

WASHINGTON STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

**COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2014 @ 9:30AM
711 S. CAPITOL WAY, SUITE 402
OLYMPIA, WA 98504**

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

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

Staff: Sharon Ortiz, Executive Director; Cheryl Strobert, Asst. Director; Stacia Hollar, AAG; Dianna Wilks, Admin. Svs. Mgr.

OPENING AND WELCOME

Chair Hunt called the meeting to order at 9:40AM.

Chair Hunt stated to Commissioners that he has requested re appointment as Chair; also informed them that Commissioner Vito de la Cruz has resigned.

MINUTES

Commissioner Henderson made motion to adopt March 27, 2014 meeting minutes; Commissioner Murinko seconds; motion carried.

CASE CLOSURES

Commissioner Murinko abstains from cases Maund v. Seattle Tunnel and Norman v. WA ST DOT.

Commissioner Henderson made motion to adopt Maund v. Seattle Tunnel and Norman v. WA ST DOT; Chair Hunt seconds; motion carried.

Commissioner Henderson made motion to adopt remaining cases; Commissioner Strong seconds; motion carried.

ED REPORT

Director Ortiz informed the Commissioners went to Vancouver and met with Rep. Jim Moeller regarding service animals; having meeting on Monday to discuss back log; a lot

of outreach this quarter; completed outreach materials; gave presentation at the TERO conference; 50th anniversary of Civil Rights, would like to hold event.

Commissioner Strong would like to speak at the event for the anniversary.

Director Ortiz commented that investigator Art Gutierrez attended the Latino Civic Alliance regarding housing conditions; the NAACP will be in Seattle this weekend Chair Hunt would like to attend along with Asst. Director Strobert; also the Native American blessing is in June, Gov. Inslee will be there, Commissioner Henderson will try and attend.

COMMISSIONER REPORTING

Chair Hunt mentioned the National TERO conference is in August 4th and 5th; attended the TERO conference in Tacoma on April 24th with Director Ortiz and Asst. Director Strobert; will be attending Cinco de Mayo events.

Commissioner Murinko commented on the documentary for Bar Association.

Commissioner Strong informed she attended and spoke at the National LGBT Civil Rights; opening a branch in Seattle, possibility of assisting with research; met with Commissioner Henderson and worked on the youth outreach and education training.

Commissioner Henderson informed the Commissioners the education and outreach is slowing down because of workload; looking to create a presentation for interactive templates on website; test case completion goal is set for end of May, will be sending out link before it goes live to all Commissioners, Director Ortiz and Asst. Director Strobert.

AAG UPDATE

AAG Hollar commented on the Bar Association issue regarding mental illness; some language has been revised per the Vermont HRC, still some concerns; requesting change from Supreme Court, may need to draft letter in support.

Asst. Director Strobert mentioned in need of a broader outreach of groups; student loan info is also on there, may need to be addressed.

AAG Hollar informed Commissioners of the US Supreme Court case in Michigan, equivalent of I200 for Washington, constitutional challenge, US Supreme Court upheld.

FAIR HOUSING CONFERENCE

Commissioners and Director Ortiz discussed who will attend the fair housing conference on May 22nd; all Commissioners want to attend with Director Ortiz and Asst. Director Strobert.

Director Ortiz mentioned the Leadership conference for May 23rd; Chair Hunt and Commissioner Henderson cannot attend; Commissioner Murinko will get back to Director Ortiz; cost is \$200 for participating agencies, unlimited attendees.

Commissioner Strong had to depart the meeting at 10:10am.

RULE MAKING

Director Ortiz suggested maybe in July could hold public hearing in Olympia; copies of draft rules in packets for Commissioners review; need to send comments to Laura Lindstrand, Policy Analyst.

ACTION ITEM: TRAINING PACKETS FOR YOUTH OUTREACH & EDUCATION

Commissioners Henderson and Strong are continuing to work on the youth training and outreach packets.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commission will move into Executive Session to receive and evaluate complaints or charges brought against a public officer or employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(f). We anticipate the Executive Session will last approximately 15 minutes.

Time session began 10:25am.

Time session ended 10:35am.

Chair Hunt commented on the need to discuss plans for the July meeting in Spokane; July 23rd evening public forum then on the 24th Commission meeting; will discuss further next meeting.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:40AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Skinner
Commission Clerk