

**WASHINGTON STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 25, 2024, AT 10:30 AM
OLYMPIA, WA**

OPENING AND WELCOME: The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Gamboa at 10:30 AM.

MISSION AND VISION OF THE HRC: Director Armstrong briefed the Commission on the agency's mission and vision.

WHAT WE DO AND HOW WE DO IT:

- Jerry Lee, HRC Operations Manager, briefed the Commission on the formatting structure of closure documents.
- Jim Owens, HRC Fair Housing Manager, briefed the Commission on state and federal housing statutes.
- Justinian Cariasini, HRC Policy Analyst, briefed the Commission on agency advocacy and engagement.
- Alison Riffer, HRC Commission Clerk, briefed the Commission on meeting communications.

LUNCH/GETTING-TO-KNOW EACH OTHER EXERCISE: The commissioners and staff participated in an ice breaker activity.

COMMISSIONER ETHICS INFORMATION: Kate Reynolds, Executive Director of the Washington State Executive Ethics Board, presented on the Ethics in Public Service Act.

REQUEST FOR THE WASHINGTON STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION TO ISSUE A STATEMENT OF INTEREST SUPPORTING DEFERRED ACTION BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (“DHS”) FOR WORKERS INVOLVED IN COMMISSION INVESTIGATIONS: Janae Choquette, Staff Attorney of the Fair Work Center presented on deferred prosecution. The discussion did not include specific investigations.

WHAT COMMISSIONERS CAN DO TO HELP THOSE COMMUNITIES DEALING WITH HATE CRIMES: This agenda item was set aside.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Alison Riffer
Commission Clerk