

Press Release



Pennsylvania Commission for Fairness and Justice Holds Virtual Quarterly Meeting to Refine Purpose and Advance Mission and Values

Harrisburg, PA — The Pennsylvania Commission for Fairness and Justice held its quarterly meeting virtually on June 26, 2025, continuing its mission to strengthen public confidence in Pennsylvania's justice system and ensure equity, access, and accountability across all three branches of government.

A central focus of the meeting was the refinement of the Commission's core purpose and the development of formal mission and values statements. These foundational elements will help shape the Commission's work and priorities as it pursues systemic improvements and fosters a more fair, transparent, and inclusive legal system.

"This work is essential as we clarify who we are, why we exist, and how we will advance change," said Maraleen Shields, Executive Director of the Commission. "A clearly defined mission and a shared set of values will allow us to lead with integrity and purpose as we support systemic improvements, advocate for access to justice, and cultivate trust in public institutions."

Commissioners also received the Executive Director's Report, which included updates on the Commission's pending budget appeal, organizational milestones, educational initiatives, and the activities of standing committees and workgroups. The report highlighted continued collaboration across sectors and a growing statewide network of partners engaged in fairness and justice efforts.

The Commission's mission and values—now under development—will reflect its commitment to evidence-based policy, inclusive leadership, and justice that is impartial and accessible to all.

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