

WASHINGTON STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
COMMISSION MEETING
OCTOBER 22, 2015 @ 5:00PM
SEATTLE CITY HALL
BOARDS & COMMISSIONS ROOM L280
600 – 4TH AVENUE
SEATTLE, WA 98104

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

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

Absent: Steve Hunt, Chair.

Staff: Sharon Ortiz, Executive Director; Cheryl Strobert, Asst. Director; Laura Lindstrand, Policy Analyst; Stacia Hollar, AAG.

OPENING AND WELCOME

Charlene Strong, Chair Pro Tem called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

RULE MAKING

Policy Analyst Lindstrand went over rule making, emails, notes and suggestions from constituents; agree to use gender identity consistently, transgender not transgendered, and other wording such as same sex and opposite sex partners.

Commissioners, Director Ortiz, AAG Hollar and Policy Analyst Lindstrand had further discussion about the rule making process, next steps and discussed inviting stakeholders to next meeting.

MEETING MINUTES

Commissioners made motion to approve September 24, 2015 and September 30, 2015 meeting minutes; motion carried.

CASE CLOSURES

Director Ortiz went over cases pulled from agenda:

Lanoue v. Morton General Hospital
Copeland v. Walmart
Carr v. Town & Country Heating & Cooling

Tuner v. University of Washington/ Harborview Medical Center
Kloppman v. Olympic Pharmacy and Health Care
Dofredo v. Boeing

Commissioner Robinson made motion to approve remaining cases; Commissioner Henderson seconds; motion carried.

ED REPORT

Director Ortiz stated she attended the IAOHRA conference along with Commissioners Strong, Henderson, Robinson and Chair Hunt.

Attended a panel in Everett, "Selma to Snohomish County"; watched the movie Selma; panel discussion.

Attended Indigenous Peoples Day in Olympia celebration.

Attended various meetings, Administrative Justice Committee; working with the AG civil rights office regarding policy for YMCA of Pierce and Kitsap Counties re: transgender.

COMMISSIONER REPORTING

Commissioner Robinson stated she really enjoyed the IAOHRA conference, was incredibly moving.

Commissioner Henderson had nothing to report.

Commissioner Three Stars had nothing to report.

Chair Pro Tem Strong talked about the IAOHRA conference.

AAG UPDATES, STACIA HOLLAR

AAG Hollar had no updates.

2016 COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

Commissioners and Director Ortiz decided to wait until January 2016 to schedule meetings; urged all Commissioners to be in attendance.

COMMISSIONER TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENTS

Director Ortiz stated need original receipts.

OLD BUSINESS: EDUCATION PROGRAM AND CORPORATE CARDS

Chair Pro Tem Strong and Commissioner Henderson to have phone conference to finish the education project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cindy Ference requested Commissioners call her as RA request.

AAG Hollar reminded the Commissioners not to speak about the case or ask questions regarding the case, inform Ms. Ference of the reconsideration process.

Chair Pro Tem Strong stated for the record, attempted to phone Ms. Ference at 6:42pm, no answer, left voice message.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Skinner
Commission Clerk