

Agenda

Human Rights Commission

Date: January 19, 2023 **Time:** 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Study Session: 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM Business Meeting: 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Location: Hybrid Tacoma Municipal Building 747 Market Street Conference Room #243 Tacoma, WA 98402

Zoom (Click the following link to join the meeting):

 $\underline{https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81908915518}$

Meeting ID: 819 0891 5518

STUDY SESSION 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

I.	Call Meeting to Order – Chair Andre Jimenez	
II.	Record of Attendance and Excusal of Absences	□Chair Jimenez

☐ Amanda Westbrooke (Vice-Chair)☐ Courtney Acoff☐ Mason Culbertson (Vice-Chair)☐ Janice Langbehr

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□ Keshreeyaji Oswal
□ C. Ivan Johnson
□ Laurie Lynch

☐ Melvin JR Nobles ☐ Ronita Boullt

□ Norman Brickhouse □ Verda Washington

☐ Robbi Johnston

III. Approval of Business Meeting Agenda – Chair Andre Jimenez

IV. Statement of Purpose – Vice Chair Westbrooke

Commissioners

Andre Jimenez Amanda Westrbooke Artyom Yakimovich C. Ivan Johnson Courtney Acoff Janice Langbehn Keshreeyaji Oswal Verda Washington Laurie Lynch Mason Culbertson Melvin JR Nobles Norman Brickhouse Robbie Johnston Verda Washington We convene this meeting to study and investigate problems of prejudice, bigotry, and discrimination and to encourage and coordinate the implementation of programs consistent with the needs and rights of all residents of the City of Tacoma.

V. Land Acknowledgment – Vice Chair Culbertson

The Commission acknowledges that the meeting is being conducted on Indigenous lands of the Puyallup People, who cared for their ancestral lands before the Medicine Creek Treaty of 1854 removed native peoples to clear way for colonial settlement. It is important to this Commission as settlers here, aspiring to care for all residents in this place and to call it home, that we acknowledge and send gratitude to the Puyallup Tribe of Indians who continue to be leaders for justice in our community today.

VI. Consent Agenda – Chair Jimenez

- a. Approval of October 2022 Meeting Agenda (Aye/Nay Votes)
- b. Approval of November 2022 Special Meeting Minutes (Aye/Nay Votes)

VII. Public Comment (2 minutes per speaker)

VIII. Commission Affairs

- a) Committee Updates and Overview of work. Please include the next meeting date and time.
 - Housing Equity Committee
 - Outreach and Education
 - Policy and Advocacy Committee
 - Racial Justice and Equity Committee
- b) 2023 Commissioner Recruitment
 - a. Review of Current Roster and Dates of Term End
- c) Nominations and Election for Chair and First and Second Vice-Chair (2023)
- d) Retreat

IX. City Staff Updates – Director Woods and Liaison Shattuck

- a. Case Closures
 - i. Pre-Finding Settlement (Fair Housing Center of Washington and Sean Dimsey and Urban Heights, LLC and Pilot Ventures, LLC HRC # 4915, HUD # 10-22-9541-8)
- b. Recruitment for Open Staff Positions
- c. Commissioner Job Description

X. Announcements

XI. Items to Consider for Next Meeting:

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XII. Adjourn

Why do we recognize the land?

To recognize the land is an expression of gratitude and appreciation to those whose territory you reside on, and a way of honoring the Indigenous people who have been living and working on the land from time immemorial. It is important to understand the long-standing history that has brought you to reside on the land, and to seek to understand your place within that history. Land acknowledgements do not exist in a past tense, or historical context: colonialism is a current ongoing process, and we need to build our mindfulness of our present participation. It is also worth noting that acknowledging the land is Indigenous protocol.

-http://www.lspirg.org/knowtheland



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