

**WASHINGTON STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 6, 2022 AT 9:30AM  
CONFERENCE CALL**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Commissioners:** Deborah Cook, Guadalupe Gamboa, Commissioner James Mohr, and Jeff Sbahh.

**Staff:** Sharon Ortiz, Executive Director; Cheryl Strobert, Deputy Director; Kristin Lamson, Assistant Attorney General; Colleen Melody, Assistant Attorney General; Deborah Gonzales, Commission Clerk; and other agency staff were in attendance.

**Interviewee:** David Carlson

**OPENING AND WELCOME**

Chair Cook chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 9:30AM.

Shortly after convening the meeting, candidate David Carlson was asked questions that had been compiled by staff of the Human Rights Commission.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 10:43AM, the Commission moved into Executive Session with staff to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment for the Executive Director position pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(g). After a 10-minute extension of the Executive Session with staff, the Commissioners excused staff and went into Executive Session once again to determine the next steps in the process.

The Commissioners came out of Executive Session at 11:25AM.

Upon returning from Executive Session, Chair Cook asked whether there was any further discussion from Commissioners, and whether any Commissioner wanted to entertain a motion.

Commissioner Gamboa motioned to continue the application process to gather new candidates, with staff involvement in the process. Commissioner Sbahh seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30AM.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Deborah Gonzales