

**WASHINGTON STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 22, 2019 AT 9:30AM  
TELEPHONE 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; Thuy Dinh, Commission Staff; Riley Wessels, Commission Staff; and Deborah Gonzales, Commission Clerk.

**OPENING AND WELCOME**

Commissioner Strong chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 9:33AM.

**MEETING MINUTES:**

The July 25, 2019 Minutes were approved. Commissioner Cook motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Sahlstrom seconded the motion.

**CASE CLOSURES**

The following cases were pulled for additional review:

Anderson, Nathan v. Kadlec Medical Center  
Brantley, Rebecca v Healing Lodge of the Seven Nations  
De Roca, Cheryl v WA ST Dept. of Social & Health Services  
Kraus, Clint v. Kadlec Regional Medical Center

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

**2019 COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE**

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| September 26, 2019 at 9:30AM: | Via Telephone Conference                  |
| October 24, 2019 at 9:30AM:   | 711 S. Capitol Way, Ste. 402, Olympia, WA |
| November 21, 2019 at 9:30AM:  | Via Telephone Conference                  |
| December 19, 2019 at 9:30AM:  | Via Telephone Conference                  |
| January 23, 2020 at 9:30AM:   | 711 S. Capitol Way, Ste. 402, Olympia, WA |

**COMMISSIONER REPORTING**

Commissioner Cook and Director Ortiz attended a meeting with several disability leaders in the Clarkston area. It served as a good outreach opportunity to explain the role of the Human Rights Commission. Most were not aware of the services the agency provides, such as giving technical assistance for employers. Additional outreach is needed in the area to address issues involving all protected classes.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:44AM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Deborah Gonzales