

Agenda

Human Rights Commission

Study Session

Date: Monday, October 9, 2023

Time: 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Study Session

Location: Hybrid Tacoma Municipal Building

747 Market Street

Conference Room #243

Tacoma, WA 98402

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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81908915518>

Meeting ID: 819 0891 5518

STUDY SESSION

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

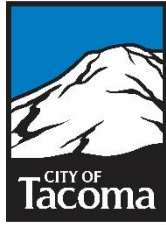
Presentation by University of Washington: Center for Human Rights

Given by: Director Angelina Godoy and Associate Professor Michael Forman

Commissioners

Amanda Westbooke
C. Ivan Johnson
Janice Langbehn
Keshreeyaji Oswal
Bri Crofton
Lillian Norris

Verda Washington
Laurie Lynch
Mason Culbertson
Melvin JR Nobles
Robbi Johnston
Ronita Boult



Agenda

Human Rights Commission

Business Meeting

Date: Monday, October 9, 2023

Time: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Business Meeting

Location: Hybrid Tacoma Municipal Building

747 Market Street

Conference Room #243

Tacoma, WA 98402

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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81908915518>

Meeting ID: 819 0891 5518

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

I. Call Meeting to Order – Chair Amanda Westbrooke

II. Record of Attendance and Excusal of Absences

- Amanda Westbrooke, Chair (she/her)
- Mason Culbertson, Vice Chair (they/them)
- Robbi Johnston, Vice Chair (she/her)
- Keshreeyaji Oswal (he/him)
- Janice Langbehn (she/her)

Commissioners

Amanda Westbrooke
C. Ivan Johnson
Janice Langbehn
Keshreeyaji Oswal
Bri Crofton
Lillian Norris

Verda Washington
Laurie Lynch
Mason Culbertson
Melvin JR Nobles
Robbi Johnston
Ronita Boult

- Verda Washington (she/her)
- Melvin JR Nobles (he/him)
- Bri Crofton (they/them)
- C. Ivan Johnson (he/him)
- Ronita Boullt (she/her)
- Lillian Norris (she/her)
- Laurie Lynch (she/her)

III. Approval of October 2023 Business Meeting Agenda – Chair Westbooke

IV. Statement of Purpose – Vice Chair Culbertson

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 Johnston

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 Westbrooke

- a. Approval of September 2023 Minutes Agenda(Aye/Nay Votes)

VII. Public Comment (2 minutes per speaker)

VIII. Commission Affairs

- a. Chair Updates
- b. Committee Updates (Announcement of Chair of each Committee and Proposed Workplan/goals)
 - i. Education and Outreach
 - ii. Policy, Advocacy, and Accountability
 - iii. Racial Justice

IX. City Staff Updates – OEHR Staff

- a. General Updates
 - i. Case Closures
 - 1. Fair Housing
 - 2. Employment

Commissioners

Amanda Westbrooke
 C. Ivan Johnson
 Janice Langbehn
 Keshreeyaji Oswal
 Bri Crofton
 Lillian Norris

Verda Washington
 Laurie Lynch
 Mason Culbertson
 Melvin JR Nobles
 Robbi Johnston
 Ronita Boullt

X. Announcements

XI. Items to Consider for Next Meeting

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>



The City of Tacoma does not discriminate on the basis of disability in any of its programs, activities, or services. To request this information in an alternative format or to request a reasonable accommodation, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (253) 591-5505. TTY or speech to speech users please dial 711 to connect to Washington Relay Services.

NOTES

| |
|--|
| |
| |
| |
| |
| |
| |
| |
| |
| |
| |
| |
| |
| |
| |

Commissioners

- Amanda Westbooke
- C. Ivan Johnson
- Janice Langbehn
- Keshreeyaji Oswal
- Bri Crofton
- Lillian Norris

- Verda Washington
- Laurie Lynch
- Mason Culbertson
- Melvin JR Nobles
- Robbi Johnston
- Ronita Boullt