

RESOLUTION NO. 039-2025(AS), *First
Reading*

By Councilmember Cobb

A Resolution appointing Markietta Stevenson as a member of the Fair Practices Board to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term ending December 31, 2025; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, City Council passed Ord. No. 27-1976 on April 5, 1976, enacting Cleveland Heights Cod.Ord. Chapter 749, entitled "Housing Delivery System," and creating the Cleveland Heights Housing Board consisting of three members who are residents of the City appointed by City Council; and

WHEREAS, under Cleveland Heights Cod.Ord. 749.05, of the members first appointed to the Housing Board, one was to hold office for a term of one year, one was to hold office for a term of two years, and the third was to hold office for a term of three years; and their successors were to be appointed for terms of three years, except where the appointment was to complete an unexpired term; and

WHEREAS, City Council passed Ord. No. 16-1983 on February 7, 1983, amending Cleveland Heights Cod.Ord. Chapter 749 to provide the Cleveland Heights Housing Board with additional powers and to rename the Board the Fair Housing Board; and

WHEREAS, City Council passed Ord. No. 204-2013 on December 16, 2013, amending Cleveland Heights Cod. Ord. Chapter 749 to expand the role and jurisdiction of the Fair Housing Board to hear and investigate complaints concerning discrimination in places of public accommodation in addition to the housing context, to rename the Chapter "Fair Practices," and to rename the Board the Fair Practices Board; and

WHEREAS, City Council passed Ord. No. 123-2014 on November 3, 2014, amending Cleveland Heights Cod.Ord. Chapter 749 to expand the role and jurisdiction of the Board to hear complaints concerning discrimination in the employment and education context and to create a Complaint Officer to conduct preliminary investigations of complaints; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland Heights Cod.Ord. 749.04, as currently enacted, establishes a Fair Practice Board with three members and one alternate member who are residents of the City appointed by City Council, and grants City Council the authority to fill all vacancies by appointment for the unexpired term; and

WHEREAS, Stacy Hackel Snow resigned from the Fair Practices Board effective immediately on February 11, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, Markietta Stevenson currently serves as the alternate member of the Fair Practices Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. This Council hereby appoints Markietta Stevenson as a member of the Fair Practices Board to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term ending December 31, 2025.

SECTION 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions and deliberations of Council and its committees relating to the passage of this legislation that resulted in formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. Notice of the passage of this Resolution shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of its contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights, or by posting the full text of this Resolution to the City of Cleveland Heights website.

SECTION 4. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such being the need for the Fair Practices Board to have sufficient membership for a quorum for the purpose of conducting the Board's business and to timely hear pending complaints of discriminatory practices. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five or more of the members elected or appointed to this Council, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.



TONY CUDA
President of Council



ADDIE BALESTER
Clerk of Council

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Presented to Mayor: 03/20/2025 Approved: 03/20/2025



KAHLIL SEREN
Mayor