



Washington State LGBTQ Commission Meeting Minutes: February 28th, 2020

Member	Title	Organization	Roll Call
Marsha Botzer	Co-Chair	LGBTQ Commission	Present
Isyss Honnen	Co-Chair	LGBTQ Commission	Present
Jac Archer	Vice Chair	LGBTQ Commission	Present
Alvaro Figueroa	Secretary	LGBTQ Commission	Present
Michelle Kelly-Barroga	Member	LGBTQ Commission	Present
Lars Erickson	Member	LGBTQ Commission	Absent
Karen Goldsen	Member	LGBTQ Commission	Present
Maeve Griffith	Member	LGBTQ Commission	Present
Tobi Hill-Meyer	Member	LGBTQ Commission	Present
Matthew Landers	Member	LGBTQ Commission	Present
Everett Maroon	Member	LGBTQ Commission	Present
Jeffrey Robinson	Member	LGBTQ Commission	Present
Josette Ross	Member	LGBTQ Commission	Present
Steven Sawyer	Member	LGBTQ Commission	Present
Beto Yarce	Member	LGBTQ Commission	Present

Purpose of Meeting:

- Introduction of Commissioners and Commission Staff
- Commissioners will Selection Commission Officers, adopt Operating Procedures, adopt Guidelines for Public Comment, Adopt Committee Structure, select Committee Members and select meeting locations .
- Update from Executive Director will include, Commission Statute, Structure of the Commission, Budget

Meeting

Roll Call, 14 Commissioners present, Quorum established

Introductions & Icebreaker

Acknowledgement of Native Lands



Commissioner and Executive Assistant Presented on Travel, reimbursements, and corresponding forms

Commissioner query: is it possible to have one drive or some sort of center for information for all commissioners

Governor Inslee addressed the Commission

Commissioner Robinson posed question of access to healthcare in Franklin County
Governor responded that rural healthcare access is an issue, and it needs to be addressed

Rashelle introduction and questions by commissioners

Updates from Executive Director

- Informed Commissioners to reach out to Commission Staff with any bills that could directly or indirectly affect LGBTQ Community.
- Making sure Commissioners keep meetings outside of official meetings below 8 members to avoid unintentional quorum
- Primary role of Commissioners: Community representation
- Outreach to the Community has so far included King, Pierce, and Thurston Counties
- Would like to put emphasis on rural communities, example, not just Yakima, rural towns in the area as well.
- Working with...
 - o Department of veterans affairs
 - o Office of education ombuds
 - o Washington Women's Commission
 - o Rainbow Alliance and Inclusion network (RAIN)
 - o Department of Health
 - o Office of civil legal aid
 - o Commission on Hispanic Affairs (CHA)
 - o Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs (CAPAA)
 - o Latino Leadership Network
 - o Washington Lottery
 - o Department of Ecology
 - o Office of Minority and Women's Enterprises
 - o Washington Health Benefits Exchange
 - o Staff has also been representing the Commission in the planning of "saying it out loud" conference
 - o Staff is on the Office of Equity Taskforce
 - o Have lobbied in reference for sex ed. Bill
 - o LGBTQ Veterans Coordinator
 - o STI Modernization Bill
 - o LGBTQ Panic Defense Bill, working on having a signing for the bill

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- Commission has had 2 official events
 - o Pink Caucus event recognizing the Commission
 - o Outreach event co-sponsored with the Women's Commission
 - Over 100 people attended event
 - Celebrated Speaker Jenkins
- Staff has...
 - o met with legislators, and other colleagues
 - o Taken all kinds of trainings
 - o Have met with all members of LGBTQ Caucus plus LGBTQ member of the house that is not a part of the Caucus

Queries by Commissioners:

