

WASHINGTON STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

**COMMISSION MEETING
APRIL 23, 2015 @ 10AM
711 S. CAPITOL WAY, STE. 402
OLYMPIA, WA 98504**

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners: Steve Hunt, Chair; Clarence Henderson, Commissioner; Charlene Strong, Commissioner; Lenore Three Stars, Commissioner.

Staff: Sharon Ortiz, Executive Director; Cheryl Strobert, Asst. Director; Stacia Hollar, AAG; Laura Skinner, Commission Clerk.

OPENING AND WELCOME

Chair Hunt called the meeting to order at 10:05AM.

MINUTES

Commissioner Strong made motion to adopt March 26, 2015 meeting minutes; Commissioner Three Stars seconds; motion carried.

CASE CLOSURES

Commissioner Three Stars abstains from case Vaughey v. Wyndham Resorts.

Commissioner Strong made motion to approve Vaughey v. Wyndham Resorts; Chair Hunt Seconds; motion carried.

Commissioner Three Stars made motion to approve remaining cases; Commissioner Strong seconds; motion carried.

Director Ortiz and Commissioner's agreed to have conference call meeting in May; discussed June meeting scheduled for June 25; will hold Rule making on June 24th possibly in Tacoma at OASIS.

Commissioner Three Stars to call into June meeting.

Director Ortiz stated day meetings are becoming more difficult, suggested evening meetings like other Commissioners hold.

AAG Hollar informed Director Ortiz and Commissioners, WAC would need to be amended.

ED REPORT

Director Ortiz informed Commissioner's since session began in January she's been advocating for our budget; house budget and senate budget are different; explained the federal cuts, AG funds will lower \$90,000; this year we've had a savings of \$100,000; have been trying to relocate office however, running out of time; will not be able to relocate after this year due to funds; will be receiving more funds from HUD for training and enforcement.

Director Ortiz stated there are no new bills that would affect WSHRC this session; have two cases referred to AG office, Sytsma v. Apple One and Randal v. Club House Bar & Grill.

Director Ortiz informed Commissioners of the ongoing IT struggles; may contract with private contractor, Intrinium; AAG Hollar looking over contract, if approved we intend to sign with them.

Director Ortiz went over various meetings she attended over the past months.

BREAK @ 11AM
RESUME @ 11:12AM

COMMISSIONER REPORTING

Commissioner Three Stars had nothing to report.

Commissioner Strong attended the Magnolia Community meeting re: revitalizing downtown; will be attending EEOC event in June.

Chair Hunt had nothing to report.

AAG UPDATES

AAG Hollar provided update re: consumer protection against a trailer park in Mattawa; LL informs occupants they were buying, not true; mostly non English speaking residents/ legal forms.

AAG Hollar informed Director Ortiz and Commissioner's developing publication for a Civil Rights guide; plan to include letters from Director Ortiz and Attorney General.

RULE MAKING

Director Ortiz and Commissioner's previously discussed rule making; hold on June 24th possibly Tacoma at OASIS at 6:30PM; Director Ortiz to contact Seth Kirby.

MAY AND JUNE COMMISSION MEETINGS

Director Ortiz and Commissioner's previously discussed the May and June meetings; May will be a conference call and June will be in person.

EEOCEVENT UPDATE

Commissioner Strong will be attending a lunch meeting on June 4th at the EEOC.

CORPORATE CARDS

Director Ortiz informed Commission's she met with OFM and for audit purposes corporate cards would be a good idea; Commissioner's Strong and Three Stars agreed; Chair Hunt declined, will use his card and file a reimbursement for travels.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BREAK @ 11:38AM
RESUME @ 12:50PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commission will move into Executive Session:
Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110g, the Commission shall move into closed session for the purpose of reviewing the performance of an employee and reconvene on the record at approximately 30 minutes.

Began @ 12:55PM
End @ 1:25PM

Director Ortiz and Commissioner's requested additional 10 minutes.

Began @ 1:25PM
End @ 1:35PM

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:37PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Skinner
Commission Clerk