



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE OHIO CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION  
2023 CIVIL RIGHTS HALL OF FAME  
October 12, 2023  
Ohio Statehouse Atrium - Columbus**

**2023 CIVIL RIGHTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY**

**Commissioners in Attendance:**

Chair Valerie Lemmie  
Commissioner Lori Barreras  
Commissioner William Patmon III  
Commissioner Madhu Singh  
Commissioner Charlie Winburn

A quorum was present.

Attendees were notified that the OCRC was in compliance with all notification requirements set forth in the Ohio Administrative Code Section 4112-1-04.

The ceremony began with a video message from Governor Mike DeWine.

Opening Remarks from Chair, Valerie Lemmie.

Mistress of Ceremonies – Stacia Naquin, ABC 6 and Fox 28 News

Introduction of 2023 Ohio Civil Rights Hall of Fame inductees:

- Rev. Dr. Lavaughn Venchael Booth (1919-2002)
- Sundance (Oberlin, Ohio)
- Joseph Robinson Patterson (1918-1996)
- Veronica Isabel Dahlberg (Ashtabula, Ohio)
- Charity Adams Earley (1918-2002)
- Penelope “Penny” Wells (Youngstown Ohio)
- Margaret “Peg” Rosenfield (1931-2022)
- Lt. Colonel, Harold H. Brown, Ph.D. (1924-2023)

Presentation of Colors by Ohio State Highway Patrol Honor Guard.

Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem by students from the Ohio State School for the Blind Marching Band under direction of Yolanda Johnson.

Remarks from Wright State University Vice-President for Inclusive Excellence, Dr. Matthew C. Chaney.

Musical Selection performed by Leon Sam Briggs, Tonawanda Seneca Hawk Clan.

Remarks from PNC Regional President (Central Ohio), Mary Auch.

Keynote address by Bishop Timothy J. Clarke.

Remarks from Honda Procurement Diversity Unit Manager, Daryl Watson.

Musical selection performed by Jessica Lorraine.

Induction ceremony for the 2023 Ohio Civil Rights Hall of Fame honorees:

- Rev. Dr. Lavaughn Venchael Booth (1919-2002) – Accepting on his behalf was his son, Paul M. Booth.
- Sundance (Oberlin, Ohio)
- Joseph Robinson Patterson (1918-1996) – Accepting on his behalf was his daughter, Vada Love.
- Veronica Isabel Dahlberg (Ashtabula, Ohio)
- Charity Adams Earley (1918-2002) – Accepting on her behalf was her daughter, Judith Edna Earley.
- Penelope “Penny” Wells (Youngstown Ohio)
- Margaret “Peg” Rosenfield (1931-2022) – Accepting on her behalf was her daughter, Ann Rosenfield.
- Lt. Colonel, Harold H. Brown, Ph.D. (1924-2023) – Accepting on his behalf was his wife, Marsha Bordner.

Musical selection performed by Jessica Lorraine.

Recognitions of legislators and past inductees by Commissioner Charlie Winburn.

Closing remarks from Chair Valerie Lemmie.

The ceremony concluded with a Call to Action by Executive Director, Angela Phelps-White.

The program concluded at 11:45AM.



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