

**WASHINGTON STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

**COMMISSION MEETING 10AM**

**May 24, 2012**

**Red Lion Hotel – Spruce Room**

**2525 N. 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

**Pasco, WA 99301**

**MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Commissioners:** Shawn Murinko, Chair Pro Tem; Steve Hunt, Commissioner; Charlene Strong, Commissioner.

**Staff:** Sharon Ortiz, Executive Director; Ramon Alvarez, Investigator.

**OPENING AND WELCOME**

Shawn Murinko, Chair Pro Tem called the meeting to order at 10AM.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Murinko made motion to approve April 26, 2012 meeting minutes; Commissioner Strong seconded; motion carried.

**CASE CLOSURES**

17ES-0424-11-2, Serina Baron v. Molen Orthodontics was pulled from agenda; Commissioner Murinko made motion to approve case closures; Commissioner Strong seconded; motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mike Luzzo made a public comment regarding discrimination; states he cannot get a job and the Mormons in Tri Cities are against him because he is Catholic; complaint is outside WSHRC jurisdiction.

**ED REPORT**

Director Ortiz discussed issues with the Evergreen Plaza Building, attended meetings with DES and L&I regarding issues; meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2012 with all interested parties in hopes to resolve matters.

HRC is planning an All Staff Training for June 27-28; trainers will include William Tamayo from the EEOC; the Commission meeting will be held on June 28, 2012 from 3-5pm in the Long House at Evergreen College in Olympia.

Director Ortiz described various meeting attended in May.

**From Cheryl Strobert, Assistant Director of Enforcement:**

Closed 69 EEOC cases for the month of April; closed 8 HUD cases for April which brings us over the 100 case mark, making us eligible for HUD training funds; 29 non contract cases closed for April as well.

Director Ortiz and Commissioners discussed the option of an evacuation chair which was brought up from a previous safety consultation meeting with Evergreen Plaza Building management and L&I; GA is suppose to certify ADA compliance.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Commissioners and Director Ortiz discussed logistics about the public forum.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Skinner  
Commission Clerk