

NEW YORK CITY COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

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HEARING FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED RULES OF  
PRACTICE OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

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May 30, 2019  
22 Reade Street  
New York, New York 10007  
11:01 a.m.

BEFORE:

ZOEY S. CHENITZ, Senior Policy Counsel  
BIANCA SCOTT  
CECILIA STEIN  
MICHAEL KUTZ

Ilana Michael Nathanson, Court Reporter

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2                   MS. CHENITZ: Good morning. I'm Zoey  
3                   Chenitz, senior policy counsel at the New York  
4                   City Commission on Human Rights. I've been  
5                   designated as the hearing officer for the  
6                   public hearing on the proposed rules of  
7                   practice promulgated by the City Commission on  
8                   Human Rights.

9                   This hearing is being held in Spector Hall  
10                  at 22 Reade Street. It is now 11:01 a.m. on  
11                  Thursday, May 30th, 2019, and I'm hereby  
12                  convening the public hearing on this proposed  
13                  rule.

14                 The proposed rule was published in the  
15                 city record on April 22nd, 2019. Copies of the  
16                 proposed notice and rules are available on the  
17                 Commission of Human Rights website, on the New  
18                 York City Rules website, and here, in paper  
19                 form, on the table up front. Sections 905 and  
20                 1043 of the New York City Charter authorize the  
21                 commission to adopt these proposed rules.

22                 This hearing affords the public the  
23                 opportunity to comment on all aspects of the  
24                 rules the commission has proposed. The  
25                 commission will carefully review all testimony

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2           and written comments received at this hearing  
3           and will give due weight and consideration to  
4           all adequately substantiated proposals and  
5           recommendations that are submitted within the  
6           public comment period.

7           To ensure that everyone seeking to testify  
8           will have an opportunity to do so, I will  
9           strictly follow these simple ground rules:  
10          Signing-in in order of appearance. Anyone  
11          seeking to testify must complete a registration  
12          card so you can be correctly identified in the  
13          hearing record. Witnesses will be called to  
14          testify in the order that they have signed in.  
15          Anyone who does not appear when their name is  
16          called will be deemed to have passed over the  
17          opportunity to testify. Anyone who is passed  
18          will be called at the end of the hour. Anyone  
19          who still does not appear must then sign in  
20          again if they wish to testify.

21          Time limits on testimony: Each witness  
22          will have a maximum of three minutes to  
23          testify. There is a time keeper. And to be  
24          fair to everyone seeking to testify, I will  
25          strictly apply the three-minute limit to every

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2 speaker. If your comments take longer than  
3 three minutes, synthesize your oral testimony  
4 and leave a written copy for the record.

5 Written testimony: Unlike the limit for  
6 the testimony -- unlike the limit for the time  
7 for testimony, there is no limit on the number  
8 of pages you can submit as written comments or  
9 as documents for the record. The written  
10 submission will be made part of the record as  
11 exhibits presented with your testimony.

12 I must also make a couple of housekeeping  
13 announcements. Emergency exits are located at  
14 the front and back of this hall. Restroom  
15 facilities are located through the waiting area  
16 for the Commission on Human Rights, which can  
17 be accessed from the lobby. And if you would  
18 please turn off all your cell phones and turn  
19 them -- or turn them to vibrate. Thank you.

20 Seeing no one present to offer testimony  
21 at this time, I'll adjourn the hearing until an  
22 individual appears to offer testimony or until  
23 12 p.m., whichever comes first.

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25 (Recess taken.)

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2                   MS. CHENITZ: With no one having attended  
3                   to give testimony, we will conclude the public  
4                   hearing on the commission's proposed rules of  
5                   practice. The time is 11:58. We will now go  
6                   off the record.

7                   (Time noted: 11:58 a.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, ILANA M. NATHANSON, a Certified Court Reporter and Notary Public of the State of New York, do hereby certify that the transcript of the foregoing proceedings, taken at the time and place aforesaid, is a true and correct transcription of my shorthand notes.

*Ilana Nathanson*

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