



## Public Meeting

May 19th, 2023, 10:00 am

- Welcome, technology troubleshooting, and check-ins
- Meeting opened by Co-Chair Kelly-Barroga at 10:05 a.m.
- Co-Chair asked for roll call
  - Commissioners present:
    - Commissioner M. Kelly-Barroga, Pierce County
    - Commissioner Marsha Botzer, Jefferson County
    - Commissioner Dustin Best, Okanogan County
    - Commissioner Abigayle Coleman, Clark County
    - Commissioner Lars Erickson, King County
    - Commissioner Alvaro Figueroa, Spokane County
    - Commissioner Nick Franco, Spokane County
    - Commissioner Everett Maroon, Walla Walla County
    - Commissioner Ranulfo Molina, Skagit County
    - Commissioner Steven Sawyer, King County
    - Senator Claire Wilson, at-large
  - Commissioners Excused:
    - Commissioner Mathew Landers, King County
    - Commissioner Jason Victor Serinus, Jefferson County
    - Representative Nicole Macri, at-large
    - Representative Skyler Rude, at-large
  - Unexcused Absences:
    - Commissioner Tobi Hill-Meyer, Thurston County
    - Commissioner Alicia Sojourner, Clark County
    - Commissioner Agaiotupu Viena, King County
  - Staff:
    - J. Manny Santiago, Executive Director
    - Tracey Carlos, Program Manager
- Land acknowledgement, Housekeeping
- Adoption of Agenda for May Meeting
  - Commissioner Botzer presents a motion to adopt the agenda for the May public meeting.
  - Commissioner Sawyer seconds the motion.
  - The Commission adopts the agenda with no changes with nine “aye” votes and one abstention.
- Acceptance of Minutes from May Meeting
  - Commissioner Botzer presents a motion to accept the Minutes from the May meeting with no changes.
  - Commissioner Erickson seconds the motion.

- The Commission receives the Minutes from the May meeting with nine “aye” votes and one abstention.
- **Reports:**
  - **Executive Director’s report**, see attached report created by J. Manny Santiago.
  - **Executive Committee:**
    - Co-Chair Kelly-Barroga presented: the committee met with staff to catch up on the work and receive updates on the progress of budget requests.
  - **Economic and Business Development Committee:** Commissioner Erickson presented the report. Committee and staff have met with leaders of DES and OMWBE to start discussion on LGBTQ small business certification for the state. Talks are moving forward with full support from all agencies involved.
  - **America 250 Committee:** Commissioner Figueroa presented the report. The committee is now finding its way and defining its goals for the work. The statewide committee is interested in having experts and the voices of indigenous peoples in the planning process for events and celebrations.
  - **Legislative Advisors:**
    - Sen. Claire Wilson offered an update on legislative session and bills affecting the community. A proposed Constitutional amendment to protect the right to reproductive care did not pass, but legislators and Governor are working on ways to address this. As result of SB5599 – which protects the right to access gender affirming care for minors – anti-LGBTQ groups are organizing to collect signatures to repeal the law.
  - **Commissioner Coleman:** offered an update on anti-LGBTQ policies in La Center School District.
  - **Commissioner Maroon:** offered updates on pro-LGBTQ action at local Walla Walla school. Since the school had instituted a policy not to wear flags (as capes, for instance), so they received t-shirts with pro-LGBTQ messages to wear to school. This keeps the students at school while also complying with dress code.
  - **Commissioner Botzer:** shared about an opportunity for older LGBTQ people to share their stories with The OUTWORDS Archive, which is currently collecting LGBTQ stories.
  - **Commissioner Sawyer:** reported of a meeting between GenPride and POCAAN to coordinate information sessions to help with the application process for new LGBTQ-inclusive housing project in King County.
  - **Commissioner Serinus:** submitted a written report.
- **Budget and Legislative Priorities Update**
  - Director Santiago offered an update on the budget requests and on the legislative work of the Commission. The Commission received funding to conduct a comprehensive survey of the LGBTQ community in the state, to create an LGBTQ Youth Advisory Council, and to add one person to the staff. Director Santiago also offered updated on next steps to ensure the best outcomes.
- **Other Business**
  - **Strategic Planning**
    - The Commissioners discussed the implementation of the Strategic Plan and how to use the tool created by the Executive Committee to do track the work.

- **Appointments to Workgroups and Committees**
  - Governor’s Subcabinet on Business Diversity
    - No decision was made
  - Business and Economic Development Committee:
    - Commissioners discussed the reach of the committee in light of the current conversations related to LGBTQ certification.
    - Commissioner Botzer presents motion: “To change the name of the Business and Economic Development Committee to, the Business, Economic Development and LGBTQ Certification Committee to align with the work and empower the committee members to continue the discussions regarding certification.”
    - Commissioner Erickson seconds.
    - Motion is adopted unanimously.
  - Ad-Hoc Committees:
    - Commission Values Committee
      - Commissioner Maroon motions to create the Ad-Hoc Commission Values Committee composed of Commissioners Coleman, Botzer, Molina, and Sawyer.
      - Commissioner Erickson seconds.
      - Motion is adopted unanimously.
    - Town Halls
      - There was discussion about the establishment of an ad-hoc committee to coordinate town halls in between public meetings. The Commissioners decided to postpone the conversation until the July public meeting.
    - Elections Committee
      - Commissioner Maroon motions to create an Ad-Hoc Elections Committee to fill the upcoming Co-Chair vacancy. The members of the committee will be Commissioners Erickson, Coleman, and Maroon.
      - Commissioner Botzer seconds.
      - Motion is adopted unanimously.
- **Community Groups Presentations**
  - The Commission welcomed the following community groups and representatives to present their projects and their work:
    - Lavender Rights Project – Jaelynn Scott, executive director joined with staff
    - QLaw – Denise Diskin, executive director joined with staff
    - Entre Hermanos – Edgar Longoria, executive director joined with staff.
- **Public Comment**
  - No public comments were received.
- **Adjournment**
  - Commissioner Erickson presents a motion to adjourn the May public meeting of the LGBTQ Commission.
  - Commissioner Sawyer seconds the motion.

- The Commission unanimously votes to adjourn the May public meeting.
- Co-Chair Kelly-Barroga adjourns the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

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