



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE OHIO CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION
February 27, 2020
Center of Science and Industry (COSI)
Columbus, Ohio**

**2020 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
ART, ESSAY & MULTIMEDIA CONTEST AWARD CEREMONY**

The ceremony began at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioners Present:

Chair Lori Barreras
Commissioner Juan Cespedes
Commissioner Carolyn Peters

A quorum was present.

Commissioners Absent:

Commissioner William Patmon
Commissioner Madhu Singh

OCRC Staff Present:

Stephanie Bostos Demers, Chief Legal Counsel and Acting Executive Director; Darlene Newbern, Director of Regional Operations; Mary Turocy, Director of Public Affairs and Civic Engagement; Desmon Martin, Director of Enforcement and Compliance; Ronnell Tomlinson, Director of Housing Enforcement and Alternative Dispute Resolution; Aman Mehra, Columbus Regional Director; Bradley Dunn, Akron Regional Director; Vera Boggs, Cleveland Regional Director; Deborah Heater, Dayton Regional Director;

Public Affairs Director Mary Turocy welcomed everyone to the program and informed those present that all notification requirements set forth in Commission rule 4112-1-04 had been complied with.

The ceremony began with welcoming remarks by the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Center of Science and Industry (COSI), Dr. Frederick Bertley and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Lori Barreras introduced the Keynote Speaker, Mr. Kent S. Johnson. Mr. Johnson is the Chief Executive Officer of Highlights for Children, Inc. and a member of the corporation's board of directors.

The Commissioners presented the following **Art, Essay and Multimedia awards:**

Essay Winners: Natalie Zinn, Vinton County Middle School; Emily Kovatch, St. Michael's School; Julia Bidenbach, St. Michael's School; Joud Kiwan, Lakota East High School; Maurice Harrison, Eastmoor Academy High School; Emma Krantz, Solon High School; Torre Wilks, Solon High School;

Art Winners: Carina Cullen, Charles L. Seipelt Elementary; Tieranee Anast, Arlington Local Schools; Andrew Carlson, Lake Center Christian School; Evelyn Flick, Arlington Local Schools; Rylar Essinger, Arlington Local Schools; Halle Leroux, Riverside High School; Chenoa Newman, Arlington Local Schools;

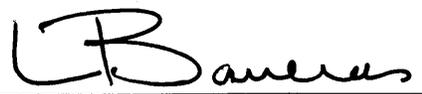
Multimedia Winners: Innocence Dague, Port Clinton High School; Emmett Looman, Liam Looman and Armaan Tindni, The Schilling School for Gifted Children;

The Commissioners presented the **Excellence in Teaching Diversity Award** to John Wilson, Greene County Career Center - Global Leadership Project.

Closing Remarks by Chair Lori Barreras.

The regular meeting of The Ohio Civil Rights Commission ended at 11:40AM.

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