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BEFORE THE STATE OF INDIANA CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

PUBLIC MEETING OF AUGUST 24, 2012

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in the above-captioned matter, before the Indiana Civil Rights Commission, Alpha Blackburn, Chairperson, taken before me, Lindy L. Meyer, Jr., a Notary Public in and for the State of Indiana, County of Shelby, at the Indiana Government Center South, Conference Center, Room A, 402 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, on Friday, August 24, 2012 at 11:16 o'clock a.m.

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1	APPEARANCES:
2	COMMISSION MEMBERS:
3	Alpha Blackburn, Chairperson
4	David C. Carter Steven A. Ramos
5	Barry Baynard Charles D. Gidney
6	INDIANA CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION
7	By Jamal Smith, Director/Secretary & Joshua Brewster, Dep. Director
8	Indiana Government Center North 100 North Senate Avenue, Room N103
9	Indianapolis, Indiana 46204 On behalf of the Commission.
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11	OTHER COMMISSION STAFF PRESENT:
12	Pamela Cook Debbie Rincones-Chavez
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11:16 o'clock a.m. 1 August 24, 2012 2 3 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: The Indiana Civil Rights Commission is now in public meeting. 4 5 You have in front of you the agenda, and we have 6 a quorum. I would ask for approval and adoption of the meeting minutes. 7 COMM. GIDNEY: So moved. 8 COMM. RAMOS: Second. 9 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: All in favor? 10 COMM. CARTER: 11 Aye. 12 COMM. BAYNARD: Aye. COMM. RAMOS: Aye. 13 COMM. GIDNEY: Aye. 14 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Anyone 15 opposed? 16 (No response.) 17 18 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Thank you. Next we have a financial report. 19 Ms. Cook here? 20 MS. COOK: Yes, ma'am. 21 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Good morning. 22 MS. COOK: Good morning. You've had 23

a chance to review the July financial report, 1 with the addition of adding the cultural 2 commissions, to see their balances at this time. 3 If you've had a chance to review them, if you 4 5 have any questions, I'd like to entertain those. 6 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Are there any 7 questions? (No response.) 8 9 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: You've got it figured out, don't you? The less you say, the 10 easier it is to get past the Commissioners. 11 12 (Laughter.) 13 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: No questions at all? 14 COMM. GIDNEY: 15 No. MR. SMITH: That's pretty good. 16 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: All right. 17 It's a complete report; that's really why there 18 19 aren't questions. Thank you very much. Old business. If we can have reports from 20 Commissioners on the appeals that you have 21 We'll start with Comm. Crenshaw. 22 reviewed. MS. RINCONES-CHAVEZ: For 23

1 Comm. Crenshaw, she did e-mail me that she has no answer, and she will give her answer for the next 2 meeting. 3 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: I heard "the 4 5 next meeting." I didn't hear the first --MS. RINCONES-CHAVEZ: She will give 6 7 her --8 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: -- part of 9 your statement. MS. RINCONES-CHAVEZ: She will give 10 her answer at the next meeting. 11 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: 12 Okay. Comm. Carter? 13 COMM. CARTER: Madam Chair, in the 14 matter of Karey Coleman versus Shell Gas Station 15 16 doing business as Big K, I recommend that we uphold the no probable cause finding. 17 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: May I have a 18 motion to accept that recommendation? 19 COMM. BAYNARD: So moved. 20 COMM. RAMOS: Second. 21 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: All in favor? 22 COMM. CARTER: Aye. 23

1 COMM. BAYNARD: Aye. 2 COMM. RAMOS: Aye. 3 COMM. GIDNEY: Aye. Anyone 4 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: 5 opposed? 6 (No response.) 7 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Thank you. 8 Comm. Ramos? COMM. RAMOS: Madam Chair, in the 9 cases of Maria Taylor's Family Development 10 Services -- versus Family Development Services, 11 both cases, I recommend that we uphold the 12 Director's findings of no probable cause. 13 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: May I have a 14 motion to accept? 15 COMM. CARTER: So moved. 16 COMM. GIDNEY: Second. 17 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: All in favor? 18 19 COMM. CARTER: Aye. COMM. BAYNARD: Aye. 20 COMM. RAMOS: 21 Aye. COMM. GIDNEY: 22 Aye. CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Anyone 23

opposed? 1 2 (No response.) CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Thank you. 3 Do we have a report from Comm. Garcia? 4 MS. RINCONES-CHAVEZ: Yes, we do. 5 His final answer was uphold the no probable 6 7 cause. CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: May I have --8 MR. BREWSTER: Madam Chair --9 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: -- a motion 10 11 to --MR. BREWSTER: Oh, go ahead. 12 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Go ahead. 13 MR. BREWSTER: Well, I was going -- I 14 think Crenshaw, she also had one of the Sherry 15 Ogden cases, one of the three that's Sherry 16 She had previously recommended 17 overturning that or reversing that, and I believe 18 Respondent had submitted objections to that, and 19 I think -- didn't Comm. Crenshaw say in an e-mail 2.0 that she was still going to recommend reversal on 21 22 that? CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Reversal. 23

