



DRAFT Minutes for Meeting, October 3rd, 2020

- Welcome Check ins, Land acknowledgement, welcome to Legislative Advisors, Housekeeping
 - Due to disturbances and attacks, meeting paused as decisions were made. The Commission's Assistant Attorney General offered recommendations on procedures to follow to prevent more disturbances during the meeting.
 - Public comment is no longer being done live
 - People can provide written comment
 - Chat is disabled
 - Director Santiago turned meeting over to Co-Chair Botzer and Co-Chair Honnen
 - Co-Chair introductions and roll call
 - Commissioners present:
 - Commissioner Matthew Landers, King County
 - Commissioner Everett Maroon, Walla Wall County
 - Commissioner Jeffrey Robinson, Franklin County
 - Commissioner Steven Sawyer, King County
 - Commissioner Jac Archer, Spokane County
 - Commissioner Alvaro Figueroa, Spokane County
 - Commissioner Lars Erickson, King County
 - Commissioner Karen Fredriksen-Goldsen, Island County
 - Commissioner Tobi Hill-Meyer, Thurston County
 - Commissioner Maeve Griffith, Spokane County
 - Commissioner Marsha Botzer, Jefferson County
 - Representative Skyler Rude, at-large
 - Senator Claire Wilson, at-large
 - Commissioners excused:
 - Commissioner Beto Yarce, Snohomish County
 - Commissioner Josette Ross, Pierce County
 - Commissioner M. Kelly-Barroga, Pierce County
 - Commissioner Isyss Honnen, King County
 - Representative Nicole Macri, at-large
 - Staff:
 - Director J. Manny Santiago
 - Executive Assistant Omar Santana
 - Assistant Attorney General Stacia Hollar
 - Student Interns Dana Levy, Miles Cox, and Anna Mondschean
- Approval of Agenda
 - Assistant Attorney General informs the Commission there is no need to vote on the agenda.



- Approval of Minutes
 - Motion to approve minutes from previous meeting: Commissioner Robinson
 - Second: Commissioner Archer
 - Yes votes: 9

- Adding frame work to Decision Making process
 - After brief discussion, it was decided to table this item for the time being.

- Reports
 - Director Santiago's report
 - In compliance with the Governor's directive and instructions from OFM, there will be budget reduction amounting to 15% of the Commission's budget.
 - Director Santiago had the opportunity to attend state wide meeting with LGBTQ leaders hosted by GSBA:
 - Legislators from Pink Caucus were present and shared plans for 2021 session
 - State-wide LGBTQ leaders shared their concerns and priorities
 - Commissioner Botzer asked if others who attended the meeting had points to add
 - Commissioner Landers, public access to Trans community members, Healthcare access in general to LGBTQ community, end of meeting defense on the budget for LGBTQ community, making sure our communities are taken into account regarding budget discussions
 - Commissioner Erickson, asked Director Santiago if there were any questions or concerns regarding the pandemic, and if organizations shared any specific needs or gaps in services.
 - Commissioner Landers shared that there is a general need for resources, didn't go into details in the meeting regarding these topics
 - Senator Wilson shared that traditionally organizations are already struggling before the pandemic. During the meeting there was an idea presented to offer funding specifically for LGBTQ organizations. The Senator shared that this would be a good point of conversation with the Department of Commerce, which already distributes grants and funding to non-profits doing grassroots work.

 - Executive Committee (Co-chairs Botzer and Honnen)
 - Have been meeting regularly and have the intention of finding ways to be more proactive in listening to commissioners and committees
 - Communications and Outreach Committee (Commissioner Robinson)
 - Quite a few productive meetings



- The Committee has approved a format for newsletter
- Website looks great!
- Commissioner Griffith (newsletter editor) asked for Commissioners to confirm they have received request for articles due on October 15th.
 - Articles from co-chairs
 - Articles sent out to other commissioners
- Children Youth and Families Committee (Commissioner Maroon)
 - Commissioner Maroon introduces Committee Co-chair Kaiden Blü
 - The Committee requested a vote to authorize them to send a letter to the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction about LGBTQ students in reference to pronoun use
 - Commissioner Maroon shared some concerns about the process to bring in new community members to the committees
 - Senator Wilson has advocated for more youth voices on this and other committees
- Economic and Business Development Committee (Commissioner Robinson)
 - Commissioner Robinson sincere thank you to Commissioner Landers and Commissioner Yarce
 - The Committee is working through and approving a work plan for next year
 - The last meeting of the Committee welcomed a speaker to share ideas and strategies for economic development opportunities for LGBTQ folk
- Health and Wellness Committee – no report
- BIPOC Committee (Director Santiago offers summary of work)
 - Senator Wilson asks about using the name BIPOC
 - Director Santiago shares that there are 5 committee members, and they made the decision to change the name to BIPOC.
 - Commissioner Sawyer mentions the importance of the usage of BIPOC as it allows us to highlight the differences in how Black and Indigenous people have been marginalized
 - Representative Rude asks a question regarding the history of BIPOC as a term and where it came from. Considering it is a newer term.
 - Commissioner Archer, shares that sometimes we just need a broadly accurate way to just say, “not white people”. They point out that someone is always going to feel left out and no term is ever perfect and maybe we are still searching for a more inclusive term. Commissioner Archer raises some questions that can help frame the discussion: What are we trying to accomplish with the term? It’s important for us to note that no one person is BIPOC or diverse. BIPOC meant to refer to a community. No such thing as a “BIPOC”. Terms like global majority, don’t capture what we are doing.
 - Commissioner Hill-Meyer clarifies that this term “BIPOC” is not something that has come up in the last few months. BIPOC has been



