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## PROCEEDINGS

PUBLIC MEETING OF AUGUST 22, 2014

in the above-captioned matter, before the Indiana Civil Rights Commission, Steven A. Ramos, Chairman, 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 22, 2014 at 11:07 o'clock a.m.

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1 11:07 o'clock a.m. August 22, 2014 2 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Good morning. 3 MS. ALLEN: Good morning. 4 5 MS. HAYNES: Good morning. 6 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: This is the Indiana Civil Rights Commission meeting on August 22nd at 7 11 o'clock. We will open the meeting. 8 an agenda that's in front of us. The first item 9 that we have on the agenda is the approval and 10 adoption of the meeting minutes. 11 (Comm. Carter arrived.) 12 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: You have those in 13 You received those ahead of time. 14 your packets. I would like a motion to approve of the minutes. 15 COMM. GIDNEY: So moved. 16 17 COMM. BAYNARD: Second. CHAIRMAN RAMOS: The motion's been 18 approved and seconded. All those in favor, 19 signify by saying aye. 20 21 COMM. BAYNARD: Aye. COMM. CARTER: Aye. 22 23 COMM. GARCIA: Aye.

1 COMM. GIDNEY: Aye. 2 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Aye. 3 Any opposition? (No response.) 4 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Any abstentions? 5 6 (No response.) 7 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Motion carries. 8 The next item that we have on the list --9 and I see Comm. Carter has joined us. 10 Comm. Carter, would you like to take over? 11 COMM. CARTER: Oh, no, you're doing a 12 fine job. 13 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Well, I just started, so I had opportunity. 14 15 All right. So, with that, we'd like to 16 have the Financial Report by Ms. Cook. MS. COOK: Good morning. 17 18 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Good morning. 19 MS. HAYNES: Good morning. 20 MR. SMITH: Good morning. 21 MS. COOK: You've had the opportunity 22 to review the Financial Report, and if you have 23 any questions, I'd like to go ahead and entertain those at this time.

(No response.)

MS. COOK: Hearing none, the next item, regarding the stipends, I'm still waiting on Commissioners' packets so I can get your previous months' stipends paid to you. If you have those ready, I can take those today, or if not, you can mail them at a later time. If you need another packet, just let me know.

Also, the last item that I had is regarding the travel per diem. The financial server has changed now and will no longer be paying the regular per diem to Commissioners. They're only paid now for overnight travel, and that's statewide for all employees. So, on your travel voucher, you will only be reimbursed for the mileage unless you're staying overnight; okay? All right.

CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Okay.

MS. COOK: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Any questions?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Okay. Now, on to

Old Business, we have Reports from Commissioners on Complaint Appeals. 2 Comm. Carter? 3 COMM. CARTER: Yes. In the case 4 of -- I can't read the name -- David Eaton [sic] 5 versus Kindred Healthcare doing business as 6 Regency Place of Greenwood, I recommend we uphold 7 the Deputy Director's no probable cause finding. 8 9 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Can I get a second? Do we need a motion? 10 COMM. BAYNARD: So moved. 11 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Okay. 12 COMM. GIDNEY: Second. 13 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: All those in favor, 14 15 signify by saying aye. COMM. BAYNARD: Aye. 16 COMM. CARTER: Aye. 17 COMM. GARCIA: Aye. 18 COMM. GIDNEY: Aye. 19 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Aye. 20 Any opposed? 21 (No response.) 22 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Motion carries. 23

In the Kindred Transitional Care and 1 Rehabilitation, please, Mr. Carter? 2 3 COMM. CARTER: That's the only case I 4 have. CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Well, that's all one 5 6 big one. 7 COMM. GARCIA: It's one. 8 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Yeah, that's 9 correct. That was all one for Comm. Carter. Comm. Garcia? 10 COMM. GARCIA: In the case of 11 Marcelo & Florencia Juarez Santamaria versus 12 Longacre Mobile Home Park, I'd like to defer that 13 14 until next month's meeting. I'm still working on 15 that. CHAIRMAN RAMOS: All right. We will 16 defer that to the following month. 17 Comm. Baynard? 18 COMM. BAYNARD: Yes. In the case of 19 20 Christa J. Wood versus My Plastic Surgery Group, I would recommend to the Commission that we 21 uphold the Deputy Director's findings of no 22 23 probable cause.

1 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: All right. I need a 2 motion to agree with Comm. Baynard's --3 COMM. CARTER: So moved. 4 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: -- recommendation. And a second? 5 6 COMM. GIDNEY: Second. 7 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Motion's been made and seconded. All those in favor, signify by 8 9 saying aye. 10 COMM. BAYNARD: Aye. COMM. CARTER: Aye. 11 12 COMM. GARCIA: Aye. 13 COMM. GIDNEY: Aye. 14 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Aye. 15 Any opposition, any abstentions? 16 (No response.) CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Motion carries. 17 All right. Next item on the agenda are 18 19 public comments. 20 MS. RINCONES-CHAVEZ: None. 21 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: None. All right. 22 So, we move on to New Business and the 23 Assignment of New Appeals. So, we have -- we

have three of them. I'm just going to go down the order, so Comm. Carter, if you would please take Gayle Harris versus Fort Wayne Community Schools.

COMM. CARTER: Okay.

CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Comm. Garcia, Steven Emery versus Red Gold Transport.

COMM. GARCIA: Okay.

CHAIRMAN RAMOS: And I will take the next one, which is Cynthia Mayhew versus Sav A Lot Foods.

Next item on the agenda is Finding of Facts, Conclusions of Law and Order. Those are in your packets. This is Tashia Weaver and Botkin Trophies.

MR. SMITH: Judge Allen?

CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Good morning.

MS. ALLEN: Good morning.

MS. HAYNES: Good morning.

MS. ALLEN: So, in your packet, you have the findings of fact, conclusions of law and order for this particular case, and as can you probably tell by the order, there was no hearing

in this matter. It was a motion for summary 1 judgment on the issue of the number of employees. 2 3 So, if you have any specific questions regarding the facts or the law of that case, I'm here to 4 answer those questions, but at this time, if you 5 would like to take a vote on it, that is fine as 6 well. 7 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Are there any 8 9 questions? 10 (No response.) CHAIRMAN RAMOS: All right. 11 Allthose in favor of approval -- oh, I'm sorry a 12 13 motion to approve. COMM. CARTER: I move we accept the 14 findings of fact, conclusions of law and order. 15 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Comm. Carter has 16 moved to accept those findings. I need a second. 17 COMM. BAYNARD: Second. 18 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Comm. Baynard has 19 seconded, so those in favor, signify by saying 20 21 aye. 22 COMM. BAYNARD: Aye. COMM. CARTER: 23 Aye.

