

- Meeting called to order by Co-Chair Serinus at 10:00am
- Co-Chair asked for a roll call
 - Present:
 - Commissioner Amasai Jeke
 - Commissioner M. Kelly-Barroga
 - Commissioner Matt Landers
 - Commissioner Everett Maroon
 - Commissioner Leiyomi Preciado
 - Commissioner Roo Ramos
 - Commissioner Jade Thornwood
 - Commissioner Omni Romero
 - Commissioner Jason Victor Serinus
 - Commissioner Ebo Barton
 - Commissioner Darlin Blanco Lozano
 - Excused
 - Commissioner Tobi Hill-Meyer
 - Commissioner Alvaro Figueroa
 - Commissioner Mark Rosén
 - Unexcused
 - Commissioner Abigayle Coleman
 - Staff
 - Lisa Keating, Exec Dir
 - Sawyer Tuttle, Executive Assistant & Communications Coordinator
 - Sam Fennell, Operations & Policy Manager
- Welcome, housekeeping
- Approval of Agenda and Minutes
 - **MOTION: adopt the minutes and agenda as written by Maroon, seconded by Thornwood; approved unanimously.**
- Land Acknowledgement, presented by guest Julian Ankney, Dir. Native American Programs at WSU Vancouver
- Reports:
 - Executive Committee (Maroon) - planned public meetings, discussed quick responses to communities, overview of committees and general community outreach
 - Communications & Outreach - (Fennell) - talking about how to spread the word about listening sessions. Helping with social media and legislation videos.
 - Legislative - (Keating) - passed House of Origin cutoff; commissioners creating video overviews of bills of interest.
 - Intergenerational - (Maroon) - ongoing storytelling work, still hoping to organize session with StoryCorps.
 - Keating - potential opportunities with Office of Equity
 - Romero - leverage existing archives as well (WA LGBTQ archive, OutWords) - runs an oral history project, is a cultural anthropologist by training.

- Maroon - structured learning between generations in this moment of time. Creating new connections. Movement to inspire people to talk to those they don't know but who are also part of the community.
 - Ad Hoc Strategic Plan Committee - (Romero) not yet met
 - Workgroup Updates
 - Council on Health Disparities - (Fennell) - legislation to add members, including LGBTQ Commission, did not make it through session this year.
 - America250 - (Keating) - Figueroa will term off Commission in June, willing to keep up the work if another Commissioner is unable to take his place.
 - Poverty Reduction Work Group - (Barton) Now called **WA Economic Justice Alliance**. Solidifying organization structural changes. 10-year plan refresh.
 - Individual Commissioner Updates:
 - Thornwood - increase in youth looking for mental health resources; issues with Spokane pharmacy dispensing medication
 - Maroon - spoke with Walla Walla University students at a walk-out event about removal of LGBTQ candidate from student body election.
 - Jeke - UTOPIA working with City of Kent to adopt resolution to protect LGBTQI residents and workers. Mirror Tacoma resolution.
 - Serinus - Issues with Quilcene School Board resolution to be introduced next week on gender identity that would be in conflict with state law. OSPI is aware and in touch.
 - Romero - on Board of TriCities Pride, issues with regional community foundation not wanting TriCities to "become Tacoma." Moses Lake School Board statement against the parents bill of rights amending. Pride Foundation Fortitude Fund (rapid-response grants) now open! About to open the Transform Culture Fellowship (opens on Trans Day of Visibility).
 - Preciado - Tumwater School District actions/statements on trans youth in sports (erroneous belief that federal executive orders supersede state law). Concerns about stories of international trans visitors being held up at the border due to alleged "fraudulent documentation." Will be hosting a trans history training on Trans Day of Visibility in Kitsap County.
 - Keating - a ballot initiative has been filed to ban trans youth in athletics
- Staff Report and Discussion
 - *See report*
 - Restructuring staff report to reflect strategic plan, policies, and goals.
 - Living document - place for Commissioners to add their related interactions
 - Overview of social media and newsletter
 - Question for Commissioners - what groups should staff/Commissioners reach out to before the next Public Meeting?
 - Romero - Pride organizers in run-up to Pride Month (InterPride Region 2)
 - Landers - OMWBE and follow-up on small business certification status
 - Question for Commissioners - how would we like to handle Pride in 2025? Currently tracking around 75 Washington State events.

