

**WASHINGTON STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
COMMISSION MEETING
JANUARY 28, 2016 @ 5:30PM
LEGISLATIVE BUILDING
416 SID SNYDER AVE. SW, COLUMBIA ROOM
OLYMPIA, WA 98501**

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners: Steve Hunt, Chair; Skylee Robinson, Commissioner; Charlene Strong, Commissioner; Clarence Henderson, Commissioner; Lenore Three Stars, Commissioner.

Staff: Sharon Ortiz, Executive Director; Laura Skinner, Commission Clerk; Stacia Hollar, AAG; Cheryl Strobert, Enforcement Manager; Laura Lindstrand, Policy Analyst.

OPENING AND WELCOME

Chair Hunt called the meeting to order at 5:30PM.

ALFIE ALVARADO-RAMOS, DIRECTOR, VETERANS AFFAIRS

Alfie Alvarado-Ramos, Director of Veterans Affairs provided overview about their agency; provided information and resources; presented Director Ortiz with a challenge coin in recognition of agency partnerships between the WSHRC and Veterans Affairs.

PETITION FOR REPEAL OF WAC 162-32-060

Chair Hunt explains process of petition for repeal of WAC 162-32-060.

Policy Analyst Lindstrand stated the WSHRC received a petition to repeal WAC 162-32-060 from Rebecca Faust; addressed each issue submitted by Ms. Faust individually and provided information reflecting the rules under WLAD.

Commissioner Henderson asked if Ms. Faust was present, verified she was; asked if Ms. Faust would agree or disagree with how her petition was presented since she did not present it herself; Ms. Faust can respond during public comment since she signed up.

Commissioner Three Stars asked about the last point options for privacy; Policy Analyst Lindstrand stated decided not to outline specific options within the rules and make mandatory for employers and other public entities; options would be separate facilities, restrooms; privacy screens, shower curtains; left the options up to individual entities and what would be most appropriate.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Several individuals spoke in regards to the petition to repeal WAC 162-32-060 during public comment; heard from both sides of the issue that were for and against the sexual orientation/ gender identity rules.

MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Robinson made motion to adopt December 17, 2015 meeting minutes; Commission Henderson seconds; motion carried.

Break @ 7:00PM
Resume @ 7:10PM

CASE CLOSURES

Commission Strong made motion to adopt case closures; Commission Henderson seconds; motion carried.

ED REPORT

Director Ortiz provided packet to the Commissioners for their review.

COMMISSIONER REPORTING

Commissioner Strong spoke at Western Washington University not as a Commissioner; provided information about the WSHRC.

Commissioner Henderson attended several Martin Luther King Jr. events.

Commissioner Robinson, nothing to report.

Commissioner Three Stars, nothing to report.

Chair Hunt, nothing to report.

AAG UPDATES, STACIA HOLLAR

AAG Hollar stated no new updates to provide; introduced Colleen Melody and Marsha Chien, civil rights unit at the AG's office.

ACTION ITEM: 2016 COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

February 25, 2016: Seattle City Hall; Commissioner Strong to secure location.

March 24, 2016: Vancouver
April 28, 2016: Olympia
May 26, 2016: Spokane
June 23, 2016: Tacoma, Commissioner Henderson to secure location at the Urban League.
July 28, 2016: Bellingham
August 25, 2016: Conference call
September 22, 2016: Yakima
October 27, 2016: Olympia
November 17, 2016: Conference call
December 15, 2016: Conference call

OLD BUSINESS: EDUCATION PROGRAM

Commissioner Henderson, Commissioner Strong and Commissioner Robinson to move the education program forward; provide presentation at February meeting.

Commissioner Strong stated she will make contact with an individual she knows to use Everett school as a trial for education program presentation.

Commissioner Henderson stated an individual asked him about no meeting minutes on the website; would like to have the past 5 years on uploaded including agendas.

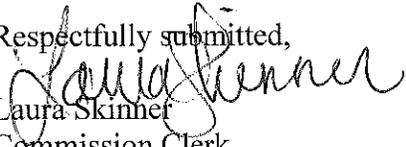
EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commission will move into Executive Session:
Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1) (g), the Commission shall move into closed session for the purpose of to review the performance of a public employee and reconvene on the record in approximately 15 minutes.

Began at 7:25PM
Reconvened at 7:37PM

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:38PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Skinner
Commission Clerk