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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, December 16, 2011 at 11:08 o'clock a.m.

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2	COMMISSION MEMBERS:
3	Alpha Blackburn, Chairperson
4	David C. Carter John E. Garcia
5	Barry Baynard Tehiji G. Crenshaw Steven A. Ramos
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7	INDIANA CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION By Jamal Smith, Director/Secretary
8	& Joshua Brewster, Dep. Director Indiana Government Center North
9	100 North Senate Avenue, Room N103 Indianapolis, Indiana 46204
10	On behalf of the Commission.
11	OTHER COMMISSION STAFF PRESENT:
12	Robert D. Lange
13 14	Pamela Cook Christina Catalan
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11:08 o'clock a.m. 1 December 16, 2011 2 3 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Good morning. MR. SMITH: Good morning. 4 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: The Indiana 5 Civil Rights Commission is now in public meeting, 6 and we do have indeed a quorum. You have in your 7 packets under Tab A the minutes, actually a 8 9 transcript of our last meeting. May I have a 10 motion to approve? COMM. CARTER: So moved. 11 COMM. GARCIA: I have a --12 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Question? 13 COMM. GARCIA: -- couple of 14 15 corrections. CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: All right. 16 COMM. GARCIA: On page 9, line 25, 17 down at the bottom, it should read B a c h 18 instead of B o c k, John Bach. 19 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: All right. 20 COMM. GARCIA: And also on page --21 the same mistake on page 12, line 6. And then on 22 page, the inaudible stuff on page 11, line 23, 23

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     inaudible agreement.
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                 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Okay.
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                 COMM. GARCIA: That's it.
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                 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Are there any
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     other corrections to the minutes?
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                        (No response.)
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                 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Hearing none,
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                 COMM. CARTER: So moved.
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                 COMM. GARCIA: Second.
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                 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: All in favor?
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                 COMM. CARTER: Aye.
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                 COMM. BAYNARD: Aye.
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                 COMM. RAMOS: Aye.
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                 COMM. GARCIA: Aye.
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                 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Anyone
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                       (No response.)
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                 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Thank you.
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            We have a Financial Report, and are there
    any highlights you'd like to call to our
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attention? 2 3 4 5 6 November report, I'd like to take those at this 7 time.

closing in currently on the halfway mark of this fiscal year, and we're currently on target. you have any questions after reviewing the

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: I have --COMM. BAYNARD: One question.

MS. COOK: None at this time.

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Oh, go ahead.

COMM. BAYNARD: Go ahead; I'm sorry.

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Not so much a question as a comment. It appears that with the readjustment to the new budget, as a consequence, next year we'll have less money to run the agency.

MR. SMITH: More than likely, but that's with a 15 percent --

MS. COOK: Last year we reverted 15 percent, plus an additional 83,000, I believe.

MR. SMITH: Yeah.

MS. COOK: For the fiscal year '12 and '13, it's set at the same amount.

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1 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: So, no good 2 deed goes unpunished. 3 MS. COOK: Of course. MR. SMITH: Yeah, but we made 4 5 adjustments. We are planning accordingly, so we 6 should be fine. We should be fine. 7 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Okay. 8 Comm. Baynard? 9 COMM. BAYNARD: Yes, the question I 10 had is sort of same vein. 11 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Uh-huh. 12 COMM. BAYNARD: 6-2005, it looks as though the personnel costs have either been flat 1.3 14 or gone down, so I just wonder, do we have --15 because of less employees, or are we making up the difference with service contracts, or --16 17 MR. SMITH: I'd like to have a pull-out of what's all included in the personnel 18 19 costs. Is that just salaries? 20 MS. COOK: Yes. 21 MR. SMITH: Well, the only thing to 22 justify that would be fewer employees. 23 COMM. BAYNARD: You have fewer

1 employees, then?

MR. SMITH: Then we have -- well, we've had the -- there's been a hold, a freeze, if you will, statewide on hiring, so you have to go through hell and back to get additions, and so we haven't added many new people. We've done some replacements, obviously. When we lose an investigator, we've got to keep pace, and so we've added -- or maintained that, but we haven't had any new. And so, my guess would be -- and I'd have to pull out where we were from a head count in '05 versus where we are now, but if this is a hundred percent salaries, that's the only thing I can think of.

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Uh-huh.

COMM. BAYNARD: So, how many

employees do we have?

MR. SMITH: We are currently at 29?

MS. COOK: Yes.

MR. SMITH: Twenty-nine employees.

one point, so I just don't know how low -- how

And I do know that that is lower than it was at

much lower than it was in '05, but I can get

that -- we can get that information for you.

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MS. COOK: And through that attrition as well, we've realized some savings because we're -- we've eliminated a few higher class positions --

(Comm. Crenshaw arrived.)

COMM. BAYNARD: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: -- as well.

MR. SMITH: That's a very good point.

So, for example, one of the first things when I came over, we were actually -- the state has centralized HR --

COMM. BAYNARD: Uh-huh.

MR. SMITH: -- resources, and so SPD basically does HR for the entire -- every agency. Well, when I first came over, we were actually paying someone to do personnel and HR. That person is no longer with us, and that was one of the larger salaries in the agency.

