



DRAFT Agenda - Public Meeting of the Washington State LGBTQ Commission

Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

**In-person meeting in Whatcom County**

**Location:** Whatcom Community College  
 Syre Student Center Rooms 107-108  
 237 W Kellogg Road  
 Bellingham, WA 98226

Important information:

1. **Times listed on this agenda are estimates only.** The Commission reserves the right to alter the order of the agenda when necessary.
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4. In order to foster a healthy and safe interaction, if there is any disruptive behavior, the participants in question will be notified by the Commission staff about their behavior. If they refuse to comply with health and safe interaction guidelines, they will be removed from the meeting.

Time/Speaker	Agenda Topic	Action
10:00 am <i>Co-Chairs, staff</i>	Welcome, Roll Call, Land Acknowledgement, Welcome to Legislative Advisors, Housekeeping	Info
10:10 am <i>Co-Chairs, staff</i>	Ice-breaker / Introductions	Info
10:20 am <i>Co-Chairs</i>	Approval of Agenda and Minutes	Info / VOTE
10:25 am <i>Staff, Legislative Advisors &amp; Commissioners</i>	Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff</li> <li>• Executive Committee</li> <li>• Committees</li> <li>• Legislative advisors</li> <li>• Commissioners               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ America 250 Committee</li> <li>○ Council on Health Disparities</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Info



	○ Poverty Reduction Workgroup	
11:15 am <i>Staff</i>	Discussion – Administration transition and strengthening LGBTQ Commission’s work	Discussion
12:00 pm	<b>Lunch</b>	
1:00 pm	Discussion – LGBTQ Comprehensive Survey discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issues to explore</li> <li>• Areas of focus</li> <li>• Strategies to reach out communities</li> <li>• Possible advisory committee</li> </ul>	Discussion
2:00 pm <i>Co-Chairs, staff</i>	<b>Other Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Election of officers</li> <li>• Calendar and location of meetings 2024</li> </ul>	VOTE
2:30 pm	Discussion – Internal committees structure	Info
2:50 pm	<b>Break</b>	
3:00 pm <i>Co-Chairs, staff</i>	Community Groups presentations <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bellingham Queer Collective</li> <li>2. Northwest Youth Services</li> </ol>	Info
4:00 pm	Public Comments	Info
4:30 pm <i>Staff &amp; Co-Chairs</i>	Wrap-up and announcements	Info

**Mission:** The Washington State LGBTQ Commission works to improve the state’s interface with the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, two-spirit, and intersex community, identify the needs of its members, and ensuring that there is an effective means of advocating for LGBTQ equity in all aspects of state government.

**Vision:** The Washington State LGBTQ Commission envisions a state where every two-spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex Washingtonian of any age feels safe, supported, and empowered.