1 COMM. GARCIA: Aye. COMM. GIDNEY: Aye. 2 3 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Aye. Any opposition? 4 (No response.) 5 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Motion carries. 6 Thank you. 7 MS. ALLEN: CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Thank you. 8 There are no Consent Decrees [sic], so the 9 next item we have on the agenda is the Oral 10 Argument -- Arguments, with Amber Lumpkin versus 11 American Heating & Cooling. 12 MR. SMITH: You welcome them to 13 sit -- take seats up front? 14 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Yes. 15 So, Amber, Ms. Lumpkin, if you would like 16 17 to approach. And then sir, you're representing? 18 MR. MURPHY: American Heating & 19 Cooling. 20 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: And your name? 21 MR. MURPHY: David Murphy. 22 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: David Murphy? 23

MR. MURPHY: Murphy.

CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Thank you.

MR. MURPHY: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Good morning to each of you. So, the process as we follow through this is to provide each an opportunity to provide your oral arguments, and then you both get a chance to listen, and then you'll give closing arguments as well, and we put a time line on each of that so we don't spend all day on it. I believe it's ten minutes for each of the arguments, so you have an opportunity for ten minutes, and we'll watch the time.

We'll let you go first, Ms. Lumbert [sic], and then Mr. Murphy will follow, and then you'll get a chance to provide your closing comments as well, and I'll reverse the order for that -- no, I can't do that. We'll follow in the same order.

MS. LUMPKIN: Okay. I am not -- I don't have a lawyer, so I'm not real sure what you're asking me to do. So, I just state my case, why I'm here and why I objected to the ruling?

1 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: That's right. MS. LUMPKIN: And that's -- you give 2 3 me ten minutes to tell you why I object to the ruling? 4 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: 5 Yes. 6 MS. LUMPKIN: And then do I have to 7 show you any evidence or --CHAIRMAN RAMOS: No. I mean all of 8 It's already 9 the information has been provided. been previously submitted. 10 11 MS. LUMPKIN: Right. So, this is your 12 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: opportunity to present your perspective in front 13 of the Commissioners here and, you know, why we 14 should, you know, reverse the decision or make a 15 change, any of those kind of things. 16 MS. LUMPKIN: So, kind of what I 17 wrote for the appeal is what I want to say? 18 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: It's your time. 19 MS. LUMPKIN: I'm sorry; I'm a little 20 My name is Amber Lumpkin. I worked for 21 American Heating & Cooling. I started back in 22

October 2010, and then I was laid off.

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They were saying that I didn't show enough proof on the sexual harassment and why I was laid off. They tried to say it was because I didn't help him on a trial, but they never shown any facts to prove that there was any type of trial. They never even shown any proof that I missed work or my job was bad.

I did show proof that I was sexually harassed, from September of that year all of the way until I was permanently laid off. There was -- he exposed himself to me. He would ask sexual favors from me. He would put his hands on me, and I would tell him no.

We would have many conversations about this. I have audio tape, which I played, and I have a piece of paper on where other people listened to it, and they can clearly hear me tell him no. He asked me if I would want to suck his dick, jack him off, or fuck him, and I said no. There's many times that he would show me pornographic. He would go up and above sexual harassment totally. I mean there's so many things that happened that -- it does sound

unbelievable, but it really did happen.

And yes, on June 5th and on March 24th, I was unemployed at that time, but sexual harassment did happen from September all of the way until I was laid off, which I was employed then. I -- the tapings took place in November, when I was employed, and there are discussions where I taped him saying what he said to me.

And I went in on May 24th to talk to him about -- well, actually he called me and wanted me to come in and talk to him about bringing people back from unemployment. So, I went in and talked to him, and that was when he done his last sexual thing to me.

I walked over when I was getting ready to leave, and he put his hands on my butt, rubbed up against my breasts, and then I threw his arms back and he went over to his desk, and I told him, I said, "I'm leaving now," and he said -- he put his hands around his private part and said, "You're going to let an old man suffer?" And the guys walked in the door then, and that pretty much put an end to that.

And that is -- I just wanted to let you guys know that it wasn't -- he didn't lay me off permanently because of the trial. There was no trial that I was asked to help on. When I was at work when I was employed, he -- I got all of the information for him, laid it on his desk, because he had an attorney for that, so he didn't need my help because he had an attorney.

I never said I wouldn't help him. I was never asked to help him. When he laid me off for work -- or from work, I was told that I would be back, because really I was kind of never laid off, because he would call me consistently to come in and help him. It wasn't just once or twice, it was quite a bit, and it wasn't for simple things.

And when I come in, he would do -- you know, say -- make comments or whatever to me, or touch me or hug me. I mean he overstepped his boundaries several, several times, and I told him no several, several times, so many -- I can't tell you how many times I told him no.

We sat down and had conversations about

this, that I told him he was mixing up his feelings, that I was doing a good job for him and helping the business come back, that he thought that he liked me, and he said that we were -- we had a sexual relationship. We never had a sexual

relationship. If we did, it was in his own mind.

I never -- I have a boyfriend, been with this boyfriend. That's actually when it started is when he found out I moved in with somebody, then all of this started progressing a little at a time, all of the way up to him exposing himself to me. He exposed himself to me three times.

He -- on June 5th I went in there to talk to him about bringing people back from unemployment, and when he come up and hugged on me and everything, I backed him up and told him, "You know, I'm not going to do this no more. I'm going to be right here. I'm going to do my job at the desk. I'm not going to go on rides with you no longer. I'm not going to go above my duties of this position."

And when I told him that, that's when he told me, "Well, you're permanently laid off," and

he shoved me out the door, and he -- my boyfriend was in the car, and he yelled at him, "If you want a piece of me, come and get a piece of me."

You know, Brian never stepped a foot out the door.

I mean he just caused so much chaos throughout my time I worked there from September to April, when I got laid off. The reason why I didn't leave was because I would talk to him and he would say he wouldn't -- he promised he wouldn't do it ever again. I mean he offered me money to have sex with him. If he went to a jobsite, he'd lay cash down and say, "I'll give you this if you'll do this," you know.