We've also centralized with OMB the finances as well, so whereas at one point we had two folks who were doing our financials, we now only have one, so -- and that salary was also one

of the larger salaries in the agency as well. 2 So, things like that, to Pam's point, I'm sure 3 contribute to what you see as a difference 4 between '05 and today. 5 COMM. BAYNARD: And I notice our 6 service contracts have gone up as well. I would 7 take that as EEOC contracts as well as HUD 8 contract. 9 MR. SMITH: That's --10 COMM. BAYNARD: Do we have a 11 breakdown of which one is which? 12 MR. SMITH: Yeah, we'd like to pull 13 that out, too, service contracts. Are we looking at intake or output? 14 15 MS. COOK: We're basically looking 16 at -- for our output, some of our --17 COMM. BAYNARD: Oh, outputs; okay. 18 MR. SMITH: So, those would probably be -- it looks like we've -- that's gone down as 19 well in 2011. And my guess is that's 20 sponsorship --21 MS. COOK: Yes. 22 23 MR. SMITH: -- sponsorships and

agreements --

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MS. COOK: Yes.

MR. SMITH: -- we've had, so we've cut a lot of those that weren't giving us much ROI, and then in some cases we've increased those that we felt were giving us some ROI. A lot of frivolous subscriptions we've have, we've cut some of those, and things of that nature.

So, one of the things that -- we've been talking to -- and I'll go through a little bit of this, too, when we get to the Strategic Plan, is in the midst of wanting to form community partners, it's not so much that we are just giving in terms of financials.

We want to make sure that the agency is getting something in return, that whatever that community partner -- or whoever that community partner is, is doing something in return to help us achieve whatever our goals are, you know, furthering Fair Housing, delivering outreach and education for equal employment, so on and so forth.

And so, we really constructed -- or

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1	reconstructed a lot of those agreements, and I'm
2	sure that reflects what you're looking at in
3	terms of those numbers.
4	COMM. BAYNARD: Okay. Thank you.
5	MR. SMITH: Yes, sir.
6	CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Any other
7	questions?
8	(No response.)
9	CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Hearing none,
10	may I have a motion to approve the Financial
11	Report as submitted?
12	COMM. CARTER: So moved.
13	COMM. BAYNARD: Second.
14	CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: All in favor?
15	COMM. CRENSHAW: Aye.
16	COMM. CARTER: Aye.
17	COMM. BAYNARD: Aye.
18	COMM. RAMOS: Aye.
19	COMM. GARCIA: Aye.
20	CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Anyone
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22	(No response.)
23	MR. SMITH: I'll be sure to try to

pull out some of those specifics, as much as we can, so you guys have a better picture of who and 2 what lies within that framework of the service 3 4 contracts. COMM. BAYNARD: Okay. 5 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: All right. 6 Do I hear any Old Business? Is there any? 7 There's none in our folder. 8 (No response.) 9 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Any New 10 Business? 11 (No response.) 12 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Again, none 13 is in our folders. And no consent agreements to 14 consider. 1.5 Item G in you agenda, Findings of Fact, 16 Conclusions of Law and Order. I hope you've had 17 a chance to peruse those, and would ask for a 18 motion to accept them. 19 COMM. RAMOS: So moved. 20 COMM. CRENSHAW: Second. 21 MR. LANGE: Where are they? 22 23 are they?

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                 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Findings of
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                 COMM. GARCIA: I don't see any.
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                 MR. SMITH: We just have notices of
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                 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: There are
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    have an approval for the notice of findings?
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                 MS. CATALAN: There shouldn't be any
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                 COMM. RAMOS: We have several.
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    That should be in Tab H.
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                 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: It says,
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                 MR. SMITH: Yeah, I see a notice of
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MS. CATALAN: Those are the appeals. Those are appeals that get assigned for the month.

COMM. GARCIA: So, those should be in Tab I?

MS. CATALAN: Yes, I'm sorry, Tab I.

I'm sorry.

MR. LANGE: H are, as I understand it, the cases from last month where there was an intention to reverse the finding to probable cause.

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: I'm sorry. I can't hear you at all.

MR. LANGE: Yeah, I'm sorry. Tab H, as I understand it, is the cases from last month where several different Commissioners had indicated an intention to reverse, and we sent out that notice. The Respondent has 15 days from sending out the notice to file -- to object to actually reversing it, and that 15 days has not yet passed. But that's what H is, is those cases. I is new cases where a finding has been entered and Complainant has appealed, new cases

sent last month. 1 2 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: I'm probably 3 not looking at the right agenda then --MR. LANGE: Possibly. 4 5 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: -- which б shows G, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and 7 Order, which usually in my folder says, "Notice of Findings of Fact." 8 9 MS. CATALAN: I apologize for that. 10 I had placed the wrong one in every one. CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: 11 This was in 12 here. MS. CATALAN: Yeah, that's this one. 13 14 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Okay. So, do you want to explain what this is? 15 MS. CATALAN: Tab H on the agenda is 16 17 the appeals that were assigned last month. Findings of fact, this is what we mailed out once 18 19 a case is closed, saying it's not a probable cause, so then they have 15 days to file an 20 21 actual appeal. That's why it says, "Notice of Finding" here. And on your agenda it says -- so, 22 23 I do -- this is Tab H, the one here. Did you get

any G? I'm sorry. CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Oh, okay. 2 So, the reports that you see under Tab H, "Notice 3 4 of Findings" --MS. CATALAN: Uh-huh. 5 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: -- I'm asking 6 then the Commissioners if you've had a chance to 7 look at those to approve them, or I need to --8 MR. LANGE: No, I don't think so. 9 Unfortunately in --10 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: If it's only 11 a notice. 12 MR. LANGE: -- all of the those cases 13 14 Respondent has --CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: -- I don't 15 know that we need to approve it at this time. 16 MR. LANGE: The notice that we send 17 18 to Respondent --(Discussion off the record.) 19 MR. LANGE: No, H is not it. 20 notice of the intention to reverse we send out 21 when a Commissioner is thinking about 22 23 reversing --

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Right, and 2 the time is not --3 MR. LANGE: Respondent has a certain period of time to object, and that time has not 4 5 yet passed. It will pass early next week, but --CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: So, this is 6 really strictly for the information of the 7 8 Commission, so --9 MR. LANGE: Yeah. 10 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: -- it has no action at this time? 11 MR. LANGE: Correct. 12 COMM. CARTER: I think that two 13 14 directors ago it was explained to us that this is to eliminate some sort of -- one level of 15 notification sending out, that --16 MR. LANGE: Yes. As cumbersome as 17 this is, it used to be worse. 18 19 (Laughter.) CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: What did you 20 21 say? MR. LANGE: As cumbersome as this is, 22 23 it used to be worse.

