

WASHINGTON STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
COMMISSION MEETING
AUGUST 25, 2016 @ 5:30PM, CONFERENCE CALL
CALL IN 712-432-0490
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MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners: Charlene Strong, Chair; Clarence Henderson, Commissioner, Guadalupe Gamboa, Commissioner; Skylee Sahlstrom, Commissioner; Lenore Three Stars, Commissioner.

Staff: Sharon Ortiz, Executive Director; Isaac Williamson, AAG; Laura Skinner, Commission Clerk.

OPENING AND WELCOME

Chair Strong called the meeting to order at 5:36PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Three Stars abstains from voting on the July 28, 2016 minutes.

Commissioner Henderson made motion to approve July 28, 2016 meeting minutes; Commissioner Sahlstrom seconds; motion carried.

CASE CLOSURES

Director Ortiz went over cases that revisions were made to:

Buena Ventura
Frazier
Harrington
Rupert
Hernandez

Director Ortiz informed Commissioners Keller v. Swedish was pulled from the agenda.

AAG Douglas had question regarding Barry v. West Sound Treatment Center; criteria regarding layoff of 7 people, CP claims disability discrimination.

Director Ortiz stated she will pull the case from the agenda and review it.

Remainder of cases:

Commissioner Three Stars made motion to approve case closures; Commissioner Gamboa seconds; motion carried.

ED REPORT

Director Ortiz stated the IAHOA conference was a great experience; working on September meeting; participating in event with EEOC on Friday, August 26.

COMMISSIONER REPORTING

Commission Henderson stated he went to IAHOA conference.

Commissioner Sahlstrom, nothing to report.

Commissioner Gamboa stated he participated in the Mattawa community days on July 30th; staffed a booth with Juanita Soto, spoke with approximately 50 to 60 people and handed out outreach material; participated in the IAHOA conference and learned a lot.

Commissioner Three Stars, nothing to report.

Chair Strong stated she also participated in the IAHOA conference; spoke to graduating nurses at the University of Washington.

AAG UPDATES, SCOTT DOUGLAS

AAG Douglas provided updates for the following cases:

Garcia v. AgriPack, hearing scheduled for April 3-5, 2017.

Morrison v. Haney, Complainant inserted common interest privilege, exception of general rule.

SEPTEMBER COMMISSION MEETING

Business meeting: Director Ortiz and Commissioners decided to hold the regular business meeting at 4:00PM at the Spokane office; the public forum will be held at 6:00PM

Commissioners Henderson and Gamboa along with Chair Strong will be staying over in Spokane on September 22nd; AAG Douglas will also be staying the night.

Director Ortiz reminded Commissioners to call Rich for flights if they are not driving over.

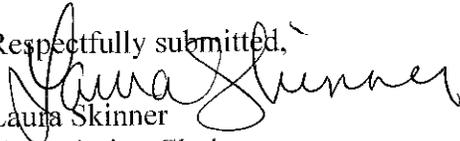
Forum planning: Director Ortiz informed Commissioners the topic will be on race and ethnicity; will have a panel; will speak about race and ethnicity; take public comment; have a break where questions can be put together for the panel; ask panel questions on what was heard.

Director Ortiz and Commissioners discussed forum planning form; went over assigned tasks; Chair Strong will compile mailing list and elected officials along with Director Ortiz and Commissioner Gamboa; Commissioner Henderson will provide a draft press release to Director Ortiz by August 29th; Director Ortiz sent flyer for save the date regarding the forum.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Laura Skinner
Commission Clerk