1 MS. RINCONES-CHAVEZ: Reversal. 2 MR. BREWSTER: So, I didn't know --3 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: And that case 4 was --MR. BREWSTER: I don't think it --5 6 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: -- which one? 7 MR. BREWSTER: -- requires a vote, but that was her recommendation. 8 9 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: And which 10 case is that? I'm sorry. 11 MR. BREWSTER: It's Sherry Oqden 12 versus Patriot Municipal Utility. I don't really remember the docket number. It's one that was 13 filed before this retaliation complaint, and I 14 15 think it was based on her sex. MS. RINCONES-CHAVEZ: Uh-huh. 16 17 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: All right. 18 Thank you. All right. In the case of Christina 19 20 Belanger and Container Port Group, my recommendation is that we uphold the finding of 21 no probable cause. 22 23 COMM. CARTER: I move we accept that

recommendation. 2 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Thank you 3 very much. COMM. RAMOS: Second. 4 5 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: All in 6 favor -- and anyone opposed? 7 (No response.) 8 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Thank you. 9 Comm. Baynard? 10 COMM. BAYNARD: Yes. In the case of 11 Anthony McNair versus Richard Roudebush VAMC 12 Hospital, I would recommend that we accept the administrative dismissal of that case. 13 14 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: May I have a 15 motion to accept that? COMM. GIDNEY: So moved. 16 17 COMM. CARTER: Second. 18 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: All in favor? 19 COMM. CARTER: Aye. 20 COMM. BAYNARD: Aye. 21 COMM. RAMOS: Aye. COMM. GIDNEY: Aye. 22 23 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Thank you.

1 COMM. BAYNARD: And in the case of 2 Gina Stacey versus Wellstone Regional Hospital, I 3 recommend that we uphold the finding of no probable cause from the Deputy Director. 4 5 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: A motion to 6 accept that, please. 7 COMM. CARTER: So moved. 8 COMM. RAMOS: Second. 9 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: All in favor? 10 COMM. CARTER: Aye. COMM. BAYNARD: 11 Aye. 12 COMM. RAMOS: Aye. 13 COMM. GIDNEY: Aye. 14 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Anyone opposed? 15 16 (No response.) CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: 17 Thank you. Comm. Gidney? 18 19 COMM. GIDNEY: Okay. In the case of Larry Artrip versus Wallick Construction Company, 20 my recommendation is that we uphold the finding 21 22 of no probable cause. May I have a 23 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN:

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                 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: All in favor?
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                 COMM. RAMOS: Aye.
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                 COMM. GIDNEY: Aye.
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                 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN:
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                 COMM. CARTER: Madam Chair, are we
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    going to then table the Karey -- or no, the
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                 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN:
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    understanding is that all three have been -- oh,
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    no, two of the three have been --
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                 COMM. CARTER: One was going to be
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    reversed and --
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                 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Right, one
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    is for no probable cause findings to be upheld.
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1 MR. BREWSTER: Yeah, I don't know about the third one. I don't remember what --2 MS. RINCONES-CHAVEZ: The third one 3 was actually from Garcia that hadn't been passed 4 5 here, and the two previously is where 6 Comm. Baynard had given his answer and Crenshaw 7 had the intent to reverse. We were just waiting for this final answer. 8 9 COMM. CARTER: All right. MR. SMITH: For Garcia? 10 MS. RINCONES-CHAVEZ: For Garcia. 11 MR. BREWSTER: So, we still have to 12 vote on that. 13 MS. RINCONES-CHAVEZ: For Garcia, we 14 just had a vote on that. 15 MR. BREWSTER: Oh, that was the third 16 17 one? MS. RINCONES-CHAVEZ: Uh-huh. 18 MR. SMITH: So, do we need to take a 19 vote on Garcia? 20 COMM. CARTER: We didn't vote on that 21 22 one. CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: No, we did 23