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Oh, okay.

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MR. SMITH: Do we need to change --

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: -- which is information about those cases yet pending that have not yet been settled, then we'll move on to Tab I, the Assignment of Appeals to

Commissioners. And I see some unreadiness over here.

Director, do you want -- have something else to say?

MR. SMITH: Well, I just want to make sure that there's a comprehensive piece of understanding amongst the Commissioners that we have articulated this in a way that makes sense to you guys, because if we haven't, then it makes no sense, period, and we need to make that adjustment. So, I'm looking at the disposition of the Commission right now, and I just want to make sure that before we just --

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Well, it 1 2 would have been helpful if it had been stated as 3 Report to Commissioners on Complaint Appeals 4 rather than --5 MR. SMITH: Okay. Say that one more 6 time. 7 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: -- Report by 8 Commissioners. 9 MR. SMITH: So, Report to 10 Commissioners? Christina, did you get that? 11 12 MS. CATALAN: (Nodded head yes.) 13 MR. LANGE: Next time. 14 (Discussion off the record.) 15 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: So, we're now at the Assignment of Appeals to Commissioners, 16 17 and we'll start with b, Commissioner -- I'm sorry; do you have a question? 18 19 COMM. GARCIA: These are the ones we have to report on. The one under H we have to 20 21 report on. 22 COMM. CARTER: Assignments. 23 misspoke.

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                 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: No, I really
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                 COMM. RAMOS: Okay.
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                 MR. LANGE: I think that's incorrect.
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                 COMM. GARCIA: That's under G.
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                 MR. LANGE: Sorry about that.
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                 COMM. GARCIA: Yeah, it's under G.
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                CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Isn't that
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    what you just told me?
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                MR. LANGE: It is what I just told
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much, under H, what are those? What are we looking at under H? 2 3 MR. LANGE: Those in fact are cases 4 they were assigned last month and can report on. 5 MR. SMITH: Okay. б MR. BREWSTER: If I may suggest for the future, the cases that you were referring to 7 where someone -- when a Commissioner had 8 recommended reversal, that those be put under Old 9 Business --10 MR. LANGE: Okay. 11 12 MR. BREWSTER: -- because they're not reflected on this --13 14 MR. LANGE: They're not in here at all. 15 MR. BREWSTER: -- because the 15 days 16 have not passed, so we're not talking about them 17 today. Those will be addressed at next month's 18 19 meeting, but it might be good to have that in this agenda so we don't forget about it, under 20 Old Business, and it could just be tabled then. 21 22 MR. SMITH: Okay. 23 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: That would

make it clearer. MR. BREWSTER: Right. 2 COMM. CARTER: Well, the no probable 3 cause findings that started all of the confusion 4 aren't on the agenda. They're in the loose leaf 5 notebook there, but they aren't on the agenda. б MR. BREWSTER: Yeah, those are new 7 That's under H. 8 ones. COMM. CARTER: Yeah. 9 MR. BREWSTER: Yeah, those are ones 10 that were assigned to you last month. 11 COMM. CARTER: Yeah. 12 MR. BREWSTER: The ones that we're 13 talking about that were recommended for reversal, 14 those were assigned two months ago. 15 Right. COMM. CARTER: 16 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Two months 17 18 ago. MR. BREWSTER: Right, and then they 19 were recommended for reversal last month. 20 MR. SMITH: Last month. 21 MR. BREWSTER: And then they appear 22 to object, and will be voted on next month. 23

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MR. SMITH: And those are --
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                MR. BREWSTER: That whole process
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    takes three months.
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    is under H? What's H?
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                 MS. CATALAN: H is the appeals
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    written, and they're not --
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                 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Your bad,
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1 (Laughter.) 2 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: All right. 3 Comm. Baynard? 4 COMM. BAYNARD: Yes, Madam Chair. 5 the case of Clint Cowles versus Superior Small Engines, I would recommend to the Commission that 6 7 we uphold the Deputy Director's finding of no 8 probable cause. 9 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: May I have a 10 motion to accept that recommendation? 11 COMM. CARTER: So moved. 12 COMM. CRENSHAW: Second. 13 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: All in favor? COMM. CRENSHAW: Aye. 14 15 COMM. CARTER: Aye. 16 COMM. BAYNARD: Aye. 17 COMM. RAMOS: Aye. 18 COMM. GARCIA: Aye. 19 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Anyone opposed? 20 21 (No response.) CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Thank you. 22 And Comm. Carter? 23

1 COMM. CARTER: Madam Chair, I recommend that we uphold the administrative 2 3 dismissal as found by the Director or Deputy Director, whichever it was. 4 5 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: May I have a 6 motion to accept that recommendation? 7 COMM. CRENSHAW: So moved. 8 COMM. BAYNARD: So moved. 9 COMM. RAMOS: Second. 10 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: All in favor? 11 COMM. CRENSHAW: Aye. 12 COMM. CARTER: Aye. 13 COMM. BAYNARD: Aye. 14 COMM. RAMOS: Aye. 15 COMM. GARCIA: Aye. 16 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Thank you. 17 Comm. Crenshaw? 18 COMM. CRENSHAW: Madam Chair, in the 19 case of Jacky Haskins versus Wal-Mart Stores 20 East LP, I make a recommendation to uphold the 21 Deputy Director's finding of no probable cause. 22 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: May I have a 23 motion to accept --

