WASHINGTON STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
COMMISION MEETING
MARCH 24, 2016 @ 5:30PM
SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
600 – 4TH AVENUE, #2
SEATTLE, WA 98104

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

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

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

OPENING AND WELCOME

Chair Hunt called the meeting to order at 5:34PM.

WRITTEN RESPONSE TO MICHAEL HAMPTON’S PETITION TO REPEAL WAC 162-32-060

Commissioner’s read the response to Michael Hampton’s petition.

Commissioner Robinson voted to adopt response; Commissioner Henderson seconds; motion carried.

PETITIONS FOR REPEAL OF WAC 162-32-060

Chair Hunt explains process of the 3 petitions for repeal of WAC 162-32-060.

1. Sue Lani W. Madsen

Director Ortiz stated to the Commissioners that Ms. Madsen’s petition to repeal has been moved to the April meeting.

2. Roderick Smilonich and Bonnie Smilonich

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

3. Senator Val Stevens, retired; Senator Joyce Milliken, retired; Representative Gigi Talcott, retired; Representative Lynn Schindler, retired

Policy Analyst Lindstrand stated the WSHRC received a petition to repeal WAC 162-32-060 from Senator Val Stevens, retired, Senator Joyce Milliken, retired, Representative Gigi Talcott, retired and Representative Lynn Schindler, retired; addressed each issue submitted by the requesters individually and provided information reflecting the rules under WLAD.

Commissioner Robinson made motion to deny Mr. Smilonich and Ms. Smilonich’s petition to repeal; Commissioner Strong seconds; motion carried.

Commissioner Strong made motion to deny Senator Val Stevens, retired, Senator Joyce Milliken, retired, Representative Gigi Talcott, retired and Representative Lynn Schindler, retired petition to repeal; Commissioner Robinson seconds; motion carried.

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 Henderson made motion to adopt February 25, 2016 meeting minutes; Commissioner Strong seconds; motion carried.

CASE CLOSURES

Director Ortiz went over revised findings and informed Commissioners the following 4 cases were pulled from the agenda:

Vega v. McDonald’s
Jordan v. Labor Works
Cossette v. City of Vancouver
Elgedawy v. Compass Group

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

ED REPORT
Director Ortiz provided packet to the Commissioners for their review; spoke of placing report on website.

Commissioners and Director Ortiz discussed a possible newsletter.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTING**

Chair Hunt shared this is his last meeting.

**AAG UPDATES, STACIA HOLLAR**

AAG Hollar shared this is her last meeting; received promotion.

**OLD BUSINESS: APRIL MEETING**

Director Ortiz stated the April Commission meeting will be a work session to finish the 2016 meeting schedule; there will be 7 reconsiderations to be addressed at the meeting.

Director Ortiz asked Commissioners to begin the April meeting at 4:30PM, Commissioner Henderson, Commissioner Strong and Commissioner Robinson agreed to the 4:30PM start time.

**NEW BUSINESS: NOTIFICATION OF COMMISSION MEETINGS AND AVAILABILITY OF MEETING MINUTES**

Commissioner Henderson stated he would like to compile a list of emails to notify interested parties of meetings.

Commissioners agreed; send notification monthly; submit emails to the Commission clerk.

Commissioner Henderson stated he would like to have the minutes available within 7 days after meeting; mark as draft and place on the website.

**ADDRESSING FUTURE PETITIONS**

Director Ortiz stated this item had been moved to the April meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

Keith Swinson with the Boards and Commissions from the Governor’s office presented Chari Hunt with a letter of recognition from Gov. Inslee; Director Ortiz presented Chair Hunt with a plaque in recognition of his service to equality.
ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Laura Skinner
Commission Clerk