

WASHINGTON STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
COMMISSION MEETING
JULY 28, 2016 @ 5:30PM
SEATTLE CITY HALL
600 – 4TH AVENUE, BERTHA KNIGHT LANDES ROOM
SEATTLE, WA 98104

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners: Charlene Strong, Chair; Clarence Henderson, Commissioner, Guadalupe Gamboa, Commissioner; Skylee Sahlstrom, Commissioner.

Absent: Lenore Three Stars, Commissioner.

Staff: Sharon Ortiz, Executive Director; Isaac Williamson, AAG; Laura Skinner, Commission Clerk; Idolina Reta, Operations Manager.

OPENING AND WELCOME

Chair Strong called the meeting to order at 5:40PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Sahlstrom made motion to adopt June 23, 2016 meeting minutes; Commissioner Henderson seconds; motion carried.

Commissioner Henderson abstains from the June 30, 2016 meeting minutes.

Commissioner Sahlstrom mad motion to adopt June 30, 2016 meeting minutes; Commissioner Gamboa seconds; motion carried.

CASE CLOSURES

Director Ortiz went over revisions made to cases.

Commissioner Gamboa had questions regarding Meade v. Guardian Real Estate. Director Ortiz pulled case from agenda to look further into the matter.

Remaining cases:

Commissioner Sahlstrom made motion to adopt case closures; Commissioner Henderson seconds; motion carried.

ED REPORT

Director Ortiz provided packet to Commissioners; went over events and meetings she attended between May 26th and July 28th 2016; updated Commissioners new hires, IT and spoke about aging cases.

COMMISSIONER REPORTING

Chair Strong attended pride events; attended vigil for the Florida massacre.

Commissioner Henderson attended week one for fair housing investigator training and attended Juneteenth in Everett; attended the African American Legislative rap up.

Commissioner Sahlstrom, nothing to report.

Commissioner Gamboa attended the Seattle Pride Parade.

AAG UPDATES, SCOTT DOUGLAS

AAG Douglas informed Commissioners that Garcia v. Agri Pac has been officially filed.

AG's office filed brief with 11 other states regarding Texas matter.

IAOHRA CONFERENCE

Director Ortiz shared that the agenda is almost official; will be 2 tours and HUD workshops to participate in.

COMMISSIONER ATTENDANCE POLICY

Commissioners and Director Ortiz discussed the Commissioner attendance policy; refresh on policy; identify on expectations first then attendance issues; will draft revised policy for September meeting.

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 5 minutes.

Began at 6:22PM

Resume public meeting at 6:28PM.

Director Ortiz and Commissioners discussed meeting and no participation from the public; no certain issues being discussed since rule making; September meeting is in Spokane, work on topics and/or listen to public concerns; way to gather information as an end result of meeting and provide resources.

Director Ortiz will email Commissioners forum planning document for the September meeting.

Director Ortiz asked Commissioners what they thought about sponsoring the IAOHRA conference in Seattle for 2017; will discuss further.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:53PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Laura Skinner
Commission Clerk