COMM. RAMOS: So moved. CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: -- Comm. --2 3 COMM. CARTER: Second. CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: -- Crenshaw's 4 5 recommendation? You must have someplace to go. Thank you very much. б 7 All in favor? 8 COMM. CRENSHAW: Aye. COMM. CARTER: Aye. 9 COMM. BAYNARD: Aye. 10 COMM. RAMOS: Aye. 11 12 COMM. GARCIA: Aye. CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Anyone 13 14 opposed? (No response.) 15 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Thank you. 16 Comm. Garcia? 17 COMM. GARCIA: I hate to bring this 1.8 19 up now, but Henry Davis -- in the case of Henry Davis versus the Indiana Gaming Commission, I 20 reported on that one last month. That's 21 reflected in the minutes. 22 MS. CATALAN: Oh, I'm sorry. 23

1	COMM. GARCIA: But I did take over
2	the case for Comm. Gidney in the case of Kazu
3	Onishi versus Regency Place of Dyer, and in that
4	case, I would like to uphold the Deputy
5	Commissioner's finding of no probable cause.
6	CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: May I have a
7	motion to accept that recommendation?
8	COMM. CARTER: So moved.
9	COMM. BAYNARD: Second.
10	COMM. CRENSHAW: Second.
11	CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: And all in
12	favor?
13	COMM. CRENSHAW: Aye.
14	COMM. CARTER: Aye.
15	COMM. BAYNARD: Aye.
16	COMM. RAMOS: Aye.
17	COMM. GARCIA: Aye.
18	CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Anyone
19	opposed?
20	(No response.)
21	MR. SMITH: Madam Chair, just a quick
22	question for Comm. Garcia.
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     Gaming Commission case last month?
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                 COMM. GARCIA: Right.
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     whatever the finding was, or was that one of the
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     reverse cases?
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    wanted to uphold the --
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                 MR. SMITH: Uphold that one?
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                 COMM. GARCIA: -- Deputy Director's
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     finding. I think it's on page -- page 7, line 5.
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    all. Okay.
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    Assignment of Appeals to Commissioners.
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                 COMM. CRENSHAW: I thought she was
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    making a joke.
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Comm. Carter, Paula George versus Affiliated
Computer Systems; Comm. Crenshaw, Samantha
Kennedy versus The Original Spaghetti & Sub
House; Comm. Garcia, Phillip Britt versus The
Clubs doing business as Club Indianapolis; and
Comm. Ramos, Jeffery White versus School City of
East Chicago; and I'll take the remaining cases.

Thank you very much. We will move on next to the exciting Administrative Update and combine that with the Executive Director's Report.

MR. SMITH: Okay. Thank you, Madam Chair.

We'll move first to the Executive

Director's Report. Not much to report in there.

We have a list of a lot of the outreach and education initiatives that we have going on.

I think the most important one to note is the MLK event that is coming up in January, so what we propose is, in conjunction with the MLK Commission, which we always do, where we hand out the awards and we do the piece, we have the event for the young people over at the museum, and we've got over 400 kids signed up for that, so it

looks to be an exciting piece.

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And this year we're going to move all of the kids, after they do the museum, over to the Statehouse so that they can take part in the event over at the Statehouse, and so that should be a good piece. The Governor will be in attendance there to help facilitate that, as he always is, and so -- and that's kind the pomp and circumstance. That's what we always do.

What we've also decided to add, though, that following day, which is Friday the 13th, is a day of service in light of Dr. King. Instead of just handing out the awards, actually do something where we give back to the community. And as an agency, we issue kind of a statewide challenge to other human relations commissions, other community organizations throughout the state, to do something similar within their own communities as a statewide day of service.

And so, we're going to set up shop on MLK Street, which is not too far from here. Watkins Park is located right there between Fall Creek and, I want to say, 28th or 29th Street or

something like that, to be kind of the home base. We've talk to the city. They've agreed to partner with us and give us all of the materials, bags, volunteers, gloves, things like that that we need.

And we'll do a cleanup of the neighborhood. We'll clean the park, if need be we'll shovel some sidewalks. You know, if we've got some elderly people that live, you know, we'll clear out their sidewalks and driveways, and just give back to the community that day, and we've issued an invite, kind of a challenge, to the other community organizations.

IBE, the Indiana Black Expo, has agreed to partner with us in that effort and volunteer a lot of their stuff to come and help take part, and so anybody else throughout the community we have encouraged them to come out and take part as well. So, that will be kind of a two-day thing.

COMM. CRENSHAW: Have you talked to IHCDA?

MR. SMITH: Yeah --

COMM. CRENSHAW: Are they willing?

MR. SMITH: -- we actually have. We sent out to all of the other state agencies, so IHCDA, DOE. We haven't gotten much of a response, but to be honest, I'm not sure if I was expecting much of one.

But, you know, we do -- there's a piece that is -- because it is on a Friday, it is on a workday, and the state does grant -- I forget what the term is for -- Mr. Brewster has taken advantage of it before, but you can vol -- the state will pay kind of a leave, if you will, for you to volunteer. I forget what that's called.

But there's some -- there's a caveat to it. You have to have volunteered for that specific organization before in the past and so on and so forth. So, if someone who works here is going to participate, they actually have to take their own personal time that day to come out and do it, and that may be asking a lot. If they do, we welcome them. Like I said, we sent out the invite, but, you know, we certainly get it if they can't.

