



WASHINGTON STATE  
**LGBTQ**  
COMMISSION

Public Meeting

November 18, 2022, 10:00 am

- Welcome and check-ins
- Meeting opened by Co-Chair Botzer at 10:07 a.m.
- Co-Chair asked for roll call
  - Commissioners present:
    - Commissioner Marsha Botzer, Jefferson County
    - Commissioner M. Kelly-Barroga, Pierce County
    - Commissioner Alvaro Figueroa, Spokane County
    - Commissioner Dustin Best, Okanogan County
    - Commissioner Abigayle Coleman, Clark County
    - Commissioner Mathew Landers, King County
    - Commissioner Jason Victor Serinus, Jefferson County
    - Commissioner Everett Maroon, Walla Walla County
    - Commissioner Agaiotupu Viena, King County
    - Commissioner Steven Sawyer, King County
    - Senator Claire Wilson, at-large
    - Representative Nicole Macri, at-large
  - Commissioners Excused:
    - Commissioner Nick Franco, Spokane County
    - Commissioner Tobi Hill-Meyer, Thurston County
    - Commissioner Lars Erickson, King County
    - Commissioner Alicia Sojourner, Clark County
    - Commissioner Ranulfo Molina, Skagit 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 September Meeting
  - Commissioner Landers presents a motion to accept the Minutes from the September meeting with no changes.
  - Commissioner Serinus seconds the motion.
  - The Commission receives the Minutes from the September meeting in a unanimous vote.
- Acceptance of Agenda

- Commissioner Maroon presents a motion to accept the agenda for November's public meeting with the addition of including an agenda item of discussing 2023 public meeting dates.
- Commissioner Figueroa seconds the motion.
- The Commission receives the agenda with the changes in a unanimous vote.
- **Generative Conversation**
  - The Commission hosts a generative conversation around the following questions: How can the Commission be a connector for the community? What are some ideas that we can explore to connect better with the community? What can individual Commissioners do to serve as connectors? How do we create value and make others feel valuable when it comes to engagement?
    - The Commissioners identified challenges to connecting with the community. They also generated ideas on how to address those challenges.
  - Some ideas mentioned:
    - Contact Legislative Committees about attending meetings as a stakeholder
    - Attend meetings sponsored by other community groups
    - Host remote log in venues for meetings in rural areas with broadband access issues
    - Commissioners connect with each other more
  - The full notes from the conversation are available for Commissioners upon request.
- **Executive Director's report**, presented by Executive Director J. Manny Santiago. Some highlights from the report are:
  - Partnerships have continued to grow; working with a coalition working on the infertility bill, and a coalition to address human and sex trafficking.
  - A partnership with the Office of the U.S. Attorney for Western Washington, with a community educational event scheduled for after the public meeting.
  - ED attended From Poverty to Possibility conference and was able to make really great connections and listen to great conversations.
  - In addition to connecting with the Maryland LGBTQ Commission, the Pennsylvania LGBTQ Commission reached out to us and all three Commissions are planning a meeting for January.
- **Executive Committee:**
  - Co-Chair Botzer presented; committee met regulatory, including debriefing after the September public meeting.
- **Legislative Advisors:**
  - Rep. Macri presented; had a great convening with advocates and organizations from around the State to hear about legislative priorities, budget, and policy

issues. Rep. Macri highlighted a pattern of groups not reaching out to agencies and are executing quick decision making without evaluating the impact of affected populations.

- Sen. Wilson is working on K-12 issues across the states, in addition to foster care issues.
- **Commissioners**
  - During this time, Commissioners were invited to offer updates regarding their own work as representatives of the agency in their communities.
- **New Business**
  - Legislative Priorities
    - Human trafficking survivors services – bill has not been introduced yet.
    - Infertility treatment bill will be reintroduced.
    - Privacy Protections for LGBTQ Students.
    - LGBTQ-inclusive Curriculum
    - Budget provisos:
      - LGBTQ Survey; ask of \$500K and \$125K/year to continue delving into any of the issues that surface out of the larger survey. Also includes an ask for a third-funded staff member of the Commission
      - LGBTQ Youth Advisory Council; ask of \$250K and \$125K or \$250K/year to maintain it
    - Commissioner Figueroa made a motion to approve the legislative priorities as presented by Executive Director Santiago.
    - Commissioner Serinus seconds the motion.
    - The Commission passes the motion in a unanimous vote.
  - Election of Officers
    - Election Coordinator Commissioner Maroon presents the candidates for the open positions in the Executive Committee:
      - Commissioner Kelly-Barroga is running for Co-Chair.
      - Commissioner Figueroa is running for Vice Chair.
      - Commissioner Best is running for Secretary.
        - Commissioner Landers made a motion to approve the slate of candidates as presented.
        - Commissioner Serinus seconds the motion.
        - The Commission passes the motion in a unanimous vote.
      - The incoming Executive Committee is:
        - Co-Chair – Commissioner Agaiotupu Viena (King Co.)
        - Co-Chair – Commissioners KB Kelly-Barroga (Mason Co.)
        - Vice-Chair – Commissioner Alvaro Figueroa (Spokane Co.)

- Secretary – Commissioner Dustin Best (Okanogan Co.)
  - 2023 Public Meeting Schedule Discussion
    - Suggested dates: 1/20, 3/17, 5/19, 7/21, 9/15, 11/17
    - Commissioner Figueroa made a motion to approve the 2023 calendar as presented.
    - Commissioner Serinus seconds the motion.
    - The Commission passes the motion in a unanimous vote. Director Santiago will distribute the calendar and locations of the meetings next.
- Committees meeting
  - Commissioner Landers reported on behalf of the Economic and Business Development Committee
- Opportunities for the Community
  - Jarel Sanders, from Equal Rights Washington shared about the organization, legislative priorities, and the work the organization is doing to mobilize for LGBTQ legislation.
- Public Comment
  - No public comments were received during this public meeting.
- Meeting Adjourn
  - Commissioner Sawyer presents a motion to adjourn the November public meeting of the Commission.
  - Commissioner Serinus seconds the motion.
  - With no discussion, Co-Chair Botzer adjourns the meeting.