not vote on the third case, the Sherry Ogden 1 case, but we can, I presume, at this moment do 2 that. 3 MR. BREWSTER: Yeah. 4 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: So, I ask for 5 a motion to accept the recommendation of no 6 7 probable cause in that third Sherry Ogden case. COMM. CARTER: So moved. 8 COMM. GIDNEY: Second. 9 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: All in favor? 10 COMM. CARTER: 11 Aye. COMM. BAYNARD: Aye. 12 COMM. RAMOS: Aye. 13 14 COMM. GIDNEY: Aye. CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Anyone 15 opposed? 16 (No response.) 17 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Thank you. 18 And the assignments for new appeals are 19 listed in the agenda, and there are no changes to 20 those assignments that I wish to make. 21 everyone willing to accept the cases as they are 22

assigned in this agenda?

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COMM. GIDNEY: Yes.

COMM. CARTER: Yes.

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MS. COOK: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Hearing no objections, then we'll move to findings of fact, conclusions of law and order. I don't know that

MS. RINCONES-CHAVEZ: There's none.

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: And consent

MS. RINCONES-CHAVEZ: There is none.

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: And there is none. So, next on our agenda is our esteemed Executive Director's report.

MR. SMITH: I'll be very brief. Just a couple of things to note. From an outreach standpoint, as we mentioned probably two Commission meetings ago, we received the grant from HUD, the partnership grant, I think, was the technical name for it, where we were awarded \$250,000 to further fair housing. They're going to release those funds quarterly. And I saying that correctly?

MR. SMITH: And so, we've put together a pretty aggressive marketing campaign, and we have broken the state up into quarters basically to match the funds that will be released.

So, we will do -- we will leverage the PSA's that we put together in partnership with Butler University as well as Ball State, so we'll do some radio campaigning, some television campaigning. That all has to run through the state's agreement with Asher, who is the company that does all of the placement for ad space.

We're also going to do some public transportation piece advertising as well, and we'll push that out statewide, so you will see a lot of this in your respective areas of the state, so if you do, we'll definitely want feedback on that as to, of course, how the agency is being represented and what the feedback is from a lot of your colleagues.

So, the second thing to note, just next door we have a CLE we're putting on. I don't know if you guys noticed that as you walked in.

So, a lot of our legal unit, including Judge 1 2 Lange, I believe, is over there kind of 3 conducting that CLE, so we are active just as we speak. 4 5 Tomorrow --6 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: What's the 7 subject? 8 MR. SMITH: What is the subject? 9 MR. BREWSTER: Education. 10 actually we collaborated with the Department of 11 Education on that, so they're presenting 12 information about actually three different 13 topics. One is categ -- student -- categorizing students or something, the other is basically 14 15 education for students with disabilities, so IEP. MR. SMITH: Special -- IEP programs. 16 17 Special ed, I believe, is in there as well. 18 MR. BREWSTER: And the other topic is 19 bullying, I believe, and harassment. 20 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Bowling? 21 MR. BREWSTER: Bullying. 22 MR. SMITH: Bullying. 23 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Bullying.

MR. SMITH: B u l l y, bullying, yes. MR. BREWSTER: Harassment in 2 3 education. MR. SMITH: The bullying piece has 4 been a really hot topic here as of late, not just 5 here, but nationally. 6 7 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Oh, nationally. 8 Yeah, nationally. MR. SMITH: 9 COMM. RAMOS: Yes. 10 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Excellent. 11 MR. SMITH: We're doing that. 12 then tomorrow, if you guys haven't been aware, we 13 have also collaborated with the Indianapolis 14 Indians. Tomorrow is Civil Rights Day. They'll 15 have the Civil Rights name. We're paying homage 16 to the old Indianapolis Clowns, the Negro League, 17 and we will be there. They'll wear the throwback 18 19 jerseys with our logos there. We're expecting a sold-out house. We'll 20 throw out the first pitch, we'll have a booth set 21 up to disseminate information, and it should be a 22

fun day. If you guys are available and would

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like to come, we hope that you'll be there to 2 represent, and we'll make sure that -- if you 3 need whatever additional tickets, we'll make sure 4 we get them to you. 5 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: What hours 6 is --7 MR. BREWSTER: Tomorrow at 7:00. 8 MR. SMITH: 7:00, the game is 9 7:00 p.m. 10 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: 7:00 p.m. 11 MR. SMITH: Uh-huh. It's the Civil 12 Rights game, it's been dubbed the Civil Rights 13 There will be members from the 14 Indianapolis Clowns there as well. They'll throw 15 out the -- I believe they'll throw out the first 16 pitch with us, and so it's exciting. 17 MR. BREWSTER: Did we get Hank Aaron? Oh, that would be nice. 18 MR. SMITH: 19 That would have been nice. But it's the first of its kind. I don't think this has ever happened. 20 21 Well, I know this has never happened, at least with the Indianapolis Indians. 22 23 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Not in my