The point for us was to do something a

little altruistic and give back to the community in the spirit of Dr. King and not just hand out awards like we always do. I mean that part is great, it's well that we recognize people that have done some things throughout the year, but we as an agency wanted to do something as well, so -- so, yeah.

So, that's prob -- that's the big event to report on, and that will be January 12th and the 13th, that Thursday and Friday.

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Whatever happened to the anniversary celebration?

MR. SMITH: What anniversary

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CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Our anniversary as an agency.

MR. SMITH: Oh, yeah. So, the

agency's 50 year goes from -- it started July 1

this year through June 30th of the following

year, and so we're still in the midst of planning

it. We're working with IBE as a partner and

their video institute to put together kind of a

50th year anniversary tribute video that kind of

dates back.

We're going to -- you guys will be contacted to be interviewed. We'll do kind of some face-to-face interviews with you guys about, you know, the progression of ICRC throughout the years and what it's meant to the state and the plight of civil rights throughout the last 50 years and so on and so forth.

We're going to try to reach back to all of the former Executive Directors as well as some of the people who have been heavily involved with the agency in the previous years and put together this compilation.

And the tentative idea is to present it at an event that we're having in April as a part of Fair Housing Month here, and we're going to look to make it a pretty big event, with all of the housing agencies as well as some employment pieces and some education components here in the Government Center in April.

Part of it was it was tough to do anything between January and February because the Super Bowl has got this thing completely locked down,

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so we had to look a little past February. But we're still working on it, to answer your question. The video, we think, would be a great tribute to it, and we look forward to actually including all of you guys in it as well as some of the former employees and directors as well.

Any other questions on that piece?

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: It would be significant to note that one of our former directors is now the --

MR. SMITH: Mayor --

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: -- Mayor --

MR. SMITH: -- of Gary.

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: -- of Gary --

MR. SMITH: Uh-huh, Ms. Karen --

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: -- Karen

Freeman-Wilson.

MR. SMITH: -- Freeman-Wilson. For those who didn't know, she won the election and replaced Mayor Rudy Clay in Gary, and I've actually gone up to meet with her once already, and a sweet lady. That was my first -- actually she said we had met before, but the first time we

had a good personal conversation, so it was great.

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CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: All right.

MR. SMITH: Anything else on that

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: No.

MR. SMITH: Okay. Well, moving forward, because I don't want to keep you guys too long, we actually have -- and in your possession you should have a couple of things.

One is the Strategic Plan -- proposed Strategic Plan -- for the agency here, as well as kind of a PowerPoint, which is what I'll use to go through the Strategic Plan here.

You'll see on the front of this the date has 2010 to 2013. The reason being for that is coming in, there was no Strategic Plan for the agency, and we wanted to put that together, but we also needed kind of a baseline to do so, so I came in in mid-2010, right, and we wanted to put out a survey to survey the state, to get a feel for and a baseline metric to justify the things that we were doing and give some direction to

some of things that we wanted to.

And so, we've taken this past year to accumulate those results of the survey as well as some of the feedback from a lot of the outreach and things that we've been doing, and that's given birth to the Strategic Plan that we have here now.

We put -- we've actually put -- last year we put together kind of a tentative one, to give us some direction as we went through, but this is one that we wanted to do. And then furthermore, we wanted to get the approval, obviously, of the Commission, or if nothing else, the buy-in of the Commission, as we make this thing the formal Strategic Plan for the Indiana Civil Rights Commission.

So, just to move forward, some of the highlights. Obviously, the mission is what it has been for a while, and the overall objective, just in a nutshell, is that the Indiana Civil Rights Commission ultimately fights to improve the state of civil rights throughout Indiana.

The Vision Statement is something that we

put together, and, you know, we want the ICRC to be an important societal influence, working to identify and address the civil rights issues of the 21st Century, and so everything that we do in terms of how we get out, how we do our outreach,

our communications plans.

Oh, that's right; you came in. I apologize for that. I do have some extra ones. Actually, you can steal Josh's, because I gave Josh that. Josh, if you wouldn't mind sharing that with Comm. Crenshaw. I apologize. And here's the actual Strategic Plan for you.

COMM. CRENSHAW: Thank you.

MR. SMITH: Yes, ma'am.

So, that's the Vision Statement. I'll hit fast-forward here. Our focus areas, equal employment, obviously, affirmatively furthering fair housing, and then equal access to a quality education, although those aren't the only five areas that we cover.

Obviously, public accommodation and credit are along those lines as well, but you could argue that these are our primary three focus

areas, two of which are tied up in our work-share agreements with EEOC and HUD, and the other you could argue is probably the most pressing issue that not just us, but other public agencies are dealing with and community organizations are dealing with now as -- you know, in the way of education. So those are our primary focus areas.

Kind of the background for it, as I mentioned before, was the survey that we took, and what came out of that was some really interesting findings. We asked some really basic questions, you know, "Have you faced discrimination in your lifetime?"

Fifty-eight percent of those we surveyed -- and we surveyed a little over 900 folks, and I'll get to that here in a second -- 58 percent of those said that they have been discriminated against in their lifetime. And then 90 percent of everyone that we surveyed said that they felt that discrimination was still an issue here in the State of Indiana, which was telling to us as well.

And then one of the most alarming things

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to me was the fact that less than 15 percent of the people we surveyed said they had a good understanding of what we did and who we were, which is alarming when you consider us to be the civil rights agency for the state.

Oh, and then, you know, considering who what you would consider our target demo would be, what would you guys guess the majority of -- what would the demographic or the makeup of the 900 people we surveyed would be?

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: I would guess that it would be young, somewhere in the neighborhood of, you know, 18 to 25.