And I tried to explain and talk to him the best I could to -- you know, I am a single mother, and I needed a job that was close to home. I was making eleven dollars an hour, and then he re-called me back, and if I wasn't doing a good job, why would he re-call me back?

I was making nine to help him get the business up, and he promised to get me up to twelve by the time I was -- by the time I kept

working with him, because I was -- Debbie made me office manager, so I stayed with him. It was close to home, good money.

I actually liked the place I worked for, I liked everybody I worked with. I enjoyed working there except for when Murrell started doing all of the sexual harassment that he done to me. He would look down my shirt, and that's why I had to go buy a lot of these to wear under my shirts. He said that they were low cut, and most of them aren't low cut.

When you, you know, kind of lean over and -- kind of lean over when you're doing something, he smacked my butt or rubbed my butt or, you know, tried to rub the front of me. He would put his hands in front of his crotch. He exposed himself.

I have it on audio tape where he asked me if I would jack him off or, you know, "Can I raise hell with you?" I said no. You know, he said, "Well, you don't have to make it a federal case." And one part of the trans -- the transfer that we had when we done the -- the transcript,

you know, he admitted that he touched my boobs, that -- he admitted that he did touch my butt, he admitted -- I asked him a question, "Well, wouldn't you consider all of this sexual harassment?" He said, "No."

So, I don't think he understands where -what a line is. You know, yes, we joked around,
everybody had a good time as far -- but there's
appropriate and inappropriate as a line, and he
went well over his line. And they tried to say
that I was fired because of some trial, but they
never showed proof that there was even a trial.

They never showed proof of time cards of where I missed time. They never showed any type of write-ups. They showed no proof whatsoever that I had done a bad job, that I had any type of write-ups, anything about the trial, but I showed a lot of proof of sexual harassment that he done to me.

CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Okay. All right.

So, basically you have 30 seconds before I pass it over.

MS. LUMPKIN: I know he's going to

try to stipulate on May 24th to June 5th that I was unemployed at that time. Yes, I was laid off, as Murrell asked me to be laid off as opposed to unemployment, but he sexually harassed me from September all of the way to April, and I was employed with him.

CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Okay. Thank you. Any questions?

COMM. CARTER: Not yet.

CHAIRMAN RAMOS: All right. Okay.

So, Mr. Murphy?

MR. MURPHY: Thank you. May it please the Commission, Ms. Lumpkin. We are not here to try the case. Judge Allen tried the case. She spent all day trying the case. She looked the witnesses in the eye. She heard their testimony. She spent a great deal of time asking questions to make sure that she understood what was going on.

This body, I would suggest, has a duty to determine whether there is evidence in the record which supports Judge Allen's findings of fact, not to decide whether or not you believe what she

believed. This is an appellant tribunal, not a fact-finder. I appreciate, with all due respect, that Ms. Lumpkin doesn't understand that, and I'm sorry to have to make the argument in this

fashion, but I think that's the law.

At the hearing, at the trial, there were charges and countercharges. There were admissions and denials. Evidence was introduced which was controverted. In the last ten minutes, to be quite frank and with all due respect, I heard things I didn't hear at the trial. There were statements made by Ms. Lumpkin which, in my opinion, are not part of the record.

And for purposes of the record, I have to object on behalf of my client, because he's not here to be able to answer that, nor is this a proper forum for that to be done. Many of the things which she has presented to you in fact are not there, in the record.

It's not my job, I don't think, at this point to go through every one of those things that she's trying to put in here as new evidence. I would rather take the broader approach and

suggest to you what we believe the facts are as found by Judge Allen.

Ms. Lumpkin was an employee of my client. My client is a single proprietor slash corporate business. He runs the business, he gets the --makes the sales, he arranges the service. If he doesn't produce, no one has a paycheck. There were times, as shown by the record, the evidence produced at trial, where times were very, very tough and everybody got laid off.

The most recent time was just before all of the incidents that Ms. Lumpkin referred to allegedly occurred. The uncontradicted evidence in the record is Ms. Lumpkin was laid off from employment April 3rd, 2012. We introduced at trial the evidence of the unemployment compensation she received beginning the very next week.

She didn't mention that in her presentation, but it's important to remember that if you're employed, you can't draw unemployment compensation. So, she represented to the State of Indiana that she was not an employee anymore,

and in fact, the evidence at trial showed she had been laid off. And it wasn't just her, it was everybody. There wasn't enough business to pay payroll, so Mr. Loveless laid everybody off.

Now, the evidence at trial showed that after that date, Mr. Loveless expended a great deal of effort to try and collect receivables that were owing to the business. One of those involved a man that just refused to pay a large bill, and it was set for trial.

Mr. Loveless is a heating and air conditioning fellow. That's what he's done his whole life. He is not, per se, an administrative person. That's why he hired folks to work for him.

So, on two occasions he asked Ms. Lumpkin to please help him prepare for the trial against the man that owed the company money, and he explained to her, as it's in the record, that they needed the money this man owed in order to pay the wages for the people that had been laid off.

And the record is very, very clear; she

would have none of it. She was not going to help. Now, without going into all of the testimony, it was very clear that on those two occasions she flat-out refused to do anything to help Mr. Loveless prepare for trial. And there were words exchanged and it did get heated, and Mr. Loveless explained to Judge Allen exactly what he said and why he said it and why he was so angry.

I believe, in all due respect, it's very disingenuous and inappropriate for Ms. Lumpkin to say she knew nothing about a trial when in fact that was the key to her and all of the other employees being called back to work.

Mr. Loveless, in my opinion, was within his rights as an employer not to re-call a person who had refused to help maintain the business, the livelihood of his, at a time when money, cash flow, was critical.

There was no sexual harassment involved, and it's important also to remember that this particular complaint focuses on a particular time. It's the time after she was terminated by

layoff. The evidence, which Ms. Lumpkin put in her complaint, focuses on events that allegedly occurred after April 3rd, 2012, when she wasn't even an employee.

There's nothing in the record, no pleading, nothing submitted by Ms. Loveless [sic], that says, "Prior to that time, I was harassed." She added that at the trial. She seemed to say it had something to do with not being re-called to work, but she never made that connection.

In fact, during the trial, there were times when Mr. Loveless admitted that he and Ms. Lumpkin had had a sexual affair of sorts. Now, he was quite frank about it, and he told Judge Allen, "Yes, certain things happened."

Ms. Allen, in her findings, very specifically focused on the comments that were not made by Ms. Lumpkin, and those comments were, "I didn't tell him no." Now, she can come in here, after already having a trial and not prevailing, and tell you that "Oh, yes, I said no all of those times."

