

WASHINGTON STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

**COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2014 @ 9:30AM
711 S. CAPITOL WAY, SUITE 402
OLYMPIA, WA 98504**

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners: Steve Hunt, Chair; Clarence Henderson, Commissioner; Charlene Strong, Commissioner; Shawn Murinko, Commissioner.

Absent: Vito de la Cruz, Commissioner.

Staff: Sharon Ortiz, Executive Director; Cheryl Strobert, Asst. Director; Laura Skinner, Exec. Asst.; Stacia Hollar, AAG; Sharon James, AAG; Janice Whitman, Specialist.

OPENING AND WELCOME

Chair Hunt called the meeting to order at 9:50AM.

MINUTES

Commissioner Murinko made motion to approve December 19, 2013 meeting minutes; Commissioner Henderson seconds; motion carried.

CASE CLOSURES

Asst. Director Strobert informed the Commissioners a few cases had minor corrections; the corrections did not change outcome of closures.

Commissioner Strong made motion to approve cases; Commissioner Murinko seconds; motion carried.

ED REPORT

Director Ortiz stated she attended the Spokane Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Unity March and fair on January 20th, 2013; 10th year of Spokane staffs participation; went over various meetings attended and outreach conducted by HRC staff; provided updates on satellite offices and the potential move for the Olympia office.

Director Ortiz informed the Commissioners on various meeting attended for the service animal legislation SHB1024.

Director Ortiz provided overview of monthly budget report, EEOC contract and the HUD contract.

COMMISSIONER REPORTING

Commissioner Murinko stated he has attended meetings with Director Ortiz regarding the service animal legislation.

Commissioner Strong stated she had conducted a training at the University of WA; attended the inaugural for Seattle's new Mayor; spoke at daughter's school on Martin Luther King Jr. day.

Commissioner Henderson shared he attended the NAACP meeting, spoke briefly; went to the Tacoma Leadership meeting which consists of various organizations, great contacts; attended the Martin Luther King Jr. event in Tacoma; shared new outreach idea, bracelets, will look into this idea further.

Chair Hunt stated he attended the Martin Luther King Jr. events in King County and Tacoma; attended Julie Nelson's going away party at SOCR.

**BREAK AT 10:25AM
RESUME AT 10:35AM**

FOLLOW UP; RSJI RE EXAMINE COMMISSION PRIORITIES FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING

Commissioners discussed RSJI and how the initiative fits within HRC enforcement since race is a key component; social justice overall; include all protected classes; partner with other agencies for education and outreach.

AAG Hollar went over what the Commission can do; issue publications, authority to work technical studies, educational programs, authority to create advisory council, and have joint relations with federal and state agencies.

Director Ortiz suggested working with youth; outreach and education.

Commissioners and Director Ortiz agreed to gear toward youth, education and outreach; schools, community colleges, job training sources.

AAG Hollar made comment regarding opportunity with the AG's office and civil rights; support for both agencies.

Commissioners, Director Ortiz and AAG Hollar to work on training packets for Commissioners for outreach and education towards youth on all levels; treatment of others and rights of individuals; WLAD areas; use of resources to establish program.

Commission meeting dates and locations:

February 27, 2014	Olympia, HRC office
March 27, 2014	Tacoma, location TBD
April 24, 2014	Olympia, HRC office
May 22, 2014	Everett, location TBD
June 26, 2014	Olympia, HRC office; conference call
July 23-24, 2014	Spokane, location TBD
August 28, 2014	Olympia, HRC office conference call
Sept 24-25, 2014	Wenatchee, location TBD
October 23, 2014	Olympia, HRC office
Nov 20, 2014	Olympia, HRC office; conference call
Dec 18, 2014	Olympia, HRC office; conference call

FEBRUARY MEETING BOB FERGUSON AG

Director Ortiz and AAG Hollar informed Commissioners Bob Ferguson, AG will be attending our Commission meeting from 9:30AM to 10AM.

REQUEST FOR JOINT MEETING ON MARCH 7, 2014 WITH CHA SPOKANE

Commissioners discussed who would like to participate; Commissioners Strong and Commissioner Henderson will attend.

Lunch break @ 11:45AM
Resume meeting @ 1:45PM

SERVICE ANIMAL TRAINING, JANICE WHITMAN

Specialist Whitman conducted a service animal training,

Director Ortiz went over the service animal legislation and provided hot sheets and information regarding SHB1024.

Exec. Asst. Laura Skinner to email info to Commissioners.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Skinner
Commission Clerk