



WASHINGTON STATE
LGBTQ
COMMISSION

Public Meeting

May 17th 2024, 10:00AM-5:00PM

Yakima, Yakima County

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- Welcome, technology troubleshooting, and check-ins
- Meeting called to order by Co-Chair Kelly-Barroga at 10:05 a.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 Alvaro Figueroa, Spokane County
 - Commissioner Tobi Hill-Meyer, Thurston County
 - Commissioner M. Kelly-Barroga, Grays Harbor County
 - Commissioner Everett Maroon, Walla Walla County
 - Commissioner Leiyomi Preciado, Kitsap County
 - Commissioner Steven Sawyer, King County
 - Commissioner Jason Victor Serinus, Jefferson County
 - Commissioners Excused:
 - Commissioner Mathew Landers, King County
 - Commissioner Abigayle Coleman, King County
 - Unexcused Absences:
 - Commissioner Ranulfo Molina, King County
 - Commissioner Alicia Sojourner, Cowlitz County
 - Staff
 - Sheri Sawyer, Interim Executive Director
 - Sawyer Tuttle, Executive Assistant
 - Sam Fennell, Program Manager
- Land acknowledgement, housekeeping, grounding & icebreaker
- Adoption of Agenda for May Meeting and Minutes from March meeting
 - Commissioner Figueroa presents a motion to adopt the agenda for the May meeting and minutes from March meeting.
 - Commissioner Erickson seconds the motion.
 - All Ayes except Commissioner Serinus, who voted Abstain.
- Reports:
 - **Staff Report:** See March 2024 Staff Report for Details
 - **Executive Committee:** meets monthly
 - Liquor and Cannabis Board Commissioner came to speak regarding the raids in Seattle LGBTQ+ bars earlier this year. It was a good and

transparent conversation. LGBTQ Caucus has also been engaging in discussions with LCB.

- **Legislative Advisors & Visitors / Legislative Update:**
 - Senator Wilson - Reviewing juvenile and adult correctional institutions, highlights on behavioral and mental health. Thankful to be involved in initial interviews for the ED position.
 - For any legislation ideas, any legislative nexus – please get in touch with staff and legislators
- **Gender Neutral State Rulemaking: Update from Sheri**
 - Some agencies can do this easily, for others it will take lots of time and editing.
 - This was a very positive first conversation
 - The potential recommended guide is to use proper names and identifiers when possible, and they/them when that isn't possible.
- Commission Committees/Workgroups
 - Poverty Reduction Workgroup: now part of the WA economic justice alliance
 - New logo and branding
 - Inform LUPRO taskforce, which advises the Governor
- Going through some changes to become poverty reduction 2.0
 - Council on Health Disparities
 - Next meeting scheduled for Sept 18

YAC Small Group Discussion

Tobis group:

- Commissioners mentor youth
- Training on adultism
- It can be easy to become isolated – advocating locally can be vulnerable.
- Youth should not be left to advocate for their own in their school or town
- Making sure youth have connections to other youth or mentors on similar boards in their areas
- Connecting them with LYAC and Washington state leadership
- Looking for existing orgs that support youth leadership, they might have curriculum to use
 - Build to Lead – Tobi's recommendation

KBs group

- Age appropriate – breaking things down into smaller pieces
- Different commissioners giving different breakdown

- Mock meetings, meet with the different committees
- Communication preferences
- Supporting youth regionally – make sure they know who their regional commissioners are for support
- Connection with youth councils in other states
- KB: holds a lot of Oasis guidelines and is happy to share

Alvaro's group

- When we started YAC taskforce there were 3 commissioners on that effort – would be good to have 2-3 commissioners on the youth council as well
- Letting them lead
- How can we help them transfer skills and grow as leaders
- Providing documents at the start (ours)
- Letting them decide meeting structure
- Having a representative from the youth come to these commission meetings

Survey Team Discussion: Discussion on Survey, Update on Pride Event Swag and launch date. More notes available upon request.

Break for lunch 12:00 to 1:30

DISCUSSION: ED Onboarding Planning Session – Discussed onboarding new ED in the coming months. More notes are available on request.

Motion from Commissioner Figueroa to change location of July meeting to Olympia WA, seconded by Commissioner Hill-Meyer:

- Passed Unanimously

Discussion around Office of Equity Questionnaire: Asked Commissioners for feedback on their experiences as a Commissioner for the Office of Equity. More notes available upon request.

Community Group Presentations:

- **Yakima Pride:** Joshua Hastings, along with the rest of the board of Yakima Pride, came to share about the work they do in the community.

Public Comment:

- 1 public comment received
 - Anthony Maldonado ESD 105 – shared resources available through ESD 105

Next Commission Events:

- July 19-20th - Thurston County
- October 18th - Thurston County

- **VOTE to adjourn:**
 - MOTION: to adjourn (Commissioner Figueroa; seconded Commissioner Preciado)
 - Adopted unanimously
- **Co-Chair KB adjourned the meeting at 4:05 pm**

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