

**WASHINGTON STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
COMMISSION MEETING  
FEBRUARY 23, 2017 @ 5:30PM  
711 S. CAPITOL WAY, STE. 402  
OLYMPIA, WA 98504  
MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Commissioners:** Charlene Strong, Chair; Clarence Henderson, Commissioner, Guadalupe Gamboa, Commissioner; Skylee Sahlstrom, Commissioner; Lenore Three Stars, Commissioner.

**Staff:** Sharon Ortiz, Executive Director; Scott Douglas, AAG; Cheryl Strobert, Asst. Director for Enforcement; Laura Skinner, Commission Clerk; Janice Whitman, Specialist; Jed Van Krieken, IT.

**OPENING AND WELCOME**

Chair Strong called the meeting to order at 5:31PM.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATES, LAURA LINDSTRAND**

Per Director Ortiz, information in ED report: Laura Lindstrand unable to attend meeting.

**RECONSIDERATIONS, JANICE WHITMAN**

Specialist Whitman went over reconsideration request for Sam Snider v. Union Gospel Mission; provided summary of petition, staff analysis and recommendation to deny request.

Commissioners and Director Ortiz discussed reconsideration.

Commissioner Sahlstrom made motion to deny reconsideration request; Commissioner Three Star's seconds; motion carried.

Specialist Whitman went over reconsideration request for Meredith Sexton v. Columbia Basin Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons; provided summary of petition, staff analysis and recommendation to deny request.

Commissioners and Director Ortiz discussed reconsideration.

Commissioner Henderson made motion to deny reconsideration request; Commissioner Gamboa seconds; motion carried.

### **MEETING MINUTES, JANUARY 31, 2017**

Commissioner Sahlstrom made motion to approve January 31, 2017 meeting minutes; Commissioner Henderson seconds; motion carried.

### **CASE CLOSURES**

Director Ortiz went over cases that had revisions.

Commissioner Sahlstrom had questions regarding case Goodnow v. Greystar Management; how investigator came to the conclusion regarding mold, when Complainant first brought this to management's attention.

Director Ortiz stated to pull Goodnow v. Greystar for further review of the file.

Remaining Cases:

Commissioner Sahlstrom made motion to approve remaining cases; Commissioner Henderson seconds; motion carried.

### **ED REPORT**

Director Ortiz emailed report to Commissioners prior to the meeting for review; attended various meetings; spoke about the Governor's budget; went over various legislative bills; provided update regarding the IAOHRA; went over cases at the AG's office; provided information regarding outreach.

Commissioner's and Director Ortiz had discussion regarding IAOHRA, dates, sessions and contacting different agencies to attend.

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTING**

Commissioner Henderson provided update on HRC face book account; attended an engagement at the Museum of Black Culture; spoke at the South Shore school to students regarding civil rights.

Commissioner Sahlstrom, nothing to report.

Chair Strong attended the Legislature with Director Ortiz.

Commissioner Three Stars attended a refugee forum; legal and educational.

Commissioner Gamboa went with Director Ortiz regarding the immigration network bill; contacted immigrants rights groups; attended a protest on February 17<sup>th</sup> at the court house, march and demonstration for support.

### **AAG UPDATES**

AAG Douglas provided information regarding the case against Arleen's Flowers; unanimous decision.

**Break 6:50PM**  
**Resume 7:00 PM**

### **2017 COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE**

March – conference call  
April – Pasco  
May - Seattle  
June – Bellingham, TENTATIVE – end of fiscal year

### **FOLLOW UP; COMMUNITY MEETING**

Director Ortiz provided a worksheet to Commissioners to discuss name of coalition and to submit ideas.

Commissioners and Director Ortiz discussed how to proceed; coalition, network or resource network; discussed working with other agencies; effective communication; collect information; immigrant line, network for organizations or for people to call in for information.

Commissioners and Director Ortiz decided each would come up with ideas on how to proceed further and what HRC's role would be.

Chair Strong and Director Ortiz will work together to get network moving forward; outline what HRC would like to see happen; discuss further with Commissioners at the March meeting.

### **DEPORTATIONS**

Commissioners and Director Ortiz discussed deportations; discussed local case in Seattle regarding immigrant taken into custody by ICE.

AAG Douglas to provide report from AG's office and Governor's office, regarding executive order.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The Commission will move into Executive Session:

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (g), the Commission shall move into closed session for the purpose of reviewing the performance of a public employee. We anticipate the executive session will last approximately 15 minutes.

Began at 8:05PM.

We are reconvened into public session at 8:17 PM

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Skinner  
Commission Clerk