around for 5-10 years. When you are trying to be inclusive, BIPOC is meant to highlight, not necessarily be inclusive of everyone.

- BREAK 11:05, return 11:15
- Legislative Advisors Updates
 - Sen. Wilson
 - Senator shares that the work of a legislator is trying to bring our world back
 - Governor's job to present a balanced budget
 - 50-70% less bills that will be passed
 - Session might be distance or hybrid model
 - Senator Wilson advocates for youth voices on every aspect of the government work, including our committee work
 - She supports and is appreciative of the letter being written and sent to the superintendent
 - Senator Wilson shares that constituents have reached out to her with questions regarding hormone therapy and transition care for young people and asks if a committee is talking about this topic
 - Senator Wilson shares other concerns brought to her regarding rehab and reentry programs, foster families, and when young people are being placed are they feeling comfortable with the family they are being placed in
 - Housing is another big issue that has been brought up to the Senator, with groups such as Queer Allyship, in south King County area, and many organizations led by black and trans communities, sharing info with housing committee in the senate.
 - Police reform is huge, and will probably be taken up in the house and the senate
 - The Senator also shares her concerns about whether the State is ready to take on the conversation about adding gender X to insurance companies applications and systems.
 - Rep. Rude
 - Rep. Rude shares that last session there were amendment to rules and laws that regulate access to HIV medications through Medicare and Medicaid, but it was vetoed due to budget cuts. He invites the Commission to keep this on our radar in case it comes up again this session.
 - Rep. Rude asks if the Commission is still interested in amending its statute to be to solicit donations. Director Santiago answers in the affirmative.
 - Rep. Rude is interested in learning from OSPI the status of bullying in schools and how administrators are handling this issue.
 - After the Legislative updates the Commissioners asked questions to the Legislative Advisors and shared their own ideas and suggestions on issues that affect the LGBTQ community.



- New Business
 - The Commission discussed the process for Creation of Ad Hoc Committees in the context of creating one to discuss and work on specific issues related to vulnerable communities. No decision was made about the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee.
 - The Co-Chairs introduced a proposal for 2021 Commission Meetings
 - Commissioners discussed the idea of having more frequent and shorter meetings during 2021.
 - Motion
 - Commissioner Robinson presents a motion to adopt the meeting dates presented by the Executive Committee with meeting times be set at 3 hours with the ability to amend the length
 - Commission Landers seconds the motion
 - Motion approved unanimously with no objections
 - Legislative Priorities
 - It was clarified that this vote is to help Director Santiago focus his work during the Legislative Session and to help him prioritize.
 - The Commissioners affirmed the legislative priorities adopted during the prior meeting of the Commission in February and added the following concerns:
 - Adoption protections and protections for same sex families and their children
 - Issues related to LGBTQ incarcerated individuals
 - Dissolving Committees
 - Commissioner Hill-Meyer introduced a conversation about dissolving the Transgender, GNC, and Intersex Communities Committee.
 - Commissioner Robinson introduces a motion to empower the Executive Committee to create a process to dissolve and create committees.
 - Commissioner Maroon seconds the motion
 - The motion passes with no objections
- Megan Matthews, staff from the Governor's Poverty Reduction Work Group presents some preliminary findings from the group as well as some proposals that the group is presenting to the Governor. The Commission offers feedback and reminds the Work Group of the need to include LGBTQ voices, especially LGBTQ folk who live in poverty.
- Public Comments:
 - Two constituents registered and offered public comments: Rebecca Faust, a private citizen, and Denise Diskin, representing QLaw Foundation.
- Closing and Summary
 - Commissioner Archer presents a motion to adjourn the meeting.



- Commissioner Robinson seconds the motion
- The motion passes with no objections

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