MR. SMITH: In all actuality, they were the -- and we need to make some adjustments to our sample, but of this 900, over 60 to 70 percent of those were middle -- they were our stakeholders. They were the landowners, and they were -- and 60 to 65 percent were white.

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: No kidding?

MR. SMITH: So, for that demographic,

90 percent of them to say that they still felt
that discrimination is an issue in the State of

Indiana, right, and for 60 percent of that to say that they felt, you know, that they had been discriminated against in their lifetime, you know, says quite a bit, especially considering, you know, the pool of folks.

And obviously when we go -- and we'll do it again as a follow-up this year, and we want to make sure that we put together a more grass-roots approach so that we have a little bit more diversity.

And I wasn't so upset with this, because I think typically the folks that we pull in are minority or are underrepresented populations, et cetera, et cetera, and you would guess that that would be their response, but to get this response from folks outside of that demographic, I think, told a really telling story, so --

maybe with young people using the Internet -
MR. SMITH: Uh-huh.

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: -- they would understand and be familiar with Survey Monkey.

MR. SMITH: No, but we did Survey

Monkey as well as some hard copies, and so what we did was, as we got out, you know -- and this is why the pool was what it was. When we did a lot of our trainings and our educational pieces, we took the hard copies and had them fill them out there prior to the meetings, and that gave us a lot of what we got back, so --

maybe -- I know what, several -- two or three directors back, we did a -- like a meeting, not every month, but maybe three or four times out of the year we'd go to like a city, so that people could get a -- put an eye on us and get an idea of what we do, who we are. Would that help, to possibly do --

MR. SMITH: Well, that's, in a nutshell, what we're doing now.

COMM. CRENSHAW: Okay.

MR. SMITH: And it's not just one meeting -- one monthly meeting. Over the last -- and I can pull up all of the last few months of reports, but we've hit two, three, four cities in a month.

COMM. CRENSHAW: Okay.

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MR. SMITH: And we're trying to get everywhere we possibly can, which is why -- and I'll touch on this in a minute -- why these collaborations with the local folks are so important, because from where we sit, that relationship is vital so that they pull in the audience and they pull in the folks in that community so that we're not just going to talk to ourself.

But yeah -- no, to your point, the answer to your question is yes, we've been doing that. We hope to continue doing it, and not just once a month; we look to do it, you know, as often as we possibly can. We have you minimum stake of every other month doing on outreach event with our COE as a baseline, as a minimum. What that's turned into, like I said, is a multitude of events going on and other organizations reaching out and requesting that we come and do some sort of presentation. So, it's been working out well.

COMM. CRENSHAW: Because I know, what, two or three years ago we did a Commission

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                 COMM. CRENSHAW: That's what I'm
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                 MR. SMITH: Oh, the Commission
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                 COMM. CRENSHAW: Right. I'm sorry.
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                 MR. SMITH: That's you guys' call.
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    We'd be open to it. I don't think it really --
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                 COMM. CRENSHAW: Because I don't
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                 COMM. GARCIA: No. We did --
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                 COMM. RAMOS: We did Portage.
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                 COMM. CRENSHAW: Yeah.
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                 MR. SMITH: Yeah. I mean -- and
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    that's a call -- we obviously can't make that
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                 COMM. RAMOS: We did Richmond, too.
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                 MR. SMITH: We'd be more than willing
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                 COMM. CRENSHAW: Yeah, that's right,
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                 COMM. CRENSHAW: Yeah, and a lot of
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    people showed up for that one, because they hear
    Commission and they run, they say, "Oh, okay.
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                 MR. SMITH: Yeah.
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    Terre Haute was Jamal's first Commission meeting.
                 MR. SMITH: That's right, that was.
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    We did -- my first -- I was like a day on the
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    job. That was like July or June --
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                 MR. LANGE: Yeah.
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MR. SMITH: -- June, July of 2010. Yeah, I remember that. So, yeah, I mean if you guys decided you wanted to do so, I am more than willing to make sure that we make the accom -- I mean obviously make the accommodations to do it, and we can plan something around it and invite the community out to take part. But again, I think the reason why we have it here is it's That's it. MR. SMITH: Yeah, you guys have that

COMM. CRENSHAW: I'll swing by and

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: All right. Yeah, why don't we consider maybe hosting a few meetings on the government access channel?

MR. SMITH: We'll have to look into that. Make sure you make a note of that.

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: That would reach a whole lot more people.

COMM. CRENSHAW: Or maybe doing one

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like at a college campus.
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    network from one of the colleges, maybe providing
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    that.
                MR. SMITH: That would be beautiful.
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                 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: I mean those
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    are ideas that would help people --
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                 COMM. RAMOS: Uh-huh.
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                 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: -- beyond the
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    12 percent or whatever.
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                 MR. SMITH: Yeah, 12 percent.
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                 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Beyond the 12
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    percent to find out --
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                 MR. SMITH: I'm game. That's our
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    mission.
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                 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: -- what we're
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    doing.
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                 MR. SMITH: And we've established a
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that's why I didn't mention it, but we're looking for do a virtual education conference. The Ivy

Tech campuses throughout the state -- we'll use the one here in Indy as the hub, stream it live, invite everybody to their local Ivy Tech campus, and then touch on some issues there free of charge. They just come, and we'll provide some food and snacks and everything.

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: But if we did have a meeting in that context, it would be a whole lot more efficient than driving all around the state. I mean --

COMM. CARTER: Here, here.

MR. SMITH: So, we can work on that.

I mean if -- I don't know if you guys want to
have some discussion on it and decide that at a
later date, but --

COMM. GARCIA: Yeah, and I think --

MR. SMITH: -- I'm open to it.