1 memory. 2 MR. SMITH: Yeah. 3 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: This is 4 great. 5 MR. SMITH: So, the idea is to think 6 of some different, some innovative and creative 7 ways to get the agency out there, and we thought 8 this was a really good one. We'll captivate what, ten thousand, ten to fifteen thousand 9 10 people in one --11 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Marvelous. 12 MR. SMITH: We'll get the microphone, 13 we'll get to say a few words. We'll have some 14 space set up in the atrium area there at the 15 field, at Victory Field, and it should be a good time. So, you know, we encourage you guys to 16 17 come out and take part and represent as well. 18 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: 19 MR. SMITH: But that concludes my 20 report unless you guys have any questions. 21 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Okay. So, 22 that would be 7:00 until what time? I've never

been to one of these games, so --

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1 MR. SMITH: Well, I believe the games -- well, nine innings is -- it just depends 2 3 on how long the game goes, so I'd say block out 4 at least a couple of hours for the game. 5 Weather, we're expecting nice weather tomorrow, 6 so it should be a nice evening for a good 7 baseball game. 8 COMM. RAMOS: Awesome. 9 MR. SMITH: And it's a change. 10 COMM. RAMOS: Are you videoing? 11 MR. SMITH: Say that again. COMM. RAMOS: Are you videoing for 12 playback? 13 MR. SMITH: We will be there to take 14 15 some picture. I don't know if we'll video the 16 whole thing. We're going to document as much as 17 we can --COMM. RAMOS: It could be something 18 19 that --MR. SMITH: -- and hopefully carry 20 this forward and make it -- this is the inaugural 21 piece, so we hope to carry it along and make it 22 an annual event, so --23

COMM. RAMOS: It could be the kind of thing that, you know, some of the cable channels would pick up, because they pick up football from high school --

MR. SMITH: Uh-huh.

COMM. RAMOS: -- and all of that kind of stuff, so I'd just throw that out as a -- plant a seed for next time. We hope that you'll do that again.

MR. SMITH: Yeah.

COMM. RAMOS: I think it would be pretty interesting.

MR. SMITH: Yeah, we definitely hope to make it an annual piece. We've sent out the press releases. We've got some feedback, obviously, and I think -- I'm not sure how much outside of the general coverage they have for the Indians that we'll get, but even if we get that general coverage that they have for the Indians, that'll be great, you know, for the agency, so --

COMM. RAMOS: Uh-huh.

MR. SMITH: Throwback jerseys, you can buy them. Of course, they'll have our --

they'll have a patch with our logo and everything on them, and the team will be wearing those tomorrow as they play the game, so it should be cool.

COMM. RAMOS: Are those jerseys on-line, where you can see?

MR. SMITH: Information about purchasing is on-line. Brad Meadows, who is our communications guy, has done a great job of documenting everything, and if you go on, information about the game is there, as well as -- well, you guys don't need to purchase tickets, but purchasing tickets as well as purchasing the jerseys, if you want to do that as well. But if you need tickets, just let me know after the meeting and I'll make sure you get as many as you need. So, we're excited about that. It should be fun.

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: If I show up, are you going to let me say hello to everybody there?

MR. SMITH: You can do whatever you want, Ms. Chairwoman. You can do whatever you

want. But we are throwing out the first pitch, and let's just hope I don't throw it in the dirt and make a good pitch.

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Oh, you can do that, I'm sure. Will you explain to me what a throwback jersey is?

MR. SMITH: Well, throwback meaning the jerseys that were -- a replica of the jerseys that the Indianapolis Clowns wore, the Negro League team wore, when they played. And so, instead of the Indianapolis Indians wearing what they normally wear, they're going to wear what they call the throwback jerseys, which is what the Clowns, Indianapolis Clowns, wore back in the old Negro League days.

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Oh, that gives me chill bumps. I think that's going to be such a wonderful thing. Great.

MR. SMITH: Yeah. So, it's exciting.

