

ATHENS COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION
2/8/24 MEETING NOTES

Present – Izze Kaukonen, John Schmieding, Rachel Siegel, Raymie McKerrow, Lacey Rogers

This special meeting was convened to discuss two separate discrimination complaints that had been received. The purpose was to review the issues involved and make some preliminary decisions on steps to be taken in moving forward.

Issue 1: Peggy Lee, from Legal Services of Central and Southeastern Ohio was present for part of the meeting; she relayed her information and thoughts on the issue. A motion was made and approved to submit the issue to Lisa Eliason's office stating that our efforts to bring the parties together to discuss the issue were not successful and we are not taking further action. John will draft a short letter and send to ACRC members for their feedback.

The ACRC will discuss ways to further education on landlord responsibilities related to possible discrimination at its next meeting.

Issue 2: This issue involved a current renter and one of the building managers. After reading the letter of complaint and discussing the matter, it was decided that Rachel will reach out to the party voicing the complaint to see what remedies are being sought and whether the Commission can be helpful.