

**WASHINGTON STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
COMMISSION MEETING
October 26, 2017 @ 5:30 PM
CENTRAL BUILDING
810 3RD AVENUE, FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
SEATTLE, WA 98104**

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

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

Absent: Lenore Three Stars, Commissioner.

Staff: Sharon Ortiz, Executive Director; Cheryl Strobert, Deputy Director; Sharon James, Assistant Attorney General; Karen Craig, Commission Clerk.

OPENING AND WELCOME

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MEETING MINUTES

Chair Strong made motion to approve September 28, 2017 meeting minutes; Commissioner Sahlstrom seconds; motion carried.

CASE CLOSURES

Director Ortiz went over case findings that had corrections made to them prior to the meeting:

Turner v. Four Seasons
Sarden v. Subway

Chair Strong made motion to approve remaining cases; Commissioner Sahlstrom seconds; motion carried.

ED Report

Director Ortiz stated that the 2017 International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies conference was a huge success. Commissioner Gamoba received the Life Time Achievement Award and Director Ortiz received the Bill Hale Award at the awards luncheon. Director Ortiz thanked the Commissioners who played a role in workshops, moderating panels and presenting. Topics included but were not limited to addressing hate and bias, immigrant issues, LGBT sessions, fair housing, international human rights, Native American rights and the Gang of Four presentation.

Director Ortiz informed Commissioners that October 9, 2017, was Indigenous People's Day in many cities including Olympia. Director Ortiz attended the event at the Capitol. This year's theme was Honoring Women.

Director Ortiz informed Commissioners that Deputy Director Strobert attended the annual Washington State Government Lean Transformation Conference in Tacoma, hosted by Results Washington, where ideas were shared about using Lean thinking in government. The conference had more than 2,000 people from dozens of state agencies, tribal government, local government, the private sector and organizations.

AAG UPDATES

AAG James provided an update for the following case:

Morrison v. Haney Truck Line, the case is finished except for collecting the penalty that was awarded to the Complainant.

NEW BUSINESS

Director Ortiz stated that Washington State Human Rights Commission has some materials pertaining to Not in our Town and asked the Commissioners for feedback on taking those materials and going out into communities next year.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Craig
Commission Clerk