

**WASHINGTON STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
COMMISSION MEETING  
MARCH 24, 2016 @ 5:30PM  
SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
600 – 4<sup>TH</sup> 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 news letter.

### **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**

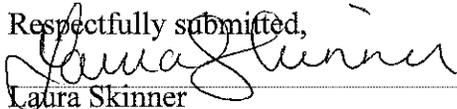
None.

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura Skinner". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Laura Skinner  
Commission Clerk