Well, at the time of the trial, in front of Judge Allen, that's not the way it came into evidence, and I would suggest again, we're not here to retry the case that Judge Allen tried. The evidence is clear. Whatever happened, happened after Ms. Lumpkin was no longer an employee of the employer, and for that reason, she has no basis to maintain this action.

I would also suggest that when you look at the findings of fact made by Judge Allen, which are thorough and detailed and comprehensive, you would give due consideration to the fact that as the trier of fact, Ms. Allen sat there all day and listened to all of the testimony, weighed all of the evidence carefully, and made a determination.

In the 20 minutes we've been allowed, we can't possibly present to you all of the evidence that was presented to Judge Allen. There's a rule -- and I know you're not an appellate court, but there's a rule in the appellate courts that if there's any evidence to support the finding of the trial judge, the appellate court is not going

to substitute its judgment for the judgment of the trial court, for that very reason.

The trial court hears the evidence, looks the witness in the eye, listens to the tone of voice, asks the questions, and you have a cold record in front of you. Substituting your judgment for what the trial judge determined would not be appropriate.

I would ask on behalf of my client that you affirm the decision made by Judge Allen, that you adopt her findings of facts and conclusions of law, and enter judgment in favor of American Heating & Cooling.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Thank you.

COMM. CARTER: Rebuttal.

CHAIRMAN RAMOS: We'll provide rebuttal, give you an opportunity to --

MS. HAYNES: Let me say one thing quickly. Just to clarify, what your role here today would be -- is to determine whether there was sufficient evidence for the Administrative Law Judge to make her decision. Your role today

would not be to reweigh the evidence or to -CHAIRMAN RAMOS: I understand.

MS. HAYNES: -- rehear that. It's just to see whether there is sufficient evidence for that determination.

CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Okay. Thank you.

So, Ms. Lumpkin, we'll provide you five minutes of opportunity to rebut any of the comments made by Mr. Murphy.

MS. LUMPKIN: Yes. I would like to start off saying that he said like a lot of the things I am mentioning now was never brought up to Ms. Noell in the hearing, and I have the transaction [sic] here, and there is -- and also with them saying I never said "no," I have -- or they have the first recording, second recording, a female says -- a female can be hearing say, "Hush your mouth."

A male voice is saying, "Is that yes or no?" A female voice says "No." It says -- at 540, a male can be heard, "You want to suck my dick, come jack me off," and right here, it says a female voice saying, "No." I played the tape,

the whole recording, for Ms. Noell. They could hear where I said, "No."

Also, as far as the trial, no, I was never asked to help him on the date of the trial. The trial I have in here, it says that it was

May 30th, and that's the only date that he could remember because of the trial. I did not go in to the job then. I was on unemployment.

I was in there on the 24th, and I was in there on the 5th. The 24th is when he like sexually harassed me, and I walked out. I never come back until June 5th, when he wanted to talk to me. At that point in time, I really had no desire to even talk to him again. I did go ahead and go in there to talk to him and lay down the rules if I did come back, "This is how it's going to be."

There was no mention of a trial. They never proved there was even a trial. They never proved that I said no to a trial. If there's no proof, no evidence entered, how can they say that I said no when there's no evidence of even a trial? For all we know, they're making up the

trial on this day. We have no evidence.

We had tons of evidence on where he sexually harassed me. You have an audio tape of him asking me to do this to him. You know, I understand it's a he-said-she-said case, but I have an audiotape that you can hear him asking me to do things to him, and you can hear me telling him no.

And this tape was during the employment when I was working there. This did not happen when I was laid off. This happened while I was employed. So, I am asking you guys to reserve this decision. I understand that Ms. Noell spent a lot of time going through this.

But I also understand there was a lot laid in her lap, and there's a lot of details that was there, and with me not having an attorney, there's a lot of things I didn't object to, or, you know, when I would start asking questions or doing this or doing that, he would object to pretty much a lot of things.

So, I know I'd like to go ahead and go on with this story, but I didn't know when to say

"objection" or anything like that. The truth of the matter is, Murrell Loveless sexually harassed me so bad from September to April, of exposing himself, touching me, asking me to do favors for him, and just all kinds of things that he asked of me that was way above.

am 36. Do you really think somebody would have a relationship with somebody that old? I really -- he's older than my grandfather. You know, he was my boss, and that's what I tried to explain to him several, several times, that he is my boss, and that's all I wanted is to come in here, do my job, and go home, except for he would make comments, he would expose himself.

know, what was I supposed to do? I didn't have anybody else to go to, because he was the owner. I called Sheriff Butch Baker, and that is in the testimony, and asked him what to do, and he told me to go out and buy a tape recorder, which I did. And I also recorded the conversations, and you can hear him asking for sexual favors, you

can hear me telling him, "No."

Again, back to the trial, no proof, no proof of time cards, no proof of evidence that there was even a trial. I mean I don't see how a decision can be made when there's no evidence to back up what they were saying, when I had a lot of evidence stating that I went in there on June 5th and told him I was not going to battle this any longer, and he said, "You're permanently laid off," pushed me out the door, and asked Brian if he wanted a piece of him.

And then two days later, I had called the cops to go in and get my stuff, because if it was a peaceful, you know, "You're not employed here no more," I wouldn't have had to call the cops, which I showed evidence. I had a piece of paper that showed where the cops were called, and he was told that he was acting a riot -- acting out, and they had to calm him down or they were going to take him to jail. I went --

CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Thirty seconds.

MS. LUMPKIN: I went and got a protective order against him, it was that bad.

CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Okay.

MS. LUMPKIN: And that's in the trial case. Everything I'm -- everything I'm saying, you know, even in this case that says that he did touch my breasts -- she said on her own, her saying that he didn't touch me. In here, it does say that he did. He admitted to touching my breasts and my butt. And also it's stated that he was very open about the relationship. There was no relationship. I was very open.

CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Okay.

MS. LUMPKIN: I had to go through and relive all of this over again.

CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Thank you.

Mr. Murphy?

MR. MURPHY: Very briefly, with all due respect, again, Ms. Lumpkin's focusing on things that are not relevant. The Administrative Law Judge made a specific finding that after April 3rd, 2012, Ms. Lumpkin was not an employee of American Heating & Cooling. She was a private person.

Whatever happened after that date, to and

including this June date she's talking about, would be conduct between two private people, not employment related, nothing that the Commission has jurisdiction over, and the Administrative Law Judge so found.

