WASHINGTON STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
COMMISION MEETING
MAY 26, 2016 @ 5:30PM
711 S. CAPITOL WAY, SUITE 402
OLYMPIA, WA 98504

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners: Charlene Strong, Chair; Clarence Henderson, Commissioner, Lenore Three Stars, Commissioner; Guadalupe Gamboa, Commissioner.

Absent: Skylee Sahlstrom, Commissioner.

Staff: Sharon Ortiz, Executive Director; Isaac Williamson, AAG; Laura Skinner, Commission Clerk; Mauricio Torres, Investigator.

OPENING AND WELCOME

Chair Strong called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Henderson made motion to adopt April 28, 2016 meeting minutes; Commissioner Three Stars seconds; motion carried.

CASE CLOSURES

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

Winters
Culloyuh
LeBlanc
Solís

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

Director Ortiz provided packet to the Commissioners for their review; on target with the EEOC contract; end of contract for HUD is June 30th may need special meeting to approve housing cases; update provided regarding all staff for June 29th and 30th; attended various meetings; provided personnel update.

COMMISSIONER REPORTING

Chair Strong spoke at Cascade High School, 2 classes along with Commissioner Henderson; conducted the education presentation, well received.

Commissioner Henderson spoke at Cascade High School; presented education presentation, well received.

Commissioner Gamboa invited to NJP 2 weeks ago in Yakima regarding sexual assault unit farm workers; now Commissioner.

Commissioner Three Stars, nothing to report.

AAG UPDATES, ISAAC WILLIAMSON

AAG Williamson provided update on Harrison v. Spikes Deli & Pizza, under review; staffing changes in advice section.

ALL STAFF JUNE 29TH AND 30TH

Director Ortiz went over trainings being provided.

BREAK @ 6:20PM
RESUME @ 6:30PM

IAOHRA UPDATE

Director Ortiz stated the IAOHRA conference will be August 7th through the 11th, held in Philadelphia.

OLD BUSINESS: PRESENTATION OF EDUCATION PROJECT

Commissioner Henderson went over the presentation; will email it to the other Commissioners for feedback.
EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commission will move into Executive Session. Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (i); the Commission shall move into closed session for the purpose of discussing litigation and will reconvene on record at approximately 7:02PM. The time of executive session is 6:59PM.

The Commission is reconvened into public session at 7:02PM.

Director Ortiz stated she will email list of staff to Commissioners for who they need to go to for assistance.

Chair Strong stated attendance at Commission meetings is very important; referred Commissioners to the Commissioner attendance policy.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:08PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Skinner
Commission Clerk