



DRAFT Minutes for Meeting, March 6th, 2021

- Welcome Check ins, Land acknowledgement, welcome to Legislative Advisors, Housekeeping
 - Staff explained guidelines to virtual Commission meeting
 - Land acknowledgement
- Director Santiago turned meeting over to Co-Chair Botzer and Co-Chair Viena
- Co-Chair introductions and roll call
 - Commissioners present:
 - Commissioner Everett Maroon, Walla Wall County
 - Commissioner Matthew Landers, King County
 - Commissioner Jeffrey Robinson, Franklin County
 - Commissioner Steven Sawyer, King 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
 - Commissioner Beto Yarce, Snohomish County
 - Commissioner Josette Ross, Pierce County
 - Commissioner M. Kelly-Barroga, Pierce County
 - Commissioner Agaiotupu Viena, King County
 - Commissioners excused:
 - Commissioner Jac Archer, Spokane County
 - Commissioner Alvaro Figueroa, Spokane County
 - Senator Claire Wilson, at-large
 - Representative Nicole Macri, at-large
 - Representative Skyler Rude, at-large
 - Staff:
 - Director J. Manny Santiago
 - Executive Assistant Omar Santana
 - Commission Intern Brandon Hancock
 - Commission Intern Katie Kulus
- Acceptance of Minutes from January meeting
 - Commissioner Sawyer presents a motion to accept the Minutes from the January meeting as presented.
 - Commissioner Robinson seconds the motion.
 - The Commission receives the Minutes from the January meeting without changes by consent and without discussion.



- Nominations and Election of Officers
 - Nominations were received for the positions of:
 - Co-Chair (1)
 - Vice-Chair
 - Secretary
 - Candidates for the positions are offered an opportunity to address the Commission.
 - After voting for each position, the following Commissioners were elected:
 - Co-Chair: Commissioner Botzer
 - Vice-Chair: Commissioner Archer
 - Secretary: Commissioner Figueroa
 - *The rollcall of the vote is available for Commissioners and the public to review upon request to a member of the staff.*

- Reports
 - Director Santiago reports to Commission
 - Director's report attached
 - Highlights from the report:
 - Director Santiago offered an update on legislation being monitored by the Commission.
 - The Commission has engaged in conversations with DCYF and Secretary Ross regarding foster care systems and the impact of federal rulings still in place that affect LGBTQ children and families.
 - Director Santiago, after engaging stakeholders, offered his recommendation to the Governor to lift the travel ban to North Carolina after the state's anti-trans legislation was revoked.
 - Information about a scheduled COVID-19 vaccines panel were shared with the Commission.
 - The Commission engaged Commissioners from the Ports of Olympia and Tacoma in regards of certification for LGBTQ-owned businesses in Washington.
 - Executive Committee (Co-chairs Botzer and Viena)
 - Co-Chairs Botzer and Viena shared updates on the work of the Executive Committee, including summaries of recent visits with committees and conversations related to how to improve public meetings.
 - Communications and Outreach Committee; offered updates on their work plan and the newsletter. The committee also shared some information about their proposal for events planning and promotion.



- Children, Youth, and Families Committee; updated the Commission on recent conversation with Rep. Caldier related to foster care children and the need for more diverse foster families.
- Health and Wellness Committee; updated the Commission on work related to access to HIV treatment by state and federally funded health plans managed by the HCA.
- Economic and Business Development Committee; updated the Commission on work plan.
- BIPOC Committee; the committee has not been able to meet.
- Vulnerable Communities Committee; the committee met to discuss various bills that affect vulnerable communities. A \$1M budget request for LGBTQ senior housing was included in the budget and the committee requested support for this effort from the Executive Director in the form of a letter to the appropriations committee.
- Voting Items
 - Request from the Communications and Outreach Committee to adopt the events communications guidelines
 - Commissioner Robinson presents the motion on behalf of the committee.
 - Commissioner Kelly-Barroga seconds.
 - The motion passes unanimously with no discussion.
- New Business
 - Commissioner Maroon invites the Commission to discuss the impact of HB1499 on vulnerable communities. The Commission discusses the matter and finds that at this point nothing can be done except to monitor how the Legislature will address the recent Supreme Court decision related to criminalization of small amounts of controlled substances.
 - The Commissioners shared announcements from their respective agencies and community groups.

Meeting adjourned

- Commissioner Erickson moves that the March public meeting of the Commission be adjourned.
- Commissioner Yarce seconds.
- With no objections, the motion passes and the meeting is adjourned.