And if this works well, mind you, we hope to

duplicate this thing, because there are other

minor league teams in various parts of the

state --

1 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: 2 MR. SMITH: -- and some of which are 3 in our target areas, you know, Lake County, 4 Fort Wayne has a minor league team, and so if 5 this works well and we get the feedback that we're looking for, when we'll look to do this 6 thing in other areas of the state. 7 8 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Great. 9 COMM. RAMOS: That's awesome. 10 like to change the subject a little bit, if I 11 might, from that standpoint. 12 MR. SMITH: Uh-huh. 13 COMM. RAMOS: A year ago you reviewed the strategic plan --14 15 MR. SMITH: Uh-huh. COMM. RAMOS: -- for the 16 17 organization, which I thought was done very, very 18 well. 19 MR. SMITH: Uh-huh. 20 COMM. RAMOS: But I would like 21 perhaps at one of our future meetings just -- I know you've got a lot of great things going on. 22

I'd just like to see how we've moved the cheese,

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and I think it would be good to be able to see that. Otherwise, we end up putting the strategic plan on the shelf and we never see it again, and I'd like to see -- because I know you've done some excellent things, and I think it's good to show that progress.

MR. SMITH: I'm glad you said that.

The cutoff date, if you will, for that review is October, so we're doing it October to October.

We released the information -- it's kind of a weird day to put it out, but that was kind of -- it was six months into us putting it together when I came in. It was kind of like starting from the ground floor.

And so, we've built the thing, and October is when we got the first feedback from the surveys, if you remember, that we sent out, and so what we wanted to do was take that as the baseline metric and then spend the next 12 months with our outreach and all of the things that we're doing, surveying everything, all of the events that we take part in, then coming back the following October and saying, "Hey, based off of

the strategic plan we put together and all of the outreach and efforts that we've done, here are the results back."

And so, the October piece is when we're going to pull the strategic plan back out, review all of the things that we've done, the surveys that we've handed out, and see what those results say. And then from that, what we'll also do is take a really, really good close look at all of the partnerships that we've formed, some of which we've actually spent money to develop, and determine whether that has been, you know, good money spent for the agency.

And so, that following Commission meeting will be the meeting where we present that to you guys and say, "Hey, here's what we've done, and after reviewing it, here's our thoughts and suggestions," and hope to get you guys' approval to move forward with either a duplication of the strategic plan we put together or, more than likely, an amendment to what we have, and hopefully improvements as we move forward.

COMM. RAMOS: Well, I think the

timing on that would be perfect, because with a new administration coming in --

MR. SMITH: Uh-huh.

COMM. RAMOS: -- it'll have some track record that you can review the great success that you had.

MR. SMITH: So, your comment is right on point. We just had a meeting with our outreach team that is responsible for the surveys and the kind of following the strategic plan two days ago, actually, so you're right on point with that, and they're going back to review.

We just did, too, as a note, the back-to-school piece, which should be in your --should be in your report, here in Indianapolis.

It's -- IPS is the -- they had a Julian Coleman Academy, actually. It's one of the best that they -- I would argue one of the best in the state, definitely one of the best in the city.

There was more than 13,000 people there in attendance, with families, most of which hit our target demo, and we were able to hand out tons of

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information, answer tons of questions, you know, and that's -- you know, one of the comments that were made in the meeting this morning was we probably touched more people yesterday at that -- at that back-to-school event than you could argue four or five of our events combined.

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Right.

MR. SMITH: And I think we spent 250 bucks just for the table and space at the event, which is, you know, pennies compared to the amount of people we touched yesterday. So, I use that as an example of something, as we go back and review all of the partnerships that we have, you know, we'll take a close look at maybe some that we need not continue, and then some that we probably should bolster up a little bit.

COMM. RAMOS: Okay. Thank you.

MR. SMITH: Yes, sir.

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: And it's the demographic that we really are aiming for.

MR. SMITH: Very much so, very much so, because oftentimes a lot of the events and things that we put on, the CLE's, the fair

housing trainings, those typically pull in the providers, right, you know, or the employers, and it's very difficult from a grass-roots standpoint to get the people in one centralized location and be able to disseminate our information or get information out, and that served as a vital piece. Thirteen thousand people that we don't normally touch is outstanding, so it was right on

time, right on time.

COMM. RAMOS: You are having press coverage of all of that stuff tomorrow night?

MR. SMITH: Yes. At the game?

Yeah.