Now, I appreciate that Ms. Loveless [sic] doesn't understand the requirements of law, but you do, and in the particular --

MS. LUMPKIN: I'm not Ms. Loveless.

MR. MURPHY: -- finding that Judge

Noell made, she set forth the burden of proof

that Ms. Lumpkin had to meet and referred to the

cases and the statute and pointed out

specifically where Ms. Lumpkin failed to present

evidence in support of a key element that she was

required to support.

The evidence was tried before a person who spent a whole day listening to it. She made very specific findings. We are here today listening to argument that asks you to undo the work that Judge Noell's already done, to substitute your judgment for hers when you've heard 25 minutes' worth of discussion.

I would suggest, with all due respect, that that would be inappropriate, and what you should do is affirm and adopt the decision made by Judge Noell.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Thank you.

MS. HAYNES: Now, again, as you deliberate, please keep in mind what you're deliberating about.

CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Uh-huh.

MS. HAYNES: And you're deliberating about whether there was insufficient evidence in the record for the Administrative Law Judge to make the decision, not deliberating whether the decision was correct or not, but simply whether there was enough evidence to make that decision. If you find that there was enough evidence to make that decision, then the objection would not prevail.

If you find that there was insufficient evidence to make the objections -- or insufficient evidence to make that decision, the objections would prevail. So, you're going to

need to make that decision based on that. Does that make sense?

CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Uh-huh. And there is -- I know that we have a couple of options in this one. Obviously we can discuss it amongst ourselves or debate, and we can uphold, we can remand, we can reverse. Is that accurate as far as the key elements that we can look at on this?

MS. HAYNES: You -- hmm. I'm not sure how a remand would work in this instance, because a determination was already found, so at this point you would largely deliberate whether there was sufficient evidence to make the decision or there wasn't.

CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Uh-huh. Okay.

COMM. CARTER: I have a couple of questions about things that were, to me, murky in the record, and I appreciate your saying that the record is clear on things, but it wasn't that clear to me. There are two things. The second one is -- it was the murkiest -- this help with the taxes that came up a lot in the trial. Was that also during this period after April 3rd?

He called me in 1 MS. LUMPKIN: Yes. 2 several times. 3 COMM. CARTER: And did he offer to 4 pay you for your time for doing that? 5 MS. LUMPKIN: He would -- he didn't consider it a payment, but he would give me a 6 7 little bit of money here and there to pay for me 8 coming in to help him. COMM. CARTER: 9 I'm trying to 10 establish an employee relationship. MR. MURPHY: I understand. 11 COMM. CARTER: And I guess the same 12 13 question applies to this help with the trial, if 14 indeed there was a trial. 15 MR. MURPHY: There was. 16 Well, I'm sure COMM. CARTER: Yeah. 17 you would say that there was. MR. MURPHY: No, Your Honor, there 18 19 very clearly was, and it's in the record. 20 COMM. CARTER: Okay. 21 MR. MURPHY: We identified the man 22 that owed us the money and why it was so 23 incredibly important to prevail --

1 COMM. CARTER: Yeah, I understand. 2 remember we --3 MR. MURPHY: -- to keep the business afloat. 4 5 COMM. CARTER: Are you aware of the 6 fact that we all got a copy of the record --7 I presumed you did. MR. MURPHY: 8 COMM. CARTER: -- the transcript? 9 MR. MURPHY: I presumed that was --10 COMM. CARTER: And I'm not trying to 11 add new information. I'm trying to get my mind 12 clear about the fact that she was or was not an 13 employee by any stretch of the imagination in 14 these two cases, and what my understanding is, it 15 occurred after April 3rd. So, essentially there 16 was no salary for these two things --17 MR. MURPHY: No. 18 COMM. CARTER: -- as far as --19 MR. MURPHY: Nothing was -- nothing 20 was paid to Ms. Lumpkin for anything, because she 21 didn't do anything. What you saw in the record 22 that was a refusal to help was not compensated in 23 any way.

1 COMM. CARTER: All right. But she 2 did go in and help with the taxes. 3 MR. MURPHY: I think there's evidence -- I can't remember exactly where in the 4 5 record it is. The tax issue was -- I believe it was an audit. I believe the IRS was asking for 6 7 records, and that -- I'm not clear when that 8 happened, but I don't think it was ever brought 9 up in the trial as a reason for her not being 10 called back to work. As I recall, the reasons he 11 didn't call her back was because she just refused 12 to help prepare with this critically important piece of litigation that --13 14 COMM. CARTER: Okay. 15 MR. MURPHY: -- was about to happen. 16 COMM. CARTER: As I recall, the help with the taxes was because she knew how to work 17 18 QuickBooks, and --19 MR. MURPHY: I think that's right. 20 COMM. CARTER: -- whoever else he had 21 to help didn't. 22 That's all I have. 23 COMM. GARCIA: I have a question.

1 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Comm. Carter is 2 finished. 3 Comm. Garcia? 4 COMM. GARCIA: My comment is, 5 twice -- Ms. Lumpkin, twice Attorney Murphy 6 referred to as Loveless. 7 MR. MURPHY: I beg your pardon. 8 MS. HAYNES: And that's, I think --9 MR. MURPHY: I'm sorry. 10 COMM. GARCIA: I just want to make it 11 clear that I think, on behalf of the entire 12 Commission -- and they can tell me I'm wrong --13 we understood that you referred to her --14 MR. MURPHY: I misspoke. 15 COMM. GARCIA: -- and not Loveless. 16 MS. HAYNES: And Commissioners, I would like to remind you that you may deliberate 17 18 amongst yourselves on this decision as well. 19 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Okay. 20 COMM. GARCIA: And the other thing Why didn't you get an attorney? I mean she 21 22 asked --23 MS. LUMPKIN: I hired one at the

beginning. He left the job about a year and a half into it. They gave me another gentleman that came in. He said he's never tried a case like this. He was unwary [sic]. He actually wanted off the case.

So, I didn't know -- I couldn't say, "No, I don't want you off the case," so I was like, "Well, you can do what you've got to do," over the phone, and he sent me a paper to sign to release him. I never signed the paper, and then I got in the mail that he was released from it because, I guess, from me the saying, "You need to do what you've got to do."

Well, then that left me with no attorney, and the trial was coming up fairly quick. I had no option but to go in and do this on my own.

