



Agenda

Human Rights Commission

Date: May 18, 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):

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

Meeting ID: 819 0891 5518

STUDY SESSION 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

- Discussion of Monthly Business Meeting Day/Time Potential Change
- Discussion of Annual Retreat
 - Location
 - Day/Time
 - Topics to be covered
- General Questions/Discussion

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

I. Call Meeting to Order – Chair Amanda Westbrooke

Commissioners

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

Verda Washington
Laurie Lynch
Mason Culbertson
Melvin JR Nobles
Norman Brickhouse
Robbi Johnston

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)
- 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 May 2023 Business Meeting Agenda – Chair Westbrooke

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 April 2023 Minutes Agenda(Aye/Nay Votes)

VII. Public Comment (2 minutes per speaker)

VIII. Commission Affairs

- a. Chair Updates
- b. Monthly Meeting Day/Time Change

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- c. Retreat Planning
- d. Committee Updates
 - i. Policy and Advocacy
 - ii. Education and Outreach
 - iii. Racial Justice and Equity
- e. Juneteenth Event – Thursday, June 15th at Tollefson Plaza, 5 pm – 8 pm
 - i. HRC June meeting – Change of Venue or Cancel?
- f. Action Steps from last HRC Meeting

IX. City Staff Updates – OEHR Staff

- a. Case Closures
 - i. Fair Housing
 - ii. EEOC
- b. Organizational Chart of OEHR with Staff Names and Responsibilities

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>



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