

**WASHINGTON STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 17, 2020 AT 9:30AM  
CONFERENCE CALL**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Commissioners:** Deborah Cook, Guadalupe Gamboa, James Mohr, and Commissioner Hackney.

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

**OPENING AND WELCOME**

Chair Cook chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 9:48A.M.

Chair Cook took a moment to acknowledge Commissioner Hackney was elected into the State House of Representatives, therefore, will no longer be able to serve on the Commission.

**MEETING MINUTES**

The November 19, 2020 Minutes were reviewed and approved.

Commissioner Gamboa motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Mohr seconded the motion.

**CASE CLOSURES**

No cases were pulled for additional review. Chair Cook wanted to commend the staff for their good work during their case reporting this month.

Commissioner Gamboa motioned to approve the cases for closure. Commissioner Mohr seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Director Ortiz expressed optimism for the Governor's budget that is pending to be released soon. For Human Rights Day, she gave a presentation at the Attorney General's Office, and continues to work on the virtual training for the newly hired investigators.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTING**

Commissioner Gamboa met with the coalition to end sexual harassment for farm worker women to discuss funding options for training.

Commissioner Hackney announced his resignation from the Commission as of January 1, 2021, due to his election as a State Representative. He will be sworn in on January 11, 2021. He expressed his appreciation for the work the agency does, and was glad to be able to serve alongside everyone. The Commissioners and Director Ortiz congratulated him and wished him well in his new role.

**AAG UPDATE**

Assistant Attorney General Matt Kernutt wanted to thank Director Ortiz for her presentation to the Attorney General's Office. It created more awareness about the agency's mission, and how the investigations are handled.

**2020 COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE**

January 28, 2021:	Via Conference Call
February 25, 2021:	Via Conference Call
March 25, 2021:	Via Conference Call
April 22, 2021:	Via Conference Call

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:06A.M.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Deborah Gonzales