

**WASHINGTON STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
COMMISSION MEETING
DECEMBER 29, 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; Cheryl Strobert, Enforcement Manager; Scott Douglas, AAG; Laura Skinner, Commission Clerk.

OPENING AND WELCOME

Chair Strong called the meeting to order at 5:35PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Three Stars made motion to approve November 17, 2016 meeting minutes; Commissioner Gamboa seconds; motion carried.

CASE CLOSURES

Director Ortiz went over cases that were pulled prior to the meeting:

Yoon v. Columbia Golf	Tadesse v. King County DOT
Smith v. Fife RV	Percival v. McDonalds
Nelson Wade v. WA Federal Savings	Mohamed v. Sefarers Health
McKinley v. DOL	James v. G. Builders
Harper v. Community Transit	Christensen v. Cherry Creek Mortgage
Bixler v. Harrison Medical	Tapia v. Wall Doctor
Remainder of cases:	

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

ED REPORT

Director Ortiz stated the proposal was accepted by IAOHRA, entering the fund raising stage; will have help from Seattle and King county; will be holding a support conference.

Director Ortiz commented about the January 14th meeting, Governor's office interested; need to hold pre meet with 2 Commissioners to go over what will it look like and the possible outcomes; Chair Strong and Commissioner Henderson will take part in pre meet.

COMMISSIONER REPORTING

Chair Strong stated she attended a luncheon and former Governor Christine Gregoire was a speaker; attended showing "For My Wife", positive media.

Commissioner Henderson commented he attended "What is Islam" in University Place, met people with the Muslim community; provided information as to what HRC is and does; stated the HRC face book page is almost complete, would like feedback from Commissioners and Director Ortiz; would like pictures to be contributed.

Commissioner Henderson urged Commissioner Gamboa to submit his picture and bio for the website.

Commissioner Sahlstrom had nothing to report.

Commissioner Three Stars, nothing to report.

Commissioner Gamboa stated he attended meeting in Pasco regarding immigrants rights forum; Latino Coalition was present, had good attendance; provided information regarding HRC jurisdiction.

Commissioner Gamboa also attended the inquest on the police shooting; decision had already been made prior to inquest not to prosecute; people appreciated HRC presence.

AAG UPDATES, SCOTT DOUGLAS

AAG Douglas provided updates for the following case:

Morrison v. Haney Trucking; Thurston County Superior Court, still waiting on decision from Administrative Law Judge; Haney had previously filed rule challenge; dismissing rule challenge.

AAG Douglas stated he is writing a memo on scope of Commission on emerging issues.

Chair Strong stated more presence regarding inaugural protests, speaking as Commissioner v. private citizen, take care on how it's approached.

Chair Strong reminded Commissioners regarding travel, needs to be pre approved; limitations on travel.

Director Ortiz provided information regarding Governor's budget, his v. legal; also stated need to use travel money to supervise outer offices.

Commissioners and Director Ortiz talked about HUD and what will happen regarding HUD money paid to HRC.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Skinner
Commission Clerk