



Agenda
Human Rights Commission
Study Session

Date: Monday, April 8, 2024

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):

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Meeting ID: 819 0891 5518

STUDY SESSION
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

- Review of OPMA Rules
- Review of City Process re: Policy and Project Proposals

Commissioners

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C. Ivan Johnson
Mona Baghdadi
Lisa Hamlin
Bri Crofton
Lillian Norris

Verda Washington
Mary Ann Lara
Robbi Johnston
Lily Nop
Lohitvenkatesh Oswal
Kelly Oshiro
Scott Schubert
Bre Johnson



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Business Meeting

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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)
- Robbi Johnston, First Vice Chair (she/her)
- Verda Washington, Second Vice Chair (she/her)
- Bri Crofton (they/them)
- C. Ivan Johnson (he/him)
- Lillian Norris (she/her)
- Lily Nop, Youth Seat (she/her)
- Scott Schubert

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- Mary Ann Lara

III. Approval of April 2024 Business Meeting Agenda – Chair Westbrooke

IV. Statement of Purpose – Vice Chair Johnston

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 Washington

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 March 2024 Minutes Agenda (Aye/Nay Votes)

VII. Public Comment (2 minutes per speaker)

VIII. City Staff Updates – OEHR Staff

- a. General Updates
- b. Case Closures
 - i. 3 Fair Housing Cases
- c. Upcoming Engagement Opportunities

IX. Commission Affairs

- a. Chair Updates
- b. Committee Updates
 - i. Education and Outreach

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- 1. Chair Norris
- ii. Policy, Advocacy, and Accountability
 - 1. Chair Oswal
- iii. Racial Justice and Equity
 - 1. Chair

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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