



**MEETING OF THE
TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION**

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2 MR. TROBMAN: Commissioners, Les Trobman,
3 general counsel. We have one individual who would like to
4 address the commission this morning. Ronke Ade, if you could go
5 ahead and unmute yourself and introduce yourself and proceed.

6 RONKE ADE: OK. I can't see—hello. Can you
7 hear me?

8 MR. TROBMAN: We can hear you. Go ahead.

9 RONKE ADE: OK, good. Good morning,
10 commissioners. My name is Ronke and I've never, ever, ever, you
11 know, had any public speaking before. This is actually my first
12 time. I felt like I needed to let this out because it was so
13 brutal in nature and it's been covered. I don't think it's
14 something I felt that really needed to be covered up after I had
15 reported these to the government agency to where you report
16 housing discrimination. This housing discrimination anybody talk
17 about it's so brutal in nature that I just had to hold on to see
18 if there would be some reprimand from the respondent. I reported
19 it August 17, 2021, and during that wait period I finally got in
20 contact, contacted two years, almost two years later, which was
21 this year, 2023. So during that time period the housing
22 discrimination kind of really got really bad to where I was
23 denied access to the community for over a year. I didn't have a
24 key to the premises because the final eviction was in court so
25 the court, the first court kind of like stayed the eviction

1 pending a resolution, so all this was occurring, no AC in my
2 apartment for over a year, no fridge for about a year, heater,
3 boiler was leaking, roof leaking, so the respondent dealt with
4 me very well. But again, I held on because I believed in the
5 government. I believed in institution, so when I finally got in
6 contact, when I finally got in contact with TWC, March 2023,
7 20th, I was contacted by Myron J. Lewis. I was like ecstatic
8 thinking that finally respondent would have to pay for their
9 actions, so I thought. So I updated my complaints, put
10 everything in and Myron Lewis turned out to be an investigator
11 to hide my housing complaint. At the time I did not know. So
12 when I told him about all these things that was going on my
13 apartment, I had no key, no fridge, nothing in my apartment was
14 working, leaking boiler that's been leaking. I was assaulted by
15 respondent when I reported the emergency issues that I had. I
16 was assaulted by the manager to the point that the police came
17 on scene and cited the apartment manager. All of this was known
18 to Mr. Myron Lewis. But what did he do? He came to cover up my
19 complaints. I heard him on my doorbell camera to where he was
20 communicating with the respondent that I'll close it out. And
21 she was like, oh. I thought when I signed that thing that that
22 was it. He said, yes, yes, yes, it is, it is. I'll close it out.
23 I've not had time for a couple of working days so I'm being
24 pulled in 17 different directions and she was like, oh, thank
25 god. I don't want to lose my job. Unbeknownst to me that this

1 already occurred on the day of his investigation when he came on
2 site to my apartment. When he [inaudible] I noticed all of a
3 sudden, the emergency situation that had gone unresponded for
4 over a year, this time I'm bringing in a new, another fridge. It
5 wasn't new. They brought in a fridge, fixed my AC that I went
6 hell over during the summer. They fixed it. And then, he went
7 and collected a key that has been denied me for over a year. And
8 he gave it to me. In my mind, at that time I was thinking, which
9 is what she told me that, oh, he didn't want me to be going
10 through this while he's investigating. Little did I know it was
11 a cover up. So if I had not heard that what was going on, that
12 he already had closed it out before he came, I already sent a
13 video to Erin. He had already closed the case out before he even
14 came on site. So what he was doing was cover up. He was covering
15 up my housing discrimination that has gone for more than two
16 years, that I waited patiently for, that I posted a cash bond of
17 \$12,480 in the First Court of Appeals to appeal my case because
18 I knew there was something terribly wrong with my housing
19 discrimination and pursuant to the Texas rule, Texas Property
20 Code 301, Texas Fair Housing 171, this was brutal and this was
21 no longer just a mere housing discrimination. I already knew
22 that he was going to cover this case and I think one of the
23 things that kind of really now finally got my attention,
24 [inaudible], was he now began to twist words in his—he closed it
25 out like he said. I already knew, from mid '22 when he came

1 already closed this case out, but he didn't even deem it
2 necessary for my due process right to [inaudible] to see this
3 document. He has not sent it to my current [inaudible]
4 corresponding with him. This was something he said I think in
5 July 3rd, sent me an email saying he's going to be sending it out
6 shortly. I didn't get that. A couple of days that I still have
7 access to my own email, which was like about a week or two weeks
8 into it, and I saw it and I was surprised. And then in that no
9 cause determination, I noticed that the dates on the first page
10 of his no cause determination was a draft date on this document.
11 The draft date was June 26 where I think Snoddy, the Civil
12 Rights Division director sent me—because I made him know all
13 this my complaint. I sent to the Civil Rights director, Snoddy,
14 complaining about all of this. So they sent me the draft copy of
15 the no determination that I had three days to rebuttal these
16 findings. Then, I noticed that that was the draft date that was
17 on this document. And then, the last page there was another date
18 on it, which is no working business day. It was Saturday, July
19 1st that was on this document. Now I have two days on the
20 document that is so sensitive that I had 30 days. So now, I'm
21 getting two dates and then the signature of the Civil Rights
22 director is not on this document. The section where Snoddy Bryan
23 should sign, I'm seeing another person's name on top of that
24 place where he should sign his name.

