



Public Meeting

January 19th and 20th, 2024

Olympia, Thurston County

January 19th, 2024 – Public Meeting Day 1

- **Welcome, technology troubleshooting, and check-ins**
- **Meeting called to order by Vice-Chair Kelly-Barroga at 1:05 p.m.**
- **Co-Chair asked for roll call**
 - Commissioners present:
 - Commissioner Ebo Barton, King County
 - Commissioner Dustin Best, Okanogan County
 - Commissioner Lars Erickson, King County
 - Commissioner Nick Franco, Spokane County
 - Commissioner M. Kelly-Barroga, Grays Harbor County
 - Commissioner Mathew Landers, King County
 - Commissioner Everett Maroon, Walla Walla County
 - Commissioner Leiyomi Preciado, Kitsap County
 - Commissioner Jason Victor Serinus, Jefferson County
 - Commissioner Alicia Sojourner, Clark County
 - Senator Claire Wilson, at-large
 - Commissioners Excused:
 - Commissioner Alvaro Figueroa, Spokane County
 - Representative Nicole Macri, at-large
 - Unexcused Absences:
 - Commissioner Abigayle Coleman, Clark County
 - Commissioner Tobi Hill-Meyer, Thurston County
 - Commissioner Ranulfo Molina, Skagit County
 - Commissioner Steven Sawyer, King County
 - Staff:
 - J. Manny Santiago, Executive Director
 - Sawyer Tuttle, Executive Assistant
 - Sam Fennell, Program Manager
- **Land acknowledgement, Housekeeping**
- **Introduction of new Program Manager, Sam Fennell**
- **Clarification of staff duties**
 - Sam is the primary staff contact for all programs including Youth Advisory Council, the LGBTQ Comprehensive Survey, and legislative advocacy.

- Sawyer is the primary staff contact for all administrative needs, travel reimbursements, social media, newsletter and scheduling.
- **Adoption of Agenda for January Meeting and Minutes from November meeting**
 - Commissioner Preciado presents a motion to adopt the agenda for the January meeting and Minutes from November meeting.
 - Commissioner Erickson seconds the motion.
 - The Commission unanimously votes to adopt the agenda and minutes.
 - The Commission adopts the agenda and Minutes.
- **Reports:**
 - **Executive Director's report**, see January ED Report created by J. Manny Santiago.
 - **Program Manager's report:** Legislative priorities presentation on the second day of public meeting. Youth Advisory Council Townhall on February 17th at 1:00pm, starting outreach to youth organizations soon and creating interest forms. Please contact Sam if you know any youth that are interested in joining the Council. Sam meets with the survey team monthly to help guide the development of the survey.
 - **Executive Assistant's report:** Please stay in touch with Sawyer via email or phone so we can stay connected as staff and Commissioners! Sawyers phone is (564) 200-3976 and their email is Sawyer.Tuttle@lgbtq.wa.gov. Please reach out to Sawyer if you want to write an article or contribute to the newsletter in anyway.
 - **Executive Committee:** Commissioner Maroon presented the report. The committee met last December, no updates this month.
 - **America 250 Committee:** Commissioner Figueroa presented the report. No updates.
 - **Council on Health Disparities:** Director Santiago presents the report. The Council is submitting legislation to amend their charter to include the LGBTQ Commission and to expand the definition of health disparities.
 - **Poverty Reduction Group:** Commissioner Barton presents the report. The group has no new updates.
 - **Commissioner Serinus:** had a meeting with Olympic Pride in Jefferson County and the Olympic Peninsula to discuss changes. Concerned about the lack of LGBTQ youth groups in schools in Jefferson county.
 - **Commissioner Kelly-Barroga:** Oasis Youth Center is happy to report they are back to normal and providing full services to LGBTQ youth in Pierce county again.
 - **Commissioner Maroon:** interested in City of Walla Walla proclaiming pride month again this year, last time was in 2019. Also interested in learning more about doing rainbow crosswalks downtown. This year he is a member of the BREE collective to look at health disparities and reform.

- **Director Santiago:** shares the 2024 transition document with the Commissioners
- **Transition Document Overview led by Director Santiago**
 - This document is about the transition in Governor administrations this year and what the Commission has done and wishes to continue to do in the future.
 - The Commissioners discuss the current transition of directors and the future transition of administrations. (Further notes on this discussion are available upon request.)
- **Survey Team Presentation:** The WSU Comprehensive LGBTQ Survey Team presented their initial development plan and timeline to commissioners and asked for commissioner feedback. Discussion points include overview of January 31st grounding session, outreach initiatives for the survey, safety issues, and priority information we hope to gain from this survey. (Further notes on this discussion are available upon request.)

January 20th, 2024 – Public Meeting Day 2

- **Welcome and Ice-Breakers**
- **Legislative Advisor:**
 - Sen. Claire Wilson offered an update from the LGBTQ Caucus
 - Shared about a bill from Senator Lias regarding inclusive curriculum and learning standards, which will include 2SLGBTQIA history and culture as part of the standards. This has passed the Senate and is now in the House (as of 1/20 meeting). Emphasized this was a short session and there was not a lot of time to get bills across the finish line but they are working hard to do so, along with a supplemental budget.
- **Sam gave a presentation about bills the Commission is following**
 - Anti-LGBTQ bills are unlikely to move forward but we remain vigilant and sharing why they are harmful for the community.
 - Commissioner roles in relation to legislation are to vote on a list of priorities – you cannot lobby for direct bills. As a private citizen you can testify on bills.
 - Commissioners break into small groups to discuss priority legislation (further notes available on request).
 - Commission comes back together to discuss the following bills are priorities for the WA State LGBTQ Commission this session: HB 1408, HB 1954, HB 1958, HB 2106, HJR 4208, SB 5237, SB 5462, SB 5824, SB 5983, and SB 6127.
- **Adoption of 2024 Legislative Priorities**
 - Commissioner Erickson presented a motion to adopt the list of bills (HB 1408, HB 1954, HB 1958, HB 2106, HJR 4208, SB 5237, SB 5462, SB 5824, SB 5983, and SB 6127) as priority legislation for the Commission this session.
 - Commissioner Preciado seconded the motion.
 - The Commission unanimously voted to adopt these legislative priorities.

- The Commission adopts these legislative priorities.
- **Farewell to Commissioner Franco**
 - We wish Commissioner Franco all the best in his new adventures in California!
- **Farewell to Executive Director Manny Santiago**
 - Executive Director Santiago's last day is January 31st, 2024. Application process is going to be ready soon (at this time of this meeting).
 - Manny adds that we are looking for new Commissioners and encourages current Commissioners to identify individuals who would be good for the role.
- **Adjourn**
 - Commissioner Erickson presented a motion to adjourn the January public meeting.
 - Commissioner Preciado seconded the motion.
 - The Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the January public meeting
 - Co-Chair Kelly-Barroga adjourns the meeting at 12:00pm.