- o Will Commissioners be given Commission emails?
 - Response: Staff is working on having site and domain built, access to Commission emails will be looked into. Things to consider include additional cost for emails
- o Question regarding testifying. Difference between testifying on behalf of the Commission or as a private citizen
- o Question regarding compensation of community members brought onto committee.
 - Response: Would be better question to pose to the Director of Commissions
- o Question: Are we taking into account hiring/outsourcing to members of the community or other minority groups?
 - Response: We are limited but do use LGBTQ or minority groups as we can
- o Question: Do other organizations ask for ASL services?
 - Question was in regards to the fact that we were not successful in getting ASL interpreters
- o Question regarding donations
 - Limited by statute: we cannot solicit donations, but if donations are offered we can accept them
 - We can apply for grants
- o Question regarding minutes
 - Minutes have to be made public when asked. Most agencies post minutes on their website in the interest of transparency
- o Question regarding public comment
 - Public comment is actually not required



Selection of officers

Discussion

Commissioner Sawyer asked about adding co-chair to share the work since it is such a big commission

Commissioner Robinson noted their concern about having a co-chair system in regards to splitting responsibility among the co-chairs

Commissioner Honnen noted “we don’t need to operate under the system we are currently under”

Commissioner Yarce noted their approval of the co-chair model

Commissioner Landers commented that co-chairs should have staggering appointment expirations

Commissioner Archer supports co-chair model with the Commissioner Landers recommendations for staggered appointment expirations

Commissioner Goldsen commented that co-chairs should have slightly different roles, supports co-chair model

Commissioner Hill-Meyer offered having a 4th executive committee member

(Officer Discussion put on hold to Adopt Operating agreements)

Adoption of operating agreements

Motion (Director Santiago): to discuss operating agreements

Second: Commissioner Botzer

Motion (Commissioner Griffith): To strike article 4, section one, replace with “the officers of the commission shall be the two co-chairs, vice chair, and the secretary “all following sections in by-laws will reflect” article 1 and 2, terms of office, article 5 section 3, article 6 section 1

“commissioner co chair duties add line g, co chairs agree within first 30 days after election on the division of their duties, duties will be written for review by the body” article 4 section 2 “shall be elected annually by commission, with the exception that in the first year of the commission one co chairs term will last for two years and one co chair’s term will last for one year.

Second Commissioner Yarce

Second Amendment to Amendment Commissioner Hill-Meyer

Motion Carries, 14 YES votes



Motion: Robinson article 4, section 6, adding “latest version” after “robert’s rules of order”

Second: Griffith

Motion Carries, 14 YES votes

Motion: Commissioner Honnen, article 2 section two, adding “lesbian”

Second: Commissioner Ross

Motion carries, 14 YES votes

Commissioner Maroon motion to adopt operating agreements as amended.

Second: Commissioner Archer

Motion carries, 14 YES votes

Operating agreements adopted

Motion to Adopt Public Comments with slight change (Commissioner Figueroa)

Second: Commissioner Sawyer

Motion passes, 14 YES votes

Amendment to

Commissioner Figueroa motions to Adopt Public Comments with amendment for language to reflect operating agreement

Commissioner Yarce second

Motion passes, 14 YES votes

Public comments guidelines adopted

(return to Appointment of officer discussion)

Commissioner Honnen point of discussion, fair representation of rural communities

Commissioner Figueroa wants to make sure representation there is representation from both the Westside AND the Eastside

Commissioners interested in exec committee

Commissioner Hill-Meyer, interested in chair position

Commissioner Robinson, interested in any exec position

Commissioner Botzer, interested in 1 year co-chair position

Commissioner Sawyer, interested in Vice-chair position

Commissioner Kelly-Barroga, interested in vice-chair position

Commissioner Figueroa, interested in secretary position

Commissioner Honnen, interested in co-chair position

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Motion 2 year co-chair:

Robinson nominated Commissioner Honnen, accepted

Commissioner Sawyer seconds

10 votes for Commissioner Honnen

Commissioner Hill-Meyer nominates herself

3 votes for Commissioner Hill-Meyer

Commissioner Honnen has been elected for 2 year co-chair Position

Motion 1 year co-chair:

