



# Agenda

## Human Rights Commission

### Study Session

**Date: Monday, September 11, 2023**

**Time: 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm**

Study Session

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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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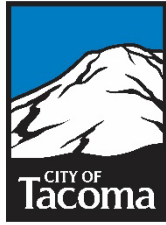
**STUDY SESSION**  
**5:30 PM – 6:30 PM**

- **Retreat Follow-up**

#### Commissioners

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C. Ivan Johnson  
Janice Langbehn  
Keshreyaji Oswal  
Bri Crofton  
Lillian Norris

Verda Washington  
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### Business Meeting

**Date: Monday, September 11, 2023**

**Time: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm**

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

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- C. Ivan Johnson (he/him)
- Ronita Boullt (she/her)
- Lillian Norris (she/her)
- Laurie Lynch (she/her)

**III. Approval of September 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 August 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. Upcoming Outreach Opportunities

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b. Case Closures - None

**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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