

**WASHINGTON STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 28, 2021 AT 9:30AM
CONFERENCE CALL**

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners: Deborah Cook, Guadalupe Gamboa, and James Mohr.

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 9:33 A.M.

MEETING MINUTES

The December 17, 2020 Minutes were reviewed and approved.

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

CASE CLOSURES

The following case was pulled prior to the meeting:

Lancaster, Shayla v. Performance Radiator Pacific, LLC

The following cases were pulled during the meeting:

Lawrence, Brian v. Signature Flight Support
Servin, Elvira v. Johnson Foods Inc

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

The agency continues to telework during these times, which may cause delays in some work processes. Director Ortiz has also been working closely with the Attorney General's Office and investigators regarding cases in which there appears to be reasonable cause to believe that a violation has occurred.

As for legislative updates, a bill was proposed regarding closed captioning on televisions in places that are open to the public. The agency placed a fiscal note on this bill since it would require potential investigations if passed. Another bill proposes an expansion of the coverage in the insurance portion of our statute to require insurance coverage for gender affirming medical treatment. This bill contains a fiscal note as this would affect the workload for the agency.

The Governor's Office is arranging interviews for new commissioners to serve on the Commission.

COMMISSIONER REPORTING

Chair Cook met with a staff member with the Disability Rights of Washington. They are developing a story board to show to legislatures regarding the impact of transportations, or lack thereof, and people with disabilities.

AAG UPDATE

No updates to report at this time.

2020 COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

March 25, 2021:	Via Conference Call
April 22, 2021:	Via Conference Call
May 27, 2021:	Via Conference Call
June 24, 2021:	Via Conference Call
July 22, 2021:	Via Conference Call

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by,
Deborah Gonzales