Commissioner Robinson nominates Commissioner Hill-Meyer, accepted

3 votes for Commissioner Hill-Meyer

Commissioner Landers nominates Commissioner Botzer, accepted

9 votes for Commissioner Botzer

Commissioner Goldsen nominates Commissioner KB, accepted

1 vote for Commissioner KB

Commissioner Honnen nominates Commissioner Archer, declined

Commissioner Botzer has been elected for 1 year co-chair

Opened to discussion

Point of concern, possibly electing two people from the westside

Motion Vice-Chair:

Commissioner Figueroa nominates Commissioner Hill-Meyer, accepted,

Commissioner Hill-Meyer withdraws name

Commissioner Robinson nominates Commissioner Sawyer, accepted

Commissioner Sawyer withdraws name

Commissioner Honnen nominates Commissioner Archer, accepted

13 votes for Commissioner Archer

Commissioner Archer has been elected for 1 year vice-chair

Secretary:

Commissioner Yarce nominates Commissioner Figueroa, accepted

Commissioner Goldsen seconds Commissioner Figueroa

13 votes for Commissioner Figueroa

Commissioner Figueroa has been elected for 1 year Secretary

Doing an official press release, Beto requested, Sen. Wilson offered to help.

Sen. Wilson asked that executive committee go to the gallery during next session

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Adoption of Committee Structure

Communications and outreach

D. Authority to look into LGBTQ History
Create legislator meeting matrix, develop list of stake holders,
Community outreach calendar of events

Economic and business

Mandate study of gentrification, queer population centers, wage rates for lgbtq workers, ism's economic policies hiring rates, economics vs. disability (how does that look in a hiring situation)

Vulnerable communities

Power to make "inclusion report card" (can we do that, coming from Manny, need to check with Attorney general)
Gender minorities, formally incarcerated persons
Barriers to people running for office
Voting rights
Sex workers and trafficking survivors

Health and wellness

Health disparities
Medical training of those still on the field
Safety issues

Economic and business opportunities

Barriers

Motion: Commissioner Robinson moves to accept framework for committees

Second: Commissioner Yarce

Motion Carries, 14 YES votes

Adoption of Legislative priorities

LGBTQ affordable housing, affordable senior housing in Seattle, 500k in the house, need it in the senate

DES, Women's and Minority, adding LGBTQ as a minority group

Sen. Wilson, gender responsive protocols... trans protections in prisons, housing issue (looking outside of seattle as well), gentrification, keeping in mind senior populations

Access and affordability for prep, access for minors whose parents don't consent.

LGBTQ inclusive curriculum in schools, beyond California model

Decriminalizing sex work

Revisiting our child pornography laws, current laws criminalizing more than protecting

Ability to control your gender markers across your healthcare experience

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Motion to vote Jeffrey Commissioner Robinson motions to adopt Legislative priorities

Second: Commissioner Goldsen

Motion Carries 13 YES votes, 1 NO vote

Presenters

Louis Chernin, CEO GSBA

Craig and Michael, Pizza Klatch

RAIN (LGBTQ Employee Business Resource Group)

Commissioners voiced concern over SafePlaces program

Public Comment

Secretary rules about public comment. 3 min

Allison Spector, equity office taskforce, flyer

Member from GLSEN attended meeting

Tyler, state employee, excited for the work of the commission

Tracey, PIPE gayla

Closing comments

Director Santiago, "we made history! Making Washington the queerest place on earth"

Senator Wilson, never thought she'd see this, "we do make a difference! I am here to represent, my door is always open. We need to commit to tell our truths. I am humbled to be here. Thank you for making this place a better world for all of us."

Comments close

Motion: Commissioner Robinson motions to adjourn meeting

Second: Commissioner Hill-Meyer

12 YES votes,

Meeting Adjourned

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