WASHINGTON STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 22, 2026, AT 10:00 AM
CONFERENCE CALL

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners:	Hân Trần, Chair pro tem; Kyle Wood; Isatou Jallow; and Chelsea Dimas
Public:	No Introductions made
Staff:	Barbara Harris, Executive Director; Sonja Craddock, Assistant Director acting Commission Clerk; Wilma Cartagena, Investigation Enforcement Manager; Jim Owens, Investigations Enforcement Manager; James, AAG; Noah Purcell, Solicitor General; Peter Gonick, Deputy Solicitor General, Tera Heintz, Deputy Solicitor General; Neal Luna, AAG; Matt Kernutt, AAG

OPENING AND WELCOME

The meeting was called to order by Commission Tran at 10:05AM.

MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Wood moved to approve the July 23, 2026, and September 28, 2026, draft meeting minutes as submitted. Commissioner Jallow seconded the motion. There was no discussion.

There were no objections made and the motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None made; the following written testimony was provided in advance of the meeting and is available in the meeting file:

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CASE CLOSURES

Commissioner Wood moved to approve the case closures as submitted. Commissioner Dimas seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. There were no objections made and the motion was approved.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTING

Director Harris reported that WSHRC successfully completed hosting a first-year Gonzaga University law student through a WSHRC externship program. The 12-week externship started June 1st and ended August 21, 2026. This Anchor Research Project was in aliment with updating some public accommodation language and current washington advisory codes. Gonzaga has approved promoting the externship for a second Anchor Research Project in 2027.

Director Harris reported that agency submitted four decision packets for review. All packets have been accepted. Discussions with external stakeholders to continue through beginning of December.

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Director Harris reported that the Commission dashboard is now active for Commissioners review.

Director Harris reported that new data has been added to WSHRC website with most recent analytics for agency-wide operational related activity.

Director Harris requested changes to WSHRC Commission meeting dates in 2027. The change to meeting case closure requirements, contract reporting and to avoid holidays. Request to move the four Commission meetings to the following: June 15, 2027, September 1, 2027, November 24, 2027, and December 23, 2027.

Commissioner Dimas moved to approve the 2027 Commission dates. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion. Motion approved. There was no discussion.

AAG UPDATE

No update

COMMISSIONER REPORTING

No Commissioner reporting

NEW BUSINESS

None brought forward.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Commission moved into Executive Session to be briefed on matters of litigation, pursuant to RCW 42.30.1101(i). It was anticipated that the session would last until 10:47 am.

Executive Session started at 10:16 am. Open Session reconvened at 10:47 am and Executive Session was extended to 11:15 am. Executive Session started at 10:48 am and ended at 11:15 am.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Executive Director Harris briefed the Commission on the proposed language for WAC 162-32-060(4). Commissioner Wood moved to adopt the emergency rule as presented and direct the Executive Director to work with the AG's office to file the emergency rule effective immediately. Commissioner Dimas seconded the motion. There was no discussion.

There were no objections made and the motion was approved.

2026 COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE:

November 2026 Meeting – TBD	Via Conference Call
December 2026 Meeting – TBD	Via Conference Call

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:20AM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sonja Craddock,
Assistant Director Acting Commission Clerk

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