

WASHINGTON STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, June 27, 2013 @ 9:30AM
711 S. Capitol Way, Suite 402
Olympia, WA 98504

Meeting Minutes

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners: Stephen Hunt, Chair; Clarence Henderson, Commissioner; Charlene Strong Commissioner; Shawn Murinko, Commissioner.

Absent: Deborah Lee, Commissioner.

Staff: Cheryl Strobert, Asst. Director; Laura Skinner, Exec. Asst.; Dianna Wilks, MA5; Stacia Hollar, AAG.

OPENING AND WELCOME

Chair Hunt called the meeting to order at 9:30AM.

MINUTES

May 23, 2013 meeting minutes; Commissioner Murinko made motion to approve; Commissioner Strong seconds; motion carried.

CASE CLOSURES

Commission Strong abstains from Garcia v. Boom Noodle Corporation; Commissioner Murinko made motion to approve case; Commissioner Henderson seconds; motion carried.

Commissioner Murinko abstains from Clark v. City Gate Fellowship; Commissioner Strong made motion to approve case; Commissioner Henderson seconds; motion carried.

Remainder of Cases; Commissioner Murinko made motion to approve cases; Commissioner Strong seconds; motion carried.

COMMISSIONER REPORTING

Commissioner Hunt: Attended the equal pay forum at the Seattle Community College.

Commissioner Henderson: Attended the Snohomish County HRC event in Everett.

Commissioner Murinko: Attended the Capitol City Pride event in Olympia, marched in the parade along with Director Ortiz and Investigator, Eleanor Winkler; Investigator Becky Moore attended the HRC booth.

Commissioner Strong: Nothing to report.

Commissioners had discussion about the Federal DOMA and Supreme Court ruling; AAG Hollar stated she will send out opinion to Commissioners and staff.

Chair Hunt commended staff for work done at the all staff training on June 20, 2013.

BUDGET

Management Analyst Wilks updated Commissioners on budget; discussed with Commissioners last report was April 2013; administrative cuts, IT area; allocating within 3 weeks; discussed lay off and plan.

FOLLOW UP ITMES

Asst. Director Strobert provided follow up to the Commissioners regarding the Somali women who attended the May public forum; unable to test for employment due to DOH not providing test in the Somali language, limited English; contacted DOH, have initiatives to provide test in additional languages, legislature tasked them in 2009 which was delayed, now have to have additional 7 languages by September 2013; contacted the Somali women and provided them with this information.

Commissioners, Asst. Director Strobert and AAG Hollar discussed equal access; translation of tests, funds, time, reasonable accommodation, exactness of tests, reading translation could be an option for the interim until test is provided in Somali language.

Asst. Director Strobert to contact DOH regarding interim solution until test translated; updated Commissioners on the recruitment of the CSS2 Bilingual opening and second interviews for the Yakima investigator position.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:04AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Skinner
Commission Clerk