COMM. GARCIA: -- we'd just have to advertise it right, I think when we went up to Portage, somebody came up from Wanatah and had a complaint, but that was more of a political

strong-arming thing in town, and --2 MR. SMITH: Yeah. 3 COMM. GARCIA: -- they didn't care 4 who they -- this family didn't care. They were 5 just political strong-arming, and they took up quite a bit of our time. I mean we felt bad for 6 the person, but it's really not within our 7 jurisdiction. 8 MR. SMITH: Well, why don't we look 9 into that, then? I'm assuming that's unanimous. 10 I don't see any shakes of no from the Commission, 11 so we'll look at maybe the streaming live from an 12 Ivy Tech campus, or to the Comm. Crenshaw's 13 suggestion, look at maybe having a Commission 14 meeting we'll call off-site --1.5 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: 16 17 MR. SMITH: -- and do it that way. 18 COMM. CRENSHAW: But we -- if we do one in Evansville again, I'll have to work with 19 U of E --20 MR. SMITH: Okay. 21 COMM. CRENSHAW: -- to get some 22 space. 23

MR. SMITH: Cool. All right.

So, let's get moving this piece along.

So, yeah, a lot of the results from the survey were really telling and, to me, gave kind of a baseline as to why we're doing what we're doing and some incentive to keep it up.

So, our objectives that came out of this, and so, how do we fix the issues? One is we wanted to again establish those working relationships. I remember when a first started the conversations, the focal point were the human rights commissions as a part of the consortium.

Well, that was a dud. Not all of them were on our page. Some of them had some personal issues to keeping their own --

COMM. CRENSHAW: Turf.

MR. SMITH: -- turf, yeah. But, you know, and they didn't want the State Commission to come into their neighborhood, and, you know, my response to that was to let them know that we are the State's Commission and we have kind of a mission to get out throughout the state. We would love to work with them, but, you know, the

only alternative is to jump over them in the process, so either work with us or against us.

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So, we kind of came back to the table and had some conversations, so we'll -- you know, maybe there's no sense to just focus on them.

You know, we'll focus on all of the community-, civil-, human-, community-rights-related organizations throughout state, and whoever was willing or had a tie to that respective community, it made sense for us to at least explore the conversation, and so that's what we've done.

The second piece was, you know, in light of the fact that less than 15 percent of the folks actually knew what we do, we want to increase our -- or the agency's brand as well as our state presence and make sure that we get out and do that education and outreach throughout the state, in every corner, nook and cranny that we can possibly get to, and we've started some efforts there.

And then third was, in light of all of this, obviously if we do a good job, we expect

there to be an increase in activity, not only in terms of inquiries, but, you know, intake of complaints, and we want to make sure that we maintain a level of efficiency and customer service that is -- that would make us all proud.

So, those are the strategic objectives, and just to breeze through how we achieve those or, you know, what we're looking to do, Objective No. 1 in terms of developing these partnerships, we looked at -- we broke the state into a pie of ten pieces, very similar to like the Congressional map; right?

And within those ten segments of the state, we wanted to establish relationships with a minimum of two community-based organizations within that minimum of two, so it could be more, obviously, but a minimum of two within each of those ten sites.

And again, these organizations could be, you know, the human relations commissions, it could be for profits, the chambers of commerce, et cetera, et cetera, and you can see some of that on the next slide. Oh, no, the next piece

we talk about -- and I say here the changes can only be lasting if ownership of such reform belongs to and is driven by each community itself.

And the Civil Rights Commission sees itself as the facilitator and broker, encouraging coalitions and sparking the kinds of collaborative dialogues that are not currently taking place in Indiana. And what I mean by that is, what we didn't want to do is like drive up to Elkhart, hold a presentation, and then we're gone; right?

And so, the people there, they heard some good stuff perhaps, but then, you know, three weeks later something actually happens and there's no recourse for them. You know, and they're hours away from Indianapolis, they can't get down to us.

And so, what we wanted to do, as we go throughout these communities -- and that's why it's important the establish these relationships, so that, you know, our emphasis to the people in the community will be "These folks are, you know,

an extension of us. You know, we have worked out whatever the --" and the agreements can look completely different from community to community.

But, you know, these folks are working through us to make sure that we can provide and be an extension from Indianapolis up to wherever your community is. Feel free to go there, and we'll make sure all of that information is at wherever that organization is, and that the community has access to it.

Obviously we have toll-free numbers and the Internet and all of that stuff, but, you know, not everybody -- we've learned not everybody we deal with has a computer, not everybody has easy access to a phone, and some people just like to come and have some face-to-face contact. So, that was a piece.

And then the next slide talks about, you know, who are some of those folks? The Housing Authorities, Black Expo, Latin media, the Burmese Advocacy Center, the Chambers of Commerce, Back Home in Indiana Alliance, and then we also have some of the -- you know, not to push them all

off -- some of the human relations commissions were actually very, very, very helpful, and we're working with them as well.

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The second piece, increasing our state brand and awareness, we're looking to improve by at least 60 percent the overall brand recognition. We figure less than 15 percent, that's pretty low to the basement, so all we can do is go up, so we're looking forward to doing that, and the surveys will tell us and give us a picture of where we are on that piece.

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: I would recommend that you put a time line on your objectives so that the measurement can have some validity.

MR. SMITH: They do. Octo -- well, we're running it from -- just like we took that survey, from November to October, and so we're looking from now basically until next October 31st is when we'll do a recap, so that's our time line to basically --

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Okay.

MR. SMITH: -- survey what this is,

and we'll -- and it'll give us a depiction. Our objective is between now and then to make that 60 percent increase, and, you know, take a good look at how effective what we've been doing has been, and if we need to go back to the drawing board, then we will, and if it's working, then -- if it's not broke, we won't fix it.

