



DRAFT Minutes for Regular Public Meeting, July 15th, 2022

- Welcome and check-ins
- Meeting opened by Co-Chair Botzer at 10:30 a.m.
- Co-Chair introductions and roll call
 - Commissioners present:
 - Commissioner Marsha Botzer, Jefferson County
 - Commissioner Agaiotupu Viena, King County
 - Commissioner M. Kelly-Barroga, Pierce County
 - Commissioner Tobi Hill-Meyer, Thurston County
 - Commissioner Lars Erickson, King County
 - Commissioner Matthew Landers, King County
 - Commissioner Everett Maroon, Walla Walla County
 - Commissioner Ranulfo Molina, Skagit County
 - Commissioner Josette Ross, Pierce County
 - Commissioner Steven Sawyer, King County
 - Commissioner Alicia Sojourner, Clark County
 - Senator Claire Wilson, at-large
 - Representative Nicole Macri, at-large
 - Commissioners excused:
 - Commissioner Dustin Best, Okanogan County
 - Commissioner Alvaro Figueroa, Spokane County
 - Commissioner Jac Archer, Spokane County
 - Representative Skyler Rude, at-large
 - Staff:
 - J. Manny Santiago, Executive Director
 - Tracey Carlos, Program Manager
- Land acknowledgement, welcome to Legislative Advisors, Housekeeping
- Acceptance of Minutes from March meeting
 - Commissioner Sawyer presents a motion to accept the Minutes from the July meeting with no changes.
 - Commissioner Ross seconds the motion.
 - The Commission receives the Minutes from the July meeting in a unanimous vote.
- Commission Retreat
 - Community Building
 - Commissioner Kelly-Barroga led the Commissioners and staff on several community building exercises.
 - Review of Commission Work
 - Director Santiago and Program Manager Tracey Carlos led the Commissioners in a review of the history of the Commission,



accomplishments, and roles and responsibilities of staff and Commissioners.

- Director Santiago clarified that the work of the Commission focuses on advising the Governor and other Executive branch agencies. Secondly, the Commission works with the Legislature to advise and support bills and legislative actions.
 - Program Manager Tracey Carlos shared some details of the day-to-day administration and operations of the Commission, including internal processes and procedures.
- **Executive Director's report**, presented by Executive Director Manny Santiago and [available here](#). Some highlights from the report are:
 - Director Santiago recognized the importance and significance of being in person after a few years of not being able to due to COVID-19. He also highlighted the importance of having our own space in the new office.
 - The staff acknowledged and thanked the interns from the University of Puget Sound for their work and dedication. Director Santiago also highlighted the collaboration with the Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation as the agency offered the opportunity to our interns to do research on historically important locations for the LGBTQ in Seattle/Pierce County.
 - Washington is recognized as the first state in the nation to raise the intersex-inclusive progress flag, ensuring that as many members of the LGBTQ community are represented as possible.
 - The Commission hosted an LGBTQ Youth roundtable with Governor Inslee. As a result of the roundtable, the Commission is proposing the establishing of an LGBTQ Youth Advisory Council for the state of Washington.
 - Three budget requests were submitted:
 - To establish an LGBTQ Youth Advisory Council
 - To conduct a comprehensive survey of the LGBTQ community in that sate
 - To increase the operating budget to cover the stipends for appointed Commissioners
 - The Commission had engaged some families of students in the area who have been the target of violence.
 - **Executive Committee:**
 - Co-Chair Botzer presented; committee met regularly.
 - The committee looked into the plans for restructuring and the ideas presented.
 - During the last meeting of the committee, the Assistant Attorney General for the Commission presented the changes to the Public Meetings Act, which entered into effect this year.
 - **Business & Economic Development Committee:**
 - No updates.



- **Vulnerable Communities Committee:**
 - No updates.
- **Legislative Advisors:**
 - No updates.

- **New Business**
 - ***Restructuring meetings and committees:***
 - The Commissioners had an in-depth conversation on the restructuring process and ideas. After a long discussion, review of ideas and plans, and clarification of doubts regarding the needs and goals of the committee structures, the Commissioners moved to adopt a different committee structure.
 - It was highlighted that the best approach would be to create temporary committees around specific issues. It was acknowledged that both long term and urgent response actions needed to be identified and worked on. It was also acknowledged that both the structure and the way in which conversations happen need to be flexible.
 - Another important point is the need to center relationship building with and among community organizations throughout the state.
 - A question that was raised was the participation of the public in committee work. With the changes to the structure – in-person meetings that include committee meetings – it is more challenging for community members to participate of committee work.
 - Commissioner Hill-Meyer motions that the LGBTQ Commission creates the following permanent committees:
 - Emerging issues
 - Community outreach
 - And Legislative committee
 - Ad-Hoc committees can be formed as needed.
 - Commissioner Erickson seconds the motion
 - After discussion, the motion passes unanimously.
 - The following Commissioners are selected to serve on the Legislative Committee:
 - R. Molina
 - A. Sojourner
 - S. Sawyer
 - E. Maroon

- **Public comment**
 - No public comments were received during this public meeting.

- **Announcements:**
 - The next Commission public meeting will be held in Clark County on Friday, September 16th from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm.



- **Meeting Adjourn**

- Commissioner Ross moves that the July meeting of the Commission be adjourned. Commissioner Sojourner seconds.
- With no objections, Co-Chair Botzer adjourns the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

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