Friday, January 26, 2007

The Commission convened in Room 540 at 624 Ninth Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C. at 9:00 a.m., Gerald A. Reynolds, Chairman, presiding.

PRESENT:

GERALD A. REYNOLDS, Chairperson

ABIGAIL THERNSTROM, Vice Chairperson

JENNIFER C. BRACERAS, Commissioner (via telephone)

PETER N. KIRSANOW, Commissioner

ARLAN D. MELENDEZ, Commissioner

MICHAEL YAKI, Commissioner
STAFF PRESENT:

MANUEL ALBA, Acting Chief, Public Affairs Unit
DAVID BLACKWOOD, General Counsel
TERESA BROOKS
MARGARET BUTLER
CHRISTOPHER BYRNES, Attorney Advisor to the
Office of the Staff Director + Acting Deputy General Counsel (OGC)
PAMELA DUNSTON, Chief, Administrative Services and Clearinghouse Division (ASCD)
DEREK HORNE, Attorney Advisor
EMMA MONROIG, Solicitor + Parliamentarian
BERNARD QUARTERMAN
MICHELLE YORKMAN RAMEY
EILEEN REIDER
MAHA JWEIED

COMMISSIONER ASSISTANTS PRESENT:

LISA NEUDEL
RICHARD SCHMECHEL
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PROCEEDINGS

(9:07:04 a.m.)

CHAIRPERSON REYNOLDS: All right, folks. The meeting will come to order. This is a meeting of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights located at 624 9th Street, N.W., Room 540, Washington, D.C. All the Commissioners are participating, all are present here at the office with the exception of Commissioner Braceras, who is participating by phone. The first item on the agenda is the Approval of the Agenda.

I. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

CHAIRPERSON REYNOLDS: I move that we approve the agenda. Is there a second?

VICE CHAIRPERSON THERNSTROM: Second.

CHAIRPERSON REYNOLDS: Discussion? All in favor say aye.

(Vote taken.)


III. PROGRAM PLANNING

CHAIRPERSON REYNOLDS: I move to amend the agenda to add the item labeled "Motion to Keep the Record of the Supplemental Education Services Under No Child Left Behind Act brief and open for public comment". I'd like to place it in Section III, and
also to delete "Announcements". Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER KIRSANOW: Second.

CHAIRPERSON REYNOLDS: Discussion? All in favor please say aye.

(Vote taken.)


II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14 MEETING

CHAIRPERSON REYNOLDS: Okay. I also move that we approve the Minutes of the December 14, 2006 meeting.

CHAIRPERSON REYNOLDS: Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER KIRSANOW: Second.

CHAIRPERSON REYNOLDS: Discussion? All in favor please say aye.

(Vote taken.)

CHAIRPERSON REYNOLDS: Any objections?

COMMISSIONER YAKI: I abstain.

CHAIRPERSON REYNOLDS: Okay. Please let the record reflect that the motion passes. We have one abstention, and that is from Commissioner Yaki.

COMMISSIONER YAKI: Well, I wasn't here, so I'm not going to do it.

IV. ADJOURN

CHAIRPERSON REYNOLDS: Okay. At this
point, we can -- I'd like to adjourn the business portion of today's events, and start with the briefing.

(Whereupon, the proceedings went off the record at 9:08:58 a.m.)