



DRAFT Minutes for Meeting, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021

- Meeting opened by Co-Chair Botzer at 10:01 a.m.
- 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
- Co-Chair introductions and roll call
  - Commissioners present:
    - Commissioner Matt Landers, King County
    - Commissioner Everett Maroon, Walla Walla County
    - Commissioner Jeffrey Robinson, Franklin County
    - Commissioner KB Kelly-Barroga, Pierce County
    - Commissioner Alvaro Figueroa, Spokane County
    - Commissioner Marsha Botzer, Jefferson County
    - Commissioner Dustin Best, Okanogan County
    - Commissioner Steven Sawyer, King County
    - Commissioner Karen Fredriksen-Goldsen, Island County
    - Commissioner Jac Archer, Spokane County
    - Senator Claire Wilson, at-large
  - Commissioners excused:
    - Commissioner Agaiotupu Viena
    - Commissioner Lars Erickson, King County
    - Commissioner Tobi Hill-Meyer, Thurston County
    - Representative Nicole Macri, at-large
    - Representative Skyler Rude, at-large
  - Staff:
    - Director J. Manny Santiago
    - Program Manager Tracey Carlos
- Acceptance of Minutes from May meeting
  - Commissioner Robinson presents a motion to accept the Minutes from the September meeting as presented.
  - Commissioner Landers seconds the motion.
  - The Commission receives the Minutes from the September meeting with no changes by the majority of Commissioners present and one abstention.
- **New Business**
  - **Election Process Update**



- Director Santiago provided an update on the election process and questions raised in the last public meeting. After consulting with the AAG, they provided their opinion in the form of a memo, which have been reviewed by the Executive Committee and will be made available to the whole Commission. This information is protected as attorney-client privileged information and not subject to public disclosure. In summary, the process was followed by the law as the Executive Committee has the authority, or the power, to make decisions like this as listed under the Operating Agreement.
- **Ad Hoc Process Committee Report and Proposal**
  - Commissioner Robinson motioned to postpone discussion until after the break. Commission KB seconded. Approved by Commissioners in attendance. No further discussion.
- **Second Roll Call to establish quorum to adopt amendments to the Operating Agreements**
  - A second roll call is called to establish quorum to approve amendments to Operating Agreements. Commissioners Archer and Sawyer were added to the list of participants as they joined during this time after the break.
- **Ad Hoc Process Committee Report and Proposal**
  - Commissioner Robinson motioned to receive the report from the Ad Hoc Process Committee for consideration and to disband the committee with the gratitude from the Commission for their work. Commissioner Landers seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.
  - Commissioner Robinson proposes the following motion “to amend Article IV, Section 2, eliminating the following lines: *‘Each co-chair’s term will last two calendar years. With the exception that in the first year of the commission one co-chair’s term will last for two years and one co chair’s term will last for one year Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary shall be elected annually by the Commission at the end of the last plenary meeting of the year and are limited to two one-year terms.’* and replacing it with the following: *‘Each co-chair’s term will last two calendar years, with election in alternate years, so that one co-chair will be elected in the even year, and one will be elected in the odd year. It is expected that co-chairs will serve one term and then work to help a new Commissioner be elected as their successor. Vice-chair and secretary will serve one-year terms. There are no term limits for the positions of vice-chair and secretary.’”*  
Commissioner Kelly-Barroga seconds. The Commission adopts the motion



to amend the Operating Agreements with no discussion and unanimously.

- Commissioner Robinson proposes the following motion to amend Article VI, Section 2, "Commission Vice-Chair Duties" to add: "d. *Coordinate for the election of a Temporary Election Coordinator on the meeting prior to the scheduled election in accordance with the internal procedures for election.*" Commissioner Landers seconds. The Commission adopts the motion to amend the Operating Agreements with no discussion and unanimously.
- Commissioner Robinson presents a motion to adopt the recommended "***Internal Election Procedures for the LGBTQ Commission.***" Commissioner Kelly-Barroga seconds. The motion passes unanimously and with no discussion.
- Co-Chair Botzer calls Vice-Chair Archer to lead the election of a Temporary Elections Coordinator as per the recently adopted *Internal Election Procedures for the LGBTQ Commission.*
- Vice-Chair Archer calls for nominations for a Temporary Elections Coordinator. Commissioner Robinson nominates Commissioner Landers for the position. Commissioner Landers accepts the nomination. Commissioner Maroon seconds the nomination. Vice-Chair Archer calls for other nominations, and receiving none, proceeds to vote on the nomination of Commissioner Landers. The Commission elects Commissioner Landers unanimously.

- **Visioning Process**

- Commissioners break out in discussion groups to select several ideas to develop as strategic priorities for the work of the agency in the coming years.
- The following ideas and areas of work received the most votes:
  - Identifying the institutional barriers at the state and local level that prevent Transgender people and Gender Minorities from receiving adequate and equitable access to mental health care and healthcare in general
  - Identify and examine the economic discrimination and resource disparities facing LGBTQ+ Washingtonians such as the Poverty Industrial Complex
  - Championing policies that provide equitable access to marginalized communities within the larger LGBTQ+ Community such as Gender Non-Binary Folx, BIPOC Communities, Elders, Those in the LGBTQ+ Community who are experiencing houselessness



- Working to provide safe space and access to resources for LGBTQ+ people experiencing discrimination or trauma from faith-based communities
- Achieve state recognition of LGBTQ people in supplier diversity
- Preparing all workplaces for nonbinary employees as population and understandings of gender evolve.

### **Announcements and Adjournment**

- Commissioner Robinson requests a point of privilege to thank the Commission for the opportunity to serve as this is his last meeting. Commissioner Robinson expresses his love for the Commissioners and the work that has been done.
- Commissioner Robinson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Landers seconded the motion. Approved by Commissioners in attendance. No further discussion, meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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