COMM. RAMOS:

MR. SMITH: Yeah, they'll have -like I said, we sent out the press releases and
we got some feedback, and I was asking Brad what
kind of feedback it was, and he said, you know,
all of the news folks said that they'll be there.
You know, we didn't want to get ahead of
ourselves and think that they were coming
specifically for us, so our guess is that they're
really doing kind of the general coverage that
they do for the Indians games.

But again, if that's just the baseline of what they do, they'll have to capture us as well, because it's in essence our game, it's the Civil Rights game and something that'll be covered on the news. So, we're looking forward to it.

COMM. CARTER: Is it a specially scheduled game, or is it just a game that -- I mean they would be playing anyway?

MR. SMITH: Well, I mean the game probably would have -- it was on the schedule, but --

COMM. CARTER: Tomorrow night.

MR. SMITH: -- in our negotiations with them, you know, we negotiated and turned it into the Civil Rights game.

COMM. CARTER: With them; okay.

MR. SMITH: And we had some creative thought about pulling in the old Negro League team, the Indi -- or the Clowns and the whole throwback jersey piece, you know, and so we turned it into this event that spoke to civil rights and an opportunity for us to, number one, promote the agency; number two, educate folks on

civil rights and civil rights law and issues and 1 2 things of that nature, and touch more people. 3 COMM. CARTER: Very good. 4 MR. SMITH: Touch more people. A lot 5 of these people would be families that come to 6 the games, you know, sports enthusiasts, you know, people who aren't normally in the segment 7 8 of the population when we go into areas to do what we do. So, you know, when we set out, one 9 10 of the main points of the strategic plan was to 11 get out throughout the state and touch people who 12 we wouldn't normally --13 COMM. RAMOS: Right. 14 MR. SMITH: -- get in touch with, and 15 so things like this, I think, offer us a unique 16 opportunity to do so. 17 COMM. RAMOS: Absolutely. 18 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Did you come 19 up with the idea on your own? MR. SMITH: Actually -- well, yeah, 20 but --21 22 (Laughter.) 23 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: I want to

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applaud you for it, because I think it's really a terrific idea, a great fit. I think the back story is a good one, the whole idea. You know, what came to mind first to me is that civil rights is no game, you know.

COMM. GIDNEY: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: But to then put it in the context of something that illustrates it so beautifully, the old Negro League --

MR. SMITH: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: -- is a perfect fit, I think, for making that point.

MR. SMITH: Well, thank you. I do want to give props, though, to Brad Meadows, our communications guy.

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Great.

MR. SMITH: I selfishly kind of threw it out because my background is in sports and that's always an easy avenue for me to explore, but kudos to him because he took it and ran with it. I mean he negotiated the agreements with the Indians, he went and kind of worked through all

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of the particulars. And so, although it might have been --

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: So, is it a multiyear kind of commitment, or can you trademark the name with the event in some way so that it --

MR. SMITH: Oh, that would be nice.

Probably so. Right now it's a this-year thing,
and I think they are in bed with us and they
would love for this to continue, and there was a
financial commitment on our part, and -- but I
think it pales in comparison to all of the things
that they have been given -- or they're giving
us.

But one thing that we want to do, again, is afterwards, evaluate. You know, it's a good idea in theory and I think it sounds fantastic, but, you know, just like everything else that we do, we have to bring it back once we've finished the event and say, "Hey, was this worth the time, money and resources spent, and should we continue?"

If the answer to all of those questions is

yes, then I think we definitely pursue making it 1 2 obviously an annual event. You know, so that 3 would be ideal, and then trademarking anything that we would need to trademark in making sure 4 5 that we turn this thing into an even larger event 6 as we move forward, and taking it as a pilot to other cities throughout the state, uh-huh, and 7 8 doing something very similar in other parts of I think that would be ideal. 9 the state. 10 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Great. Well, I thank you. 11 12 MR. SMITH: Yes, ma'am. 13 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Are there any other announcements? 14 15 (No response.) CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: 16 Hearing none, 17 the meeting is adjourned. 18 Thereupon, the proceedings of 19 August 24, 2012 were concluded at 11:40 o'clock a.m. 20 21 22 23

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I, Lindy L. Meyer, Jr., the undersigned Court Reporter and Notary Public residing in the City of Shelbyville, Shelby County, Indiana, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the proceedings taken by me on Friday, August 24, 2012 in this matter and transcribed by me.

Lindy L. Meyer, Jr.,

Notary Public in and for the State of Indiana.

My Commission expires October 27, 2016.

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