City of Elyria

FAIR HOUSING BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

June 2, 2026

5:00 pm

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 PM by Karen Wu

Present: Brenda Warren, John Koleski, Clifton Oliver, Karen Wu, Ashley Scott, Mark Craig and Alisa Edwards

Absent: Mone't Roberts

1. **New Business**

   a. **Complaint- 225 Hayes Ave- Charles Lynch III**

   Karen Wu opened the meeting acknowledging the applicant and stating that the landlord of the property will not be in attendance for tonight's meeting. Ms. Wu stated to the applicant that the board is here to address the concerns related to Fair Housing matters and to provide an opportunity for all parties to be heard. She stated the committee is not a court of law and is not able to provide any legal advice,

Charles Lynch then stated that he has a statement he would like to say before he says anything else. " Before we begin, I am formally stating for the record that I am withdrawing all audio recordings from today's scope. I know I stated in the actual email I sent, but today I am not supplying or testifying about the tapes because they are being preserved exclusively for a federal court venue." "Today, I am resting my case strictly on first hand verbal testimony and physical paperwork, I am going to hand you. The only thing I want out of this today, is official documentation. I'm not seeking anything else, nothing financial or anything like that. Furthermore, as a direct victim of these statutory violations, I spent the last two years actively tracking and documenting this entire housing families' property network. There is more than one person involved with this. The master dossier that I'm going to give you is a direct result of the long-time documentation proving the systemic pattern of exploitation. The broader context of labor coercion and civil rights violations in these documents is being preserved for federal court. Today, I'm asking the board to look strictly at the written paper trail and document the illegal lock out."

Mr. Lynch presented a detailed testimony of events that took place during his rental with Ms. Weimer. His allegations included mold infestations, electrical hazards, plumbing issues and the illegal lockout. He also stated that the property manager systematically targeted vulnerable tenants including minorities, disabled individuals and those with criminal backgrounds. He says she used Predatory practices such as charging unauthorized fees while refusing to accept rent payments as a form of leverage.

Mr. Lynch also disclosed that he has multiple health issues resulting from the living conditions. He shared that he has recently be diagnosed with toxic mold exposure.

The board listened to the concerns of Mr. Lynch while reviewing submitted documents. (These documents and a list of properties owned by Ms. Weimer can be located with the initial complaint form filed by Mr. Lynch.)

Discussion was had. The board asked brief questions for clarity. Mr. Lynch was asked if he has reached out to the Ohio Civil Rights Commission, to which he stated he has not and is currently keeping his options open.

Mr. Lynch wanted to know if his statement would have any effect on the properties of Ms. Wiemer.

Ms. Wu stated that what he is asking is beyond the scope of what the Fair Housing Board is able to do.

5. **Adjournment**

Clifton Oliver motioned to adjourn
John Koleski 2nd the motion
All were in favor and the motion carries

Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM

Respectfully,

Alisa Edwards

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Approved
11/10/16