

**WASHINGTON STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 19, 2020 AT 9:30AM
CONFERENCE CALL**

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners: Deborah Cook, Skylee Sahlstrom, Guadalupe Gamboa, and James Mohr.

Staff: Sharon Ortiz, Executive Director; Cheryl Strobert, Deputy Director; Matt Kernutt, Assistant Attorney General; Jerry Lee, Operations Manager; and Deborah Gonzales, Commission Clerk.

OPENING AND WELCOME

Chair Cook chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 9:39A.M.

MEETING MINUTES

The October 22, 2020 Minutes were reviewed and approved.

Commissioner Mohr motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Sahlstrom seconded the motion.

CASE CLOSURES

Cases pulled prior to the meeting:

Axelrod, Amichai v. Fire & Frost Cannabis

Commissioner Sahlstrom motioned to approve the cases for closure. Commissioner Mohr seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Director Ortiz, Deputy Director Strobert, and Operations Manager Lee have been working on virtual training for the newly hired investigators. Deputy Director Strobert has been specifically managing the training regarding housing.

The agency is continuously receiving a high volume of complaints regarding having to wear masks in public. In addition, cases have been sent to the Civil Rights Unit of the Attorney General's Office for review of potentially reasonable cause cases.

Chair Cook congratulated Ana Sepulveda for her promotion to a Civil Rights Investigator. Director Ortiz also wanted to acknowledge Emily Cary for her promotion to Civil Rights Investigator as well.

COMMISSIONER REPORTING

Executive Director Ortiz announced that Commissioner Hackney was elected as State Representative for the 11th District, and will not be able to serve on the Commission following his January 2021 swearing in.

Commissioner Sahlstrom announced her resignation from the Commission. Chair Cook expressed her gratitude for Commissioner Sahlstrom's service to the Commission.

AAG UPDATE

No updates from the Attorney General's Office.

2020 COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

December 17, 2020:	Conference Call
January 28, 2021:	TBD
February 25, 2021:	TBD
March 25, 2021:	TBD

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:58A.M.

Respectfully submitted by,
Deborah Gonzales