COMM. CARTER: Were you aware of the fact that the Commission provides -- we have two attorneys who --

MS. LUMPKIN: Yes. I spoke to Mike Healy, and he goes, "I wish you would have called me." He said, "I would have picked it up." But that was after the fact.

COMM. CARTER: That was too late.

MS. LUMPKIN: Yes. Because I wanted him to help me with the appeal, and he said he couldn't because he didn't -- he wasn't the attorney.

CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Any questions -- any other questions from the Commission?

COMM. GIDNEY: I guess I have some concerns. When you speak to the issue with regard to the dismissal, you indicated that people were downsized because of the funds and the finances, but a couple of times you said he was right not to call someone who refused to help. So, was it an issue of her being dismissed because of revenue, or was it really a dismissal because she wasn't available to help with the trial? So, I'm a little unclear in that regard.

MR. MURPHY: There were two layoffs.

COMM. GIDNEY: Uh-huh.

MR. MURPHY: The most recent one was in April of 2012. In both situations, all employees were laid off, and both situations were directly related to cash flow. After the

April 23rd layoff and the litigation began against this accounts-receivable payer, Mr. Loveless needed help to put that case together. He had a lawyer, but he needed administrative help to present the evidence to the lawyer for trial, and that's when he asked Ms. Lumpkin to come in, and she refused.

Now, as it turned out -- and I can't remember if this is the record or not, but my recollection is he won the lawsuit. frankly, he didn't collect it. That's not in the I did that much later. But at some record. point he did re-call some of the workers, not to include Ms. Lumpkin.

And as the Administrative Law Judge found, the reason he didn't re-call her was because in a time of need, when he really needed her help, even though she wasn't an employee, she just refused. And he felt, correctly, I believe, "I don't want somebody like that working for me." It had nothing to do with sex at all.

> COMM. GIDNEY: Okay.

CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Other questions?

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1 (No response.) 2 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: All right. So, we're doing public debate, as I understand. 3 4 MS. LUMPKIN: Can I make a comment? 5 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Well, actually you had your opportunity. So, if we have a question 6 7 for you, as to protocol, either of you --8 Do we allow them to be in conversation on 9 this, or is that part of the section closed? 10 MS. HAYNES: If you've already closed 11 the argument portion, now you can deliberate. 12 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Yes. So, if we have 13 questions -- it's kind of this evidence now. 14 MS. LUMPKIN: Okay. 15 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: I mean the overall 16 aspect of it, if we look at the key elements, my opinion, I didn't see any new evidence that was 17 1.8 brought forward that -- that would have an impact 19 on this. 20 Comm. Carter. 21 COMM. CARTER: I agree. 22 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Comm. Garcia? 23 COMM. GARCIA: I uphold the Judge's

decision.

CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Comm. Baynard?

COMM. BAYNARD: Yes.

CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Comm. Gidney?

COMM. GIDNEY: Yes.

CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Based on those facts, I see no reason to reverse or put this back. I mean, you know, there's no evidence that supports that within that time line. You know, the guidelines that are stipulated that you have to prove, that -- there's no evidence that otherwise supports that, based on what our observations were in the hearings.

That's not a question on what happened.

That's not our role. The question is: Was there evidence that would be allowed to put it back to the ALJ to relook at this trial?

MS. LUMPKIN: But they showed no evidence of even a trial. I showed a ton of --tons of evidence of sexual harassment. There was -- he introduced no evidence of a trial. I mean how can you believe that there was a trial coming up when there was no evidence of the

trial?

CHAIRMAN RAMOS: And the guidelines under the filing process is, as an employee, you filed that process. Based on the information that we have, at that time -- and there's no evidence that supports otherwise -- you were not an employee.

MS. LUMPKIN: I was -- when I played the record, it even states in November, the record I had recorded, I was employed when he said what he said.

CHAIRMAN RAMOS: But that evidence was available to the ALJ at the time; right?

MS. LUMPKIN: Yes. I played the whole tape.

CHAIRMAN RAMOS: So, that's not new information. It is information that -- I mean it was -- you know, it was a part of the information that they -- the Administrative Law Judge had reviewed, so it had already been in consideration. So, it's not new information.

MS. LUMPKIN: Right.

CHAIRMAN RAMOS: So, if there was

some new evidence that was provided --

MS. LUMPKIN: Well, that's what -that was the comment I was wanting to make. He
kept saying that his accounts receivable for this
Dallas Patton, it had nothing to do with American
Heating & Cooling. He had a car painted for
himself. It wasn't American Heating & Cooling.

He did a bad job painting his car, and he was going after him because of his car not being painted right. It had nothing to do with American Heating & Cooling. They never even proved there was a trial. It had nothing to do with American Heating & Cooling accounts payable and receivables.

CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Ma'am --

MS. LUMPKIN: It was all about his car getting painted wrong.

CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Well --

MS. LUMPKIN: And I had to go out there and take pictures of his car where you could see the paint mistakes.

CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Yeah. We are -- our -- we have fine guidelines that we have to

follow, and the stipulation in the case, again, is that, again, you would have had to have been an employee at the time, and because that wasn't the case, and no new evidence demonstrates that that is the case, you know, our position would be to uphold the --

MS. LUMPKIN: I thought I wasn't allowed to bring -- I thought we were supposed to go off of this here as far as what was said, and correct --

# CHAIRMAN RAMOS: It is --

MS. LUMPKIN: Because I object -- you can read where I objected to her findings, where she said that, you know, he didn't touch me, and he admits -- right here he admits to touching me. There was so much sexual harassment. You know, I want him to be punished for -- or pay for this, because I don't want him to do this to nobody else.

You don't understand how much suffering and stuff I went through. I've gone to a therapist. I have panic anxiety attacks. I wake up with nightmares because of everything he's

done to me. And this happened while we were employed.

And he called me in to work after he laid me off on several occasions, and yes, he gave me money to come back and forth to help him. Who do you think done the taxes? Who do you think done everything that was going on when that business was closed down and he was doing the work? It was me.

CHAIRMAN RAMOS: And the law states that we have to demonstrate beyond any preponderance of a question that -- that your sexual harassment was during employment and within that time line, so the way the dates and stuff are demonstrated here --

MS. LUMPKIN: It was during employment. I have the tape recorder. I can show you the date on it that I was employed. I even showed it to Ms. Noell.

CHAIRMAN RAMOS: All right. This is --

MS. LUMPKIN: And it was in --CHAIRMAN RAMOS: This is where

your -- this is where an attorney would provide you the guideline and the process, because you have to follow, you know, the stipulations. The information you received from the Commission, Mr. Healy could have assisted as well.

