The panel consisted of real estate licensees who experienced discrimination or witnessed discrimination.

Staff discussed that the New Fair Housing Poster is coming out soon and to look for it towards the end of this month.

There was no new business, and the meeting was adjourned.