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1 MR. TROBMAN: I'm just going to interrupt
2 just to let you know that we have about one minute remaining. If
3 you could wrap up within that timeframe.

4 RONKE ADE: Thank you for letting me know.
5 So basically, what I'm saying is that I have a due process right
6 to at least receive that document and it has to be valid. There
7 is two dates on the document that has 30 days. It's not signed.
8 There's another signature on Snoddy's signature is not there.
9 Myron J. Lewis did a forgery of signing a resident's signature
10 on my resident card of the residential [inaudible] key that I no
11 knowledge about. I know I'm not explaining this all of this well
12 the way I should. I know because I've been stressed out. I've
13 been terribly stressed out. I've reached out even to the
14 representatives trying to bring this out because Myron J. Lewis
15 cannot forge my signature, cannot forge a signature on a
16 document where my name should be. I already sent some of these
17 things to Erin, so you guys may want to take a look at it. I
18 already report that forgery to the police. I have it right here.
19 I have the forgery. I reported that Myron Lewis signed his
20 signature under my name as though he was a resident. He signed
21 it where I should sign without my knowledge, without my consent,
22 hide all of this and pretend that he was doing was investigating
23 this investigation that there was no investigation. My due
24 process right was taken away by Myron Lewis and he cannot get
25 away with this and I want the commissioner to please look into

1 this case and I could write all this out tonight to be very
2 clear. I am stressed out, badly butchered, badly injured, and I
3 need this thing to be heard. I already said I have the police
4 report on Myron Lewis on forgery, and I'm going to make sure
5 that he's held accountable for forgery of document putting his
6 signature without my knowledge, my consent, and hiding this.

7 MR. TROBMAN: We appreciate the comments. We
8 will also have our Civil Rights Division reach out to collect
9 information you'd like to submit as well. Thank you.
10 Commissioners, that's what we have for this morning.

11 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: All right. Thank you, Mr.
12 Trobman. Good morning, Mr. Treadwell.

13 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: The motion passes with the
14 exceptions noted. This brings us to the end of Agenda Items 3
15 through 7. We'll take a short recess. All right and we're back.
16 I don't think there's anything on the agenda other than an
17 executive director's report. Mr. Serna?

18 MR. SERNA: Just to let the commissioners
19 know that staff will be—and if I can find it real quick—staff
20 will be—not be pursuing a grant for distressed area pilot
21 project. We do believe that this is probably something that is
22 done better at the local level than at the state level and we'll
23 be encouraging and supporting the boards and other local
24 entities to seek that grant. I think we've got another grant,
25 don't we, Les, or do we not? No, OK. Just to let you all know

1 that. I know that I normally bring just the grants that we are
2 going to be pursuing but I thought this one you should be aware
3 of because you all may be contacted by local entities seeking
4 support which you can forward to me to handle.

5 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: All right.

6 MR. SERNA: That's really all that I have to
7 say.

8 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Commissioner Demerson?

9 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: Ed, in regards to
10 the public comments we heard this morning, I'd like a kind of
11 briefing, to be briefed on that situation.

12 MR. SERNA: Yes, sir. I took notes on it and
13 we will.

14 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: Thank you.

15 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: All right. The time is now
16 10:30. The Texas Workforce Commission is going into executive
17 session to discuss the appointment, employment, evaluation,
18 reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the executive
19 director, internal auditor, executive staff, and other personnel
20 pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.074(a)(1). All right, the
21 executive session has now concluded. The time is 11:13. Is there
22 any other order of business to come before the commission?

23 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: Mr. Chairman, real
24 quickly, Brandi Brenham [SP], one of my interns and Alexandra
25 Reagan [SP], they're going to be--this is their last week here at

1 the agency and so they'll be leaving out. We'll have our Texas
2 Interns Unite! event on the 27th of July, and just appreciate the
3 work they've done, and have enjoyed having them on board and on
4 the team.

5 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: Absolutely. All right, is
6 there a motion to adjourn?

7 COMMISSIONER DEMERSON: So moved.

8 COMMISSIONER TREVIÑO: I second the motion.

9 CHAIRMAN DANIEL: It's been moved and
10 seconded to adjourn and we're adjourned. Thank you.

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