Here's the -- here's what you have to prove. This has to be done within that time line, within that -- those specifications as you filed your appeal. It would have to be within that time line, so what happened a year or two years ago, if you were an employee -- at that time were an employee, and you -- then that -- it would be admittable [sic]. And no one's questioning what --

MS. LUMPKIN: Well --

CHAIRMAN RAMOS: -- has happened.

That's not a question. It is within the time

line that we have for filing this case. It is

all within the time lines of what we have to

prove. And you had to, again, bring new evidence

within those time lines, within those guidelines,

for us to be able to provide --

MS. LUMPKIN: Well, Ms. Noell -- he

made a comment at the hearing about whether it was sticking with after I was an employee, and she says -- it's in the document -- that "No, she wants to go back all of the way to the time it started." So, I proved from the time that it started in September all of the way through. I mean -- so, what he done to me prior, it don't matter?

MS. HAYNES: I would like --

MS. LUMPKIN: I was sexually harassed on the job, and I'm supposed to be backed up.

MS. HAYNES: I would like to remind the Commission that, as the time for deliberations has passed, you now have the authority to render your decision.

CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Thank you. Yes.

Again, I think, based on our conversation, we've not seen any new evidence that has been entered into the discussion, so I'd like a motion to uphold the findings that were previously stated, or -- do we uphold, or do we agree that those no formal -- no new information that would require us to remand it back?

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MS. HAYNES: You could uphold the
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                 CHAIRMAN RAMOS:
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                 COMM. CARTER: I move we uphold the
    Administrative Law Judge's findings.
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                 COMM. GARCIA: Second.
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                 COMM. BAYNARD: Aye.
                 COMM. CARTER: Aye.
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                 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Aye.
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                 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Motion carries.
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                 MS. LUMPKIN: Thank you.
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            Next on the agenda -- I don't think we
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    need to take a break here -- Executive Director's
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Report.

MR. SMITH: Good afternoon, barely.

A very short report. Today moving forward in terms of reporting, and which we don't have the opportunity to touch on too much. The agency reports are in your packets, or should be in your packets, that speaks to the ebb and flow of activity for the agency.

Caseloads continue to pick up. We are -our two main partnerships, federal partnerships,
with HUD and EEOC, I did make mention of this
last Commission meeting, but I want to make note
that we have successfully fulfilled or
accomplished our HUD contract, as of June 30;
isn't that right?

MS. COOK: Yes.

MR. SMITH: June 30, and although the EEOC contract was not approved until September 30, we have already fulfilled our obligations for that contract, and have asked for -- or called in for a modification, which would result in additional funds for the agency. All of those cases are already in-house and

pretty much ready to go, so we're ahead of that game.

And I just want to publicly give a standing ovation and a round of applause and kudos to the unit of both intake as well the both investigative units for the work that they do in fulfilling all of our obligations, both noncontractual as well as the federal contract partnership agreements that we have.

So, any questions in that regard?

CHAIRMAN RAMOS: (Shook head no.)

MR. SMITH: Hearing none, the outreach and external arms are also very, very active. We participated in a fairly large back-to-school event here yesterday evening. They had in the neighborhood of three to four thousand young people who attended, which was an opportunity for good outreach and exposure for the agency --

CHAIRMAN RAMOS: What is the -
MR. SMITH: -- especially in regards
to our push for equal access to a quality
education; right? So, anytime we have an

opportunity to be in front of young people and the parents of those young folks, we want to take advantage of that, and it's very rarely that we have an opportunity to do so in front of a fairly large, large crowd.

Comm. Ramos, you had a question?

CHAIRMAN RAMOS: No, you answered it.

MR. SMITH: And that was the event held at the Julian Coleman Academy Middle School yesterday, the 16th Annual Family Fun Filled Back-to-School Carnival. It's been going on for a while. The last couple of years, we've been able to take part in it, so we're excited about that.

Then today, as you well know, we're excited about our partnership with the Indianapolis Indians, in representation of the old Negro Leagues, and we have the Civil Rights Game, in commemoration of the Indiana Civil Rights Commission, and so we're excited about that. Tipoff tonight is at 7:00 p.m. We encourage everyone to come out in support of the game.

Also, two things to note. You know, it's the third year that we've done it. We try to build on it every year. This year, we've added the essay contest, for which we have three winners, all young ladies. The mission was, we charged all of the kids to write an essay on why they felt education was the civil rights issue of our time, and we had some very, very, very interesting, if you will, submissions, and I thought the committee for that chose three very good essays.

The winner, the first-place winner, in light of our partnership with the Indianapolis Recorder as well as the La Voz Indiana, will have their essay published in those publications, in both newspapers, so we're excited about that, and very, very proud of those partnerships, because, one, it extends to our target demographic, the Hispanic community, with La Voz, as well as the African-American community, with the Indianapolis Recorder.

And the winner will also get an opportunity to come on the field and throw out

the first pitch today, so we're excited that she will get an opportunity to do that.

The other piece that we added this year was the partnership with Martin University. We thought it was a very good partnership, and we're going to do a -- at Martin University -- and it's going on as we speak, actually. I left there to make it here in time for the Commission meeting, but at Martin University's Gathertorium, they're going to do sort of an educational piece on the Negro League and all of the Negro League teams and how they influenced or impact -- or were here in Indianapolis.

And so, from the Kansas City Royal all of way to the Indianapolis ABC's, which became the Indianapolis Clowns, they're going to do an historical event there. When I left, there were somewhere in the neighborhood of four hundred, four hundred fifty young people, the majority of which came from one of the local high schools here -- middle and high schools here. So, we're very excited to have -- to have that.

And those are all just examples of how we

are kind of expanding our reach of the agency and making sure that we touch base not just with administrators, principals, the legislature, things of that nature, but the young people and the people who deal with our young folks on a daily basis. So, we're excited about that opportunity to extend our footprint, if you will, in the state.

And so, as this continues to grow, this being the Indiana Civil Rights Game or this weekend -- I just sort of come up with it -- the idea is to use it as a pilot to hopefully do some things very similar in other parts of the state, because, you know, we're excited about the opportunity to grow there.

So, any questions in that regard at all?

CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Hopefully it's not going to rain.

MR. SMITH: Yeah. Well, you know, there were a few representatives from the Indians at Martin University, and I made the same comment, and they, in unison, said, "What rain? We have no idea what you're talking about."

