

**WASHINGTON STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 25, 2023, AT 8:30AM
CONFERENCE CALL**

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners: Guadalupe Gamboa, Chairperson pro tem; Jeff Sbaih; and Han Tran.

Staff: Andreta Armstrong, Executive Director; Jacqueline StrongMoss, Assistant Director for Enforcement; Kristin Lamson, Assistant Attorney General; Allie Hardy, Customer Service Specialist; Deborah Gonzales, Administrative Services Manager; and Alison Riffer, Commission Clerk.

OPENING AND WELCOME

Commissioner Gamboa chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 8:31AM.

MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Tran moved to approve the March 23, 2023 and May 2, 2023 meeting minutes. Commissioner Sbaih seconded the motion. There was no discussion.

There were no objections made and the motion was carried.

CASE CLOSURES

Commissioner Sbaih moved to accept the case closures. Commissioner Tran seconded the motion. There was no discussion.

There were no objections made and the motion was carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTING

Executive Director Armstrong reported that the agency is organizing a strategic planning retreat for the Commissioners.

COMMISSIONER REPORTING

Commissioner Tran reported that she is running for the Northshore School Board.

Commissioner Gamboa reported that he attended an event observing the 55th anniversary of the Black Student at the Union University of Washington.

AAG UPDATE

Nothing to report at this time.

Commissioner Gamboa commended the Attorney General's Office on the recent outcome of a matter against Ostrom Mushroom Farms. AAG Lamson will bring more information on the settlement to the next Commission meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None made.

DISCUSSION ON THE BAN ON CASTE DISCRIMINATION

Commissioner Tran stated that this issue is being raised for discussion at the behest of community members.

AAG Lamson will forward some initial information for the Commissioner’s review, including the Seattle City Council’s file on Ordinance # 126767. The Attorney General’s Office is available to brief the Commissioners on options for potential actions.

Executive Director Armstrong added this topic to the agenda for the upcoming strategic planning retreat.

2023 COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

June 22, 2023, at 9:30AM:	Via Conference Call
July 27, 2023, at 9:30AM:	Via Conference Call
August 24, 2023, at 9:30AM:	Via Conference Call
September 28, 2023, at 9:30AM:	Via Conference Call
October 26, 2023, at 9:30AM:	Via Conference Call
November 2023:	TBD
December 2023:	TBD

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50AM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Alison Riffer
Commission Clerk