

**WASHINGTON STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
MAY 23, 2024, AT 10:00AM
CONFERENCE CALL**

ATTENDANCE:

- **Commissioners:** Jeff Sbahh, Chair; Chelsea Dimas, Guadalupe Gamboa; Luc Jasmin; and Hân Trần
- **Staff:** Andreta Armstrong, Executive Director; Barbara Harris, Deputy Director; Matt Kernutt, Assistant Attorney General; Jerry Lee, Operations Manager; Jim Owens, Fair Housing Manager; Ludmila Barbacar, Civil Rights Investigator; Sonja Craddock, Customer Service Manager; and Alison Riffer, Commission Clerk

OPENING AND WELCOME: The meeting was called to order by Chair Sbahh at 10:04AM.

MEETING MINUTES: Commissioner Gamboa moved to approve the April 23, 2024 meeting minutes. Commissioner Jasmin seconded the motion. There was no discussion.

There were no objections made and the motion was adopted.

CASE CLOSURES: The following matter was pulled from the agenda during the meeting:

- Grover, Emma v. United States Electric Corporation

Commissioner Gamboa moved to approve the case closures, as amended. Commissioner Trần seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

There were no objections made and the motion to approve case closures, as amended, was adopted.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTING:

- Director Armstrong briefed the Commissioners on the draft HRC Public Comment statement and the draft policy regarding statements of deferred interest and UVisas.
 - The Public Comment Statement will be added to agendas and will be read in Commission meetings in advance of public comment.
 - Director Armstrong is working with a stakeholder on the draft policy regarding statements of deferred interest and UVisas. If any Commissioners have any suggestions about the language as provided, please reach out to Director Armstrong or be prepared to discuss them at the June 27th meeting.
- Director Armstrong reported that she has been reinstated as a member of the Northwest Justice Project's Farmworker Unit.

COMMISSIONER REPORTING:

Commissioner Gamboa reported on his attendance at the memorial service for Ricardo García.

Commissioner Trần reported on appearances made at an Islamic faith community event and at the Beyond Ceasefire event sponsored by the Muslim Association of Puget Sound.

Commissioner Jasmin reported on his outreach tour and the upcoming staff visit.

Commissioner Dimas reported on engagement at an event hosted by OneAmerica and on upcoming community events.

AAG UPDATE: Assistant Attorney General Kernutt reported the position for the Agency's assigned AAG has been filled and that introductions will be made at the June 27th meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None made.

OTHER BUSINESS: Commissioner Jasmin moved to delegate authority to approve housing closures in the month of June to Director Armstrong. Commissioner Gamboa seconded the motion. There was no discussion.

There were no objections made and the motion was adopted.

2024 COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE:

June 27, 2024, at 10:00AM	Via Conference Call
July 25, 2024, at 10:00AM	Via Conference Call
September 26, 2024, at 10:00AM	Via Conference Call
October 24, 2024, at 10:00AM	Via Conference Call
November TBD	Via Conference Call
December TBD	Via Conference Call

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:17AM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Alison Riffer
Commission Clerk