

**WASHINGTON STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 27, 2019 AT 9:30AM
CONFERENCE CALL**

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners: Charlene Strong, Skylee Sahlstrom, Deborah Cook and David Hackney.

Staff: Sharon Ortiz, Executive Director; Cheryl Strobert, Deputy Director; Sharon James, Assistant Attorney General; Jerry Lee Jr., Operations Manager; and Deborah Gonzales, Commission Clerk.

OPENING AND WELCOME

Chair Strong chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 9:39AM.

MEETING MINUTES:

The June 27, 2019 Minutes were approved. Commissioner Cook motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Sahlstrom seconded the motion.

CASE CLOSURES

Director Ortiz referred to corrections to the following cases during the meeting:

Streeter, Douglas v Perkins & Will

The following cases were pulled prior to the meeting:

Henderson, Jane v The Inn at Mallard Cove

Owino, Elizabeth v Aacres

Cullooyah, Maria v Cenex

Commissioner Sahlstrom made a motion to approve the cases for closure; Commissioner Cook seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

EXECUTIVE REPORT

Director Ortiz provided a personnel update. Jerry Lee Jr. is the agency's new operational manager. He previously worked for the agency, and has experience with employment related issues.

At the EEOC Conference, Director Ortiz and Deputy Director Strobert had a meeting with Bill Tamayo and Nancy Sienko. There was discussion on the current contract requirements and what could be done to assure they are met.

There are several cases under review at the Attorney General's office. Harmon v Thomas and Chaney v Thomas goes to trial July 1, 2019. She also plans on doing some outreach during the week of July 15th with Commissioner Cook.

COMMISSIONER UPDATES

Commissioner Sahlstrom attended the agency's All-Staff training which covered the subjects of EEOC training and public records disclosure on the first day.

Chair Strong also attended the All-Staff training and a PRIDE event. She highly recommended everyone attend the next All-Staff training.

Commissioner Cook received some information with respect to the prescription drug labeling. Oregon has passed a law that may give the agency a precedent to follow. She will try to arrange a meeting to gain information on what preliminary steps were taken.

PROVIDENCE HEALTH & SERVICES

There was a news coverage on King5 about a Providence Health hospital where a nurse ripped a bed sheet off a patient for ten minutes while a trainee stared at the patient. When asked about the incident, it was commented that this incident was a form of initiation, or hazing. The hospital is doing a fast track 90-day investigation regarding the incident. The agency will await for the conclusion of the investigation before determining if any action can be taken.

2019 COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

July 25, 2019:	711 S. Capital Way, Suite 402, Olympia, WA 98504
August 22, 2019:	TBD
September 26, 2019:	TBD

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:01AM.

Respectfully submitted by,
Deborah Gonzales