

## **Minutes of the Fairfax County Tenant-Landlord Commission**

April 13, 2023

7:30 p.m.  
Government Center Conference Room 232  
12000 Government Center Parkway  
Fairfax, VA 22035  
Chairperson Chamberlain  
presiding

Attendance:

Commissioners: Chamberlain, Otonde

Absent:

Commissioners: Reid

Staff Attending:

Rebecca L. Makely, Director  
Cable and Consumer Services  
Susan C. Jones, Consumer Specialist III  
Consumer Affairs Branch

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairperson Chamberlain.

### **Minutes**

A motion was made by Commissioner Otonde to approve the February 9, 2023, minutes. The minutes were approved, 2-0-0.

### **Report of the Director**

Director Makely advised the Commission that the FY 2024 Budget Public hearings ended with approximately 140 people who testified on a variety of issues. The Board of Supervisors (BOS) will conduct two budget mark-up meetings. The budget will be approved on May 9, 2023, to go into effect on July 1, 2023.

A discussion ensued on the rising cost of taxes and the impact on housing rental increases and the rise of complaints alleging the desire to terminate a lease.

Director Makely advised the Commission that the qualifications for the Tenant-Landlord positions are set by the BOS. Any changes would require BOS approval and a change to the Fairfax County Code.

### **Report of the Chairperson**

Chairperson Chamberlain asked staff to provide information on other Tenant-Landlord Commissions in the surrounding jurisdictions.

### **Commission Matters**

Commissioner Otonde discussed the lack of membership on the Tenant-Landlord Commission. Director Makely explained the Board, Authorities, and Commissions (BAC) are appointed by BOS

and the BOS regularly post information about BAC vacancies in their newsletters and correspondence to constituents.

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

**1. Draft Advisory Memo.** Chairperson Chamberlain asked the Commission to review the letter for discussion at the next Commission meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Otonde to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, 2-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.