COMM. RAMOS: Is your --

MR. SMITH: But we do have that annual -- annual time line that's going down.

COMM. RAMOS: Is your survey done externally? Is it handled -- have you outsourced this survey?

MR. SMITH: No, we do it internally.

COMM. RAMOS: Internally.

MR. SMITH: We do it internally. We utilize every leverage we can. That's why we're using Survey Monkey, and we take -- and what we try to do is leverage when we're out, so we're already out, and we have crowds of people there is to hand the survey out, and sometimes we have to explain it and things of that nature.

And so, we leverage the fact that we need

to go do these, you know, fair housing presentations or these equal employment presentations anyway, and we have some staff there. We might as well utilize the fact that we have these people in a room or, you know, in one

setting, and let's get the surveys out to them.

As well as when we send out our press releases and things of that nature, we make sure that we put the Survey Monkey piece and all of those on there for those who do have access to the Internet, and they can leverage it there.

But that's a long-winded way of saying no, it's internal, and we'll keep a close eye on it, assuming that if there's any issues, obviously we'd hate to have to incur the expense of contracting somebody out to do it. If we can continue to do it in-house and get some good results from it, we'll do that. If not, then

we'll definitely look at --

COMM. RAMOS: Well, I think it's good to have the survey. I think it's real important, so I commend you for that, but I would put a footnote that it is internal.

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MR. SMITH: All right.

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COMM. RAMOS: There's obviously some bias to it, so -- but I still think any data that you get from it is incredibly important, so I -- it's great to do.

MR. SMITH: Yeah, we'll definitely make note of that.

Just recapping 2, baseline survey,

developing agency message. You know, we did a

lot of the messaging piece, the rebrand logo, the

look of the materials and things that we sent

out, the brochures. All of that stuff is

already -- to your point, Madam Chair, is in the

works.

CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Okay.

MR. SMITH: And come October 31st would be that cutoff, just like it was this year, and we pulled in the survey results and we said, "Hey, what do we look like? How good have we been doing, or how sucky have we been?" And then we'll look at making some adjustments at that point.

And then last but not least, like I said,

the efficiency of the agency, you know, when it's all said and done, we still have to run in an efficient manner, and so, you know, customer service is also -- we're placing an emphasis on that as well. We'll have the managers and the supervisors keeping a close eye on how we take our calls, how courteous we are.

We want to make sure that we're to the point, but keeping in mind that when folks typically call the agency, they're not calling because they had a great day, they're calling because there's an issue, and their attitude may reflect that, so we need to be understanding of that piece while at the same time getting our points across, and so we want to make sure that that objective is achieved as well.

COMM. CARTER: Well, ask them about customer service before the no probable cause finding.

MR. SMITH: Well, what we did was in that survey -- and to Comm. Ramos' point, we consulted with a lot of the universities about how to put the survey together, and we made sure

that none of the questions were connected to whether or not we ruled in your favor. It's more so on the lines the time that -- you know, the timeliness we got back to you, how thorough was the information that you received, those types of

information.

And keep in mind, there's obviously going to be a disclaimer in there if somebody's ticked off because it didn't go their way, they could just intentionally give some of that bad feedback, but we wanted to make sure that the questioning wasn't associated with whether or not it was -- you know, your case was in your favor or not -- or ruled in your favor or not.

So, yeah, so that's -- in a nutshell, closing remarks, you know, obviously we want to build a better state presence; increase our brand awareness -- less than 15 percent was quite alarming -- provide quantifiable results. We've got the deadline, like I said, and the survey gives us a snapshot of how effective what we've been doing has been.

And then create some real impacts in

1	communities statewide, establish those
2	connections so that even when we're gone, they
3	last past us being there; and improve customer
4	satisfaction.
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6	Strategic Plan to you guys as Commissioners. We
7	hope that you agree with it and that we can move
8	forward with the plan. That's it.
9	CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: I would
10	entertain a motion to that effect, based on the
11	reactions during your presentation.
12	COMM. RAMOS: So moved. I'll move.
13	COMM. CARTER: I'd like to make a
14	motion of approval of the
15	COMM. RAMOS: Oh, so moved second.
16	COMM. CARTER: Strategic Plan.
17	CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: All in favor?
18	COMM. CRENSHAW: Aye.
19	COMM. CARTER: Aye.
20	COMM. BAYNARD: Aye.
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22	COMM. GARCIA: Aye.
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                MR. SMITH: Yes, ma'am.
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                 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Good work.
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                 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: In your
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    Christmas party is.
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                 MR. SMITH: After we finish here.
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                 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: I'm only
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                 COMM. CRENSHAW: Same to you.
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                 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: -- and Happy
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                 COMM. RAMOS: Same to you.
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                 MR. SMITH: We do have -- and hope
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that you guys can join us -- we do have our retreat. We're going to go over the Strategic 2 Plan with the staff and kind of give them what 3 our outlook and our goals are for the year, but 4 we have food and -- tons of food, and the staff 5 has decorated the office, and --6 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Good. 7 MR. SMITH: -- I think we even have 8 some caroling and some things like that going on, 9 10 so in the spirit of the season, we certainly invite all of you Commissioners to join us in the 11 office. 12 COMM. RAMOS: Good. Thank you. 13 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: Thank you. 14 MR. SMITH: Yes, ma'am. 15 (Discussion off the record.) 16 CHAIRPERSON BLACKBURN: The Indiana 17 Civil Rights Commission meeting is adjourned. 18

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Thereupon, the proceedings of December 16, 2011 were concluded at 12:00 o'clock p.m.

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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, December 16, 2011 in this matter and transcribed by me.

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Notary Public in and for the State of Indiana.

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