WASHINGTON STATE LGBTQ COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes
Public Meeting of the Washington State LGBTQ Commission

Date: August 14th, 2026

Roll Call

Commissioner	Nico Archer	Archer	Present
Commissioner	Kawana Bullock-Clayton	Bullock-Clayton	Excused
Commissioner	Vanessa Delgado	Delgado	Excused
Commissioner	M. Eliatamby-O'Brien	Eliatamby - O'Brien	Present
Commissioner	Eve Hwang	Hwang	Excused
Vice Chair	Amasai Jeke	Jeke	Present
Commissioner	Linden Jordan	Jordan	Present
Chair	Darlin Blanco Lozano	Lozano	Present
Commissioner	Ayanna Phillips	Phillips	Present
Chair	Leiyomi Preciado	Preciado	Present
Commissioner	Omni Romero	Romero	Present
Commissioner	Mark Rosén	Rosén	Present
Commissioner	Dakota Steel	Steel	Present
Commissioner	Joanna Turner	Turner	Excused

Secretary	Stephanie Valerdi	Valerdi	Absent

Meeting called to order at: 10:04am on August 14th, 2026

Approval of May Minutes
Motion by: Commissioner Rosen
Second: Co-Chair Preciado
PASSED: Yes

Department of Licensing Presentation

- Presentation from DOL staff member, Ellis Starrett, regarding Data Privacy, Washington State Real ID, gender designations, and other policies and practices that may impact LGBTQ+ people in Washington State
- Email for contacting Ellis for future conversations: estarrett@dol.wa.gov

Ethics Training

- Presentation from Kate Reynolds on Ethics in Public Service Act as public employees
    - Email to connect for future conversations: Kate.Reynolds@atg.wa.gov

-Break for Lunch-

Welcome & Introductions of New Commissioners

- Commissioner Steel
- Commissioner Jordan

Grounding Question

Reports
Staff Report: (20 minutes)

- Instead of having a staff report each meeting, piloting a Public Meeting "Tool Kit" and Engagement guide for each public meeting. The hope would be it is mailed to commissioners at least a week before the upcoming public meeting.
    - Section 1: An explanation of things we will be covering in the public meeting
    - Section 2: A written staff report – provides commissioners some "bite size" information that can be provided to community spaces about the commission

happenings
    - Section 3: Committee Updates
    - Section 4: Questions for commissioners to assess when they think about what they will be sharing at the public meeting regarding the work they are doing in their individual committees
    - Section 5: info about the next public meeting, reminders of things to do after the meeting such as travel reimbursements, "Rules of Order" etc
        - Sam will adjust this section as it is needed to be able to provide support as much as possible
- Survey Update: The commission partnered with WSU to complete 2 different surveys of information across the state – they are currently working to disaggregate the data!
    - Wants the commission to work on recommendations of how to collect this data and keep it private in the future
- The Youth Advisory Council had the opportunity to visit Olympia during their Summit, and they got to meet with multiple departments and policy makers to learn more about the work they do and build relationships
    - Sawyer also led a session at the Summit the day before they were in Olympia on how to know what public policy is and what isn't, as well as what is YAC's role is in all of that

Committee Reports & Individual Commissioner Reports: (40 minutes)
*Sam will be sending out "when is good" emails for all committees to get meeting times set for the start of meeting again in September

- Communications and Community Outreach Committee
    - The Kit (mentioned in staff report above)
        - A key goal of this is to increase accessibility and facilitate an easier onramp into these meetings for more time to reflect on topics and then to be able to leave with more information to share with the community
        - This committee would really like to hear feedback and ideas folks have to make it even better
    - Committee currently meets from on Monday's at 10am, they would love to have any commissioners attend who are interested
- Intergenerational Committee
    - Would love to have you attend the next public meeting this committee publishes to hear the stories that people share
- Executive Committee
    - The committee is working to find some more consistent times to meet in order

to strengthen their leadership of the commission

- **Commissioner Reports**
  - Vice Chair Jeke:
    - Interested to see how possible it would be for the Commission to gather LGBTQ advocacy groups and LGBTQ focused legislative bodies across the state together for a larger gathering/conference to share learning, experiences, and how we can uplift each other
      - Commissioner Phillips would like to support as well
  - Commissioner Archer:
    - Attended an Adelante Round table in Spokane
      - Discussions of immigration, intersectional identities, and the real fears that people are carrying, and the legislation
    - Strategic planning is happening for Spokane Pride
      - Also brought many conversations of public safety

Strategic Plan Presentation

- They have held 5 sessions for group consultation so for this 3-year strategic plan on top of asynchronous work
- Three Priorities when thinking about the focus areas
  - Building Foundations
  - Strengthening Capacity
  - Long term Sustainability
- Suggestions/notes/questions from Commissioners:
  - How can active dialogue be connected into this
  - In regard to leadership and representation: how can we strengthen relationships with LGBTQIA2S+ elected officials in state, regional, and tribal leadership roles
  - Specifically for the focus areas 1-3, it is going to be so important to not be extractive and to be really consistent, especially in spaces where folks might only interact with LGBTQ+ focused groups/initiative when they arrive externally a couple times a year, if that.
    - Regularly assessing our roles in extending capacity, specifically our individual and collective ability to be consistent and to follow up in a meaningful way, seems to be a cornerstone of this integrated roadmap

Elections Coordinator Vote

- If you are the elections coordinator, you can still run for executive positions
- Commissioner Romero nominates Commissioner Archer for the position and

Commissioner Archer accepted the nomination
    - Commissioner Archer abstained from vote
    - All present members who did not abstain voted Aye to have Commissioner Archer be the Elections Coordinator
- Positions that will be up for vote in October:
    - Co-Chair
    - Vice Chair
    - Secretary

Public Comment

- No public comments

What to expect for the October Public Meeting

- It is a business meeting for the public to hear about what we are doing, learn from the presentations, and provide public comment
    - Commissioners are not allowed to respond to public comments
- There will be a lot of discussion for next year's public meeting dates and locations, budget, elections, and community engagement
- Do some prep conversations on the upcoming legislative session

Motion To Adjourn: Commissioner Phillips
Second: Commissioner Jordan
Meeting adjourned at: 4:22pm