



# Agenda

## Human Rights Commission

**Date:** April 20, 2023

**Time:** 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Study Session: 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Business Meeting: 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

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**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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### STUDY SESSION 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

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

#### I. Call Meeting to Order – Chair Amanda Westbrooke

##### a. Meeting Called to Order at 6:37 PM

#### II. Record of Attendance and Excusal of Absences

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mason Culbertson (Vice-Chair) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair Westbrooke |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robbi Johnston (Vice-Chair)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Keshreeyaji Oswal           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Verda Washington              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Janice Langbehn  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C. Ivan Johnson               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laurie Lynch     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Melvin JR Nobles                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Ronita Boullt               |

#### Commissioners

Amanda Westbooke  
C. Ivan Johnson  
Janice Langbehn  
Keshreeyaji Oswal

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

- III. Approval of Business Meeting Agenda – Chair Westbooke**
- a. **Commissioner Lynch made a motion to approve the agenda.**
  - b. **Commissioner Langbehn seconded the motion.**
  - c. **The Ayes have it and the Business Agenda is approved.**

- 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 March 2023 (Aye/Nay Votes)
  - a. **Commissioner Langbehn made a motion to approve the agenda.**
  - b. **Vice-Chair Johnston seconded the motion.**
  - c. **The Ayes have it and the Business Agenda is approved.**

**VII. Public Comment (2 minutes per speaker)**

**VIII. Commission Affairs**

- a. Chair Updates
- b. Upcoming Events
  - i. South Sound Sustainability Fair – Outreach Table
    1. Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at UW Library (1900 Commerce St) (8:30 AM – 2 PM)
  - ii. CBC Chief Forum Meeting
    1. Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM at Peace Community Center
  - iii. T-Town at the Tacoma Dome – Outreach Table
    1. Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 1:30 pm
    2. Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 3:30 pm
- c. Retreat Planning
- d. Committee Updates
  - i. Policy and Advocacy

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- ii. Education and Outreach
- iii. Racial Justice and Equity
- e. Action Steps from last HRC Meeting

**IX. City Staff Updates – OEHR Staff**

- a. No Case Closures
- b. Youth Seat Recruitment Update
- c. Housing Equity Task Force – Presentation from Staff “Home in Tacoma”

**X. Announcements**

**XI. Items to Consider for Next Meeting:**

- a. Follow-up from CBC/TPD Forum meeting and discussion in Study Session
- b. Discussion of Monthly Business Meeting Day/Time Potential Change
- c. Discussion of Annual Retreat
  - i. Location
  - ii. Day/Time
  - iii. Topics to be covered

**XII. Adjourn**

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM

**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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# NOTES


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