(Laughter.)

MR. SMITH: So, you know, I'm going to go with their talking points and say, "What rain? We're looking forward to the game tonight."

CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Is it a sellout?

MR. SMITH: It is a sellout. In

fact, the three years that we've had it, they

cite that it has been one of the easiest games of

the year to sell tickets and gather interest.

So, we're excited about that. We think, again,

one of the M.O.'s when I came over to the agency

was to kind of rebrand the agency in terms of the

demographic that we hit, and the partnership with

the Indians, you know, does that tremendously.

I would say that a large part of the audience that make up the Indians' crowd is not the normal demographic that we typically hit, and so it's an opportunity for us to talk about what we do as an agency, the resources that the citizens of Indiana have access to by way of the Indiana Civil Rights Commission, to a group that we don't normally speak to, and give them a

message that they don't normally hear.

So, you know, with that said, we're excited that we've taken that opportunity to really push both our embracement, if you will, of our push for quality education, and that's our focus, which is why we incorporated the essay contest, and we'll have the young winner on the field to speak to the audience and to the crowd prior to the game as well.

CHAIRMAN RAMOS: You said there were three; right, the top three?

MR. SMITH: Yeah. We had over 300 submittals, I believe, and --

CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Wow.

MR. SMITH: -- we pulled our partners in to form the committee, La Voz, the Recorder, the Black Expo, and the committee chose the top three. They narrowed it down to the top three winners. The winners just so happen to be all young ladies.

One is actually a Native American from Bedford, from the Bedford area, in Southern Indiana, who is traveling up with her teachers to

come to the game, and parents. So, we're excited 2 about that as well. She kind of speaks to, 3 again, the reach that an event like this and an 4 opportunity like this lends itself to. So, we're 5 excited. CHAIRMAN RAMOS: As a -- as a -- I --6 7 it would be nice to be able to read that before I 8 get there tonight, if that's okay. 9 MR. SMITH: The -- oh, the artic --10 or the essays? 11 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: The essays, yes, 12 because that way I can brag on her while I'm 13 there. 14 MR. SMITH: Yeah, no doubt. 15 have -- they're in the latest edition of the 16 Recorder, if I'm not mistaken. 17 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Okay. So, we'll see if we can't 18 MR. SMITH: 19 get everyone a copy of the Recorder. I know I 20 have one in the office, so worst case, definitely 21 stop by and I'll make sure you get a copy of it. 22 We're excited about that opportunity, 23

because it also gives young people an

opportunity -- you know, how often do we say, 1 2 "Here, we want you to do this," but we never, you 3 know, push them along? So, you know, her essay is a bright light; right? It's in the 4 5 publication that's going out all over the city, so --6 7 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Just as a thought, 8 because I do a lot of education, as you know, and 9 submit the winning one back to the schools, just 10 so they have a model for next year, because I 11 know --12 MR. SMITH: Uh-huh. 13 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: -- you're going to want to continue this. 14 15 MR. SMITH: Uh-huh. 16 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: And just -- you 17 know, so the teacher is sitting there, typically an English teacher, or it could be the school 18 counselor that's --19 20 MR. SMITH: Yeah. 21 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: -- setting this up, 22 saying, "Now, here's -- " I always want to know,

if I'm competing, what I'm up against.

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1 MR. SMITH: Yeah. 2 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: So, it provides a 3 model. It's like, "Here's the bar you have to be at." 4 5 MR. SMITH: Yeah. 6 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: So, it lists -- and 7 if you had 300, I'm sure there were, you know, 8 maybe a hundred that weren't even close, but nice 9 thoughts and good thoughts, but at least it helps 10 the thinking along. 11 MR. SMITH: Yeah. No, we did -- and she's from Allisonville Elementary, which is here 12 13 in Indianapolis, and we're sending copies to the 14 principal or teacher in her class, as well as --15 I mean again, the Recorder's going out all over 16 the city, so --Well, you know, I 17 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: meant all of the other schools --18 19 MR. SMITH: All of the schools. 20 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: -- around the state 21 that submitted --22 MR. SMITH: Oh. 23 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: -- "Thank you very

much for participating, and here's the winning essay."

MR. SMITH: That's a good suggestion.

I'll do that.

COMM. GIDNEY: They need to see just how -- well, it's a competition. If they want to be next year's winner, make them work for it.

Don't make it that easy for them.

MR. SMITH: Yeah. Well --

CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Well, it gives them some feedback, too.

MR. SMITH: Right. I think that's a good suggestion in terms of the feedback. I do want to continue the communication, right. When we first started, we didn't have as many connections, so we tapped into DOE and we sent it out to every school district in the state.

And unfortunately, oftentimes it involves some of their peers. We don't hear back from many of the school districts, so for those who do participate, you do make a good point that it would probably be a good idea to reciprocate that communication and make sure that we keep tabs.

I also agree with Comm. Gidney, that the athlete meets a specific game mode; right --

COMM. GIDNEY: Yeah.

MR. SMITH: -- if you want to be a part of the reindeer game. So, you know, maybe we can put a nice little tag in there when we send it out to encourage everybody to put their best foot forward next year.

CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Yes.

MR. SMITH: Any other questions in regards to that at all?

(No response.)

MR. SMITH: Outside of that, things are moving along well. We are implementing our Strategic Plan and pushing forward as fast as we can. So, we will be in a neighborhood near you soon, so make sure that you take a look at the report, and it lists all of the events, and if we're in your neighborhood and you have the time, I do encourage you to step out and be a part, because you guys are representatives, good representatives, of the Commission, and folks should know that and should know who you are.

CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Good. Thank you. 1 2 MR. SMITH: Yes, sir. CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Any questions for --3 COMM. GIDNEY: No. 4 COMM. GARCIA: No. 5 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: All right. 6 7 MR. SMITH: Thank you. 8 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: All right. Do we 9 have any announcements? 10 (No response.) 11 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: Then the next meeting dates are posted. September 26th is our 12 13 next meeting here. If -- are there any other 14 questions or comments? 15 (No response.) 16 CHAIRMAN RAMOS: If not, I adjourn 17 the meeting. 18 Thereupon, the proceedings of 19 August 22, 2014 were concluded at 12:13 o'clock p.m. 20 21 22 23

CERTIFICATE

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 22, 2014 in this matter and transcribed by me.

Lindy L. Meyer,

Notary Public in and for the State of Indiana.

My Commission expires October 27, 2016.

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