

**WASHINGTON STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 23, 2018 AT 5:30 P.M.
VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE**

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners: Charlene Strong, Clarence Henderson, and Guadalupe Gamboa.

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

Public: Susan Hill

OPENING AND WELCOME

Commissioner Strong chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:35 P.M.

MEETING MINUTES

The July 26, 2018 Minutes were not approved. Commissioner Gamboa noticed the discussion regarding the incident in Burien was not included.

CASE CLOSURES

Executive Director Ortiz went over the case findings that were pulled prior to the meeting:

Franks v Thurston Conservation District
Matiska v Golden Corral
Hernandez v Dovex

Case findings that had corrections made to them prior to the meeting:

Thang v Providence
Allis v Identogo
Nichols v KA Enterprises – Needed technical assistance letter which was drafted.

Commissioner Gamboa made a motion to approve the remaining cases for closure;
Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

COMMISSIONER UPDATE

Commissioner Gamboa participated in the second workshop regarding Senate Bill 6471 in Seattle. He also reached out to the Mayor of Burien in regards to the incident that took place last month.

Commissioner Henderson was part of an ethics panel for the judicial and quasi-judicial offices for the Department of Licensing. He assisted in the training of their administrative law judges.

He will also be attending the IAOHRA Conference and will be participating in the Commissioner training at the conference, but will be resigning from his position with IAOHRA.

Chair Strong also attended the meeting in Seattle for Senate Bill 6471. She also met with a Representative to discuss the budgetary constraints of the Commission.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Executive Director Ortiz submitted two reasonable cause cases to the Attorney General's office: Chaney-Drinard, Aidan v Thomas and Harmon, Sunshine v Thomas.

AAG UPDATES

No updates at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Hill expressed concerns regarding her investigation. Executive Director Ortiz advised the Commissioners could not address the case at this time but that she has a right to appeal. She also explained to Ms. Hill the process of filing a request for reconsideration for her case.

2018 COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

September 27, 2018: Rhodes Center at 2:00PM

October 25, 2018: TBD

November 2018: TBD

December 2018: TBD

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Gonzales
Commission Clerk