

**CITY OF NORWALK
FAIR RENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE
FEBRUARY 7, 2024**

ATTENDANCE: Fran Collier-Clemmons, Vice-Chair; Lunise Constant, Sonja Oliver,
Brenda Penn-Williams

STAFF: Carlos Duque, Russell Liskov, Esq.

Call to Order

Ms. Collier-Clemmons called the meeting to order at 7:42pm.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a) January 3, 2024

There was discussion as to whether the minutes could be approved since only two commissioners in attendance tonight was at the January 2024 meeting. It was decided the minutes could be approved.

****MS. OLIVER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES
**MS. PENN-WILLIAMS SECONDED THE MOTION
THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Chair's Report

The Chair was not in attendance tonight and the Vice-Chair had no report.

Coordinator's Report

Mr. Duque presented his report saying he has been busy. They helped 60 families in 30 days. He has assisted in Landlord/Tenant issues, not fair rent, Section A, documents, evictions and communications with the language barrier and Section 8 questions.

Ms. Penn-Williams said a lot of this is not his job. He needs to explain that to the Housing Authority. It is going to become a problem. Ms. Penn-Williams and Mr. Duque will continue this conversation offline.

Review, Discussion, and Motions on Open Cases

Attorney Liscov discussed the open cases.

a) 1831-23

Attorney Liscov recommends taking no action this month. As the tenant and her attorney are working with them. On 2/2/24 there was an email discussing a potential avenue for her.

****MS. OLIVER MADE A MOTION TO TAKE NO ACTION THIS MONTH
**MS. CONSTANT SECONDED THE MOTIOM
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMIOUSLY**

b) 1837-23

Attorney Liscov made the recommendation of taking no action. There was discussion about the repairs and the inspection made by Mr. Duque. It was just minor repairs.

****MS. OLIVER MADE A MOTION TO TAKE NO ACTION
**MS. PENN-WILLIAMS SECONDED THE MOTION
MOTION PASSED UNANIMIOUSLY

c) 1838-23

Attorney Lisov let the commission know the tenant is ghosting them He recommends to close the case.

****MS. OLIVER MADE THE MOTION TO CLOSE THE CASE
**MS. PENN-WILLIAMS SECONDED THE MOTION
MOTION PASSED UNANIMIOUSLY

Presentation of New Cases

a) 1840-24

Attorney Liscov said this was a rent increase case. They should discuss money and repairs and try to come up with a happy medium. Attorney Liscov makes the recommendation to hear the case.

****MS. OLIVER MADE THE MOTION TO HEAR THE CASE
**MS. CONSTANT SECONDED THE MOTION
MOTION PASSED UNANIMIOUSLY

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Public Comments – Mr. Herman

Mr. Herman commented on his experience with the Commission during his issue. He expressed frustrations regarding repairs and the renewal of a lease and stated some CGS. He did thank the Commission.

Motion to Adjourn

It was stated that Ms. Witherspoon (CICI) was unable to get on the Zoom.

**** MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY MS. OLIVER**

**** MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MS. WITHERSPOON**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMIOUSLY**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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