

WASHINGTON STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

February 22, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by Commission Chair Charlene Strong in Seattle, Washington.

Commissioners Present: Charlene Strong, Clarence Henderson, Guadalupe Gamboa, Lenore Three Stars and Skylee Sahlstrom.

Executive Director Sharon Ortiz, Deputy Director Cheryl Strobert, Assistant Attorney General Sharon James, Manager Idolina Reta and Commission Clerk Karen Craig were present.

Draft meeting minutes from the January 25, 2018 were considered. The minutes were unanimously approved as drafted.

The following cases were pulled prior to the Commission Meeting: Macy v. Holiday Retirement and Latham v. Rex Plastics Inc.

The case closures were unanimously approved.

Director Ortiz gave a legislative update. SB 6471, which involves developing model policies to create workplaces that are safe from sexual harassment, has passed to the floor for a vote. HB 2822, which involves Intentional misrepresentation of a service animal, appears to be moving forward. All sexual harassment bills are also moving forward.

Commissioner Gamboa stated he is working on sexual harassment issues for farmworker women.

Commissioner Henderson has been attending Black History Month events and is going to speak at schools regarding Civil Rights.

Commissioner Three Stars stated she has been attending a talking circle conducted by the Spokane community.

Chair Strong attended the State of the City Address for Seattle and is continuing to schedule meetings on the city's vision on sexual harassment. She talked to a local elementary school in Seattle regarding having a Commission meeting at their school.

Commissioner Sahlstrom has nothing to report at this time.

March Commission meeting will be held on March 22, 2018 in Edmonds.

April Commission meeting will be held on April 26, 2018, location TBD.

May Commission meeting will be held on May 24, 2018 in Yakima.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 PM by Commissioner Chair Charlene Strong.