- Don't want anyone tabling alone - let staff know where Commissioners want to attend to assist
 - Perhaps focus on smaller Pride events - easier to have a conversation
 - Opportunities for speaking requests
 - Serinus present at very first Pride parade in NYC - still feels the same spirit of Pride in community
 - Wed Mar 26 - evening event for Women's History Month with all the commissions - intersectional coalition building.
 - Engagement with other Community Commissions - what does it look like?
 - Collaborating on external-facing discussions
 - Collaborate on webinars
 - Invite to receptions/mixers around Public Meetings
 - Online meetings do not need to have a strict agenda - more informal option / easier to plan.
 - Stewardship - encourage Commissioners to talk with one another between meetings
 - Elders - connecting with social groups, HIV orgs, looking for more ways to be connected.
 - Fredriksen-Goldsen Institute (UW), UTOPIA WOW program, PEER WA
 - Basic Needs -
 - Track & Counter Hate -
- Presentation: Department of Licensing (DOL), Paul Noyes, Andy Nunes, Chelsea Gould
 - Identity Management Team / Sealed Name Change (SNC) Process
 - Per [RCW 4.24.130 sec 5](#)
 - Customer petitions for and obtains a SNC order through WA Superior Court. Standard name changes through District Court.
 - Must change name with Social Security Administration and obtain new SSN first
 - While standard name changes retail current endorsements/certifications (CDL, HAZMAT, etc), a *sealed* name change requires re-testing/certifying.
 - Law change means that went from 1 customer/month to 15 this week. Grown from 2 to 6 investigators to fulfill in timely manner.
 - REAL-ID requirements and enhanced documents causing concerns.
 - Able to explain to customers that they are not required to have sealed name change
 - DOL is able to go back and look at an individual record and process if needed
 - Romero - stay in contact with community. Create infographic on process?
 - Facial recognition system - DOL only checking for fraud at time of application. Other agencies utilize DOL database for Enhanced Driver's License, so should be accurate to that record, but uncertain if conflicts may arise. Attorney General has not approved use beyond EDL.
 - Federal conflicts? Sex/Gender is determined by the states, therefore the credential should not be questioned.
- Presentation: Cascade AIDS Project (CAP), Paul Lumley, Jasmine Gruenstein, David Ramos
 - Everything they do is the crosshairs of the federal administration right now
 - Formed 40 years ago as an advocacy organization; over 200 employees

- Housing services are largest and oldest program at CAP, also Prevention, STI testing, 2 gender-affirming health clinics, behavioral health, substance use disorders, home healthcare, food bank, household products and clothing depot, support and networking for seniors with HIV.
- Washington State-specific services - permanent location in Vancouver (downtown Memorial Health Building) since 2017. Staff of 25. HIV care and prevention services, funded by WA Dept of Health. Employment, housing assistance, peer navigation.
- Must do outreach in the community - cannot just wait in their office and wait for people to come to them
- Longview services - Cowlitz County - hotspot in WA, with significant challenges.
- Overview of CAP legislative priorities
- Romero - re-start community calls around HIV-related legislation?
- Can share letter writing campaigns with Commission for awareness / share with Governor's policy team
- For Commission: create HIV data page to help share information
- Discussion: Policy Development / Policies & Procedures
 - What policies do we need as a team?
 - Safety policy - in development
 - Experiences while travelling, contingencies
 - Accessibility
 - Multilingual communications - utilize Commissioners to speak in their other languages beyond English
 - ASL interpretation
 - Captions, though they create a public record
 - Work with Office of Equity, other agencies
 - Succession planning for staff / offboarding Commissioners
 - Whistleblower / confidential feedback
 - Public Comment - could start/end with it; how to manage questions in the program
- Legislative Update / return to final sections of Staff Report
 - Support Basic Needs
 - survey closed Jan 31, update at next public meeting
 - Dept of Financial Institutions
 - Small business liaison team
 - Track & Counter Hate / Legislative Update
 - Created anonymous online form - near 180 engagements between form and email - continual thread of gratitude to Commission
 - Listening sessions - hit maximum of 300 participants with RAIN
 - Not leading any sessions solely - always in partnership
 - Drastically increased contacts with Legislature in 2025 - testimony, videos, statements
- Youth Advisory Council Update (Jaanvi Ganapathy and Ariyanna Ferndandez)
 - Lack of understanding from teachers about lived experience and how that impacts education. Need for more empathy for students based on what they are experiencing.

- Bridge between religious and LGBTQ identities - feeling safe, finding community
- How do they want to engage with Commission / Commissioners?
 - One-on-one interviews, sharing between meetings - re-start
 - Need to consider safety - finding middle ground to share
- Support by giving up to date, grounded information in the face of panic
- Sharing stories about why applied to join the Commission / Council
- Public Comment
 - (comment from Noelle Fandel submitted online)
 - Ash Debus - Securing Trans Futures SW Washington; interviewing rural trans people for a radio piece and archived with TransPositivePDX. Feeling fear. Need material supports - legal aid, rental assistance, medications, food.
 - Jessica Cole - ask for Zoom link to click on (not just ID). Asks about access to minutes. Thank you for being in Clark Co.
 - Laurie Buckwalter - thank you for being here. Important to see people working to support her and her family. Happy to be of service however she can.
 - Alyn Spector - Hormones saved his life. Scared about loss of access, and threats to family under current federal administration.
- Next Meeting - Friday May 16, location TBD in Chelan/Douglas counties. Staff will have details shortly.

Motion to adjourn at 4:45pm, by KB, seconded Lozano, passed unanimously.