

**Minutes**  
**Seattle Women's Commission**  
**Monday, May 17, 2021, 5:30 –7:30 p.m.**

**Commissioners Present:** Darya Farivar, Jamilah Williams, Abriel Johnny, Rebecca Bryant, Min Pease, Sophia Lee, Diya Kyanna, Jennifer Gordon, Whitney Nakamura, Chelise Jacobson

**Commissioner Absent:** Tana Yasu, Rhonda Carter and Marcia Wright-Soika

**Commissioners on leave:** Zoe True

**Commission Candidates:** Kyla Evans, Jema Turk, Rachel Morowitz, and Morgan Cain

**Commission Candidates absent** Ophelia Parker and Vinati Mamidala

Time	Topic	Lead
5:30	<p><u>Welcome:</u>  Darya calls meeting to order.  Introductions:  Commissioners and guests do introductions.</p> <p><u>Minutes for February:</u></p> <p>February motion to approve minutes – with adding the attendance record. Those in attendance were Darya, Rebecca, Diya, Tana, Chelise, Jamilah, Abriel and Whitney. February minutes are officially approved with adding Commissioners' names that were in attendance as well as a motion to remove Google Docs links from the February, March and April minutes, approved.</p> <p><u>Minutes for March:</u></p> <p>March motion to approve minutes, seconded and April minutes approved with one person abstaining because they were absent.  Also, a motion was made to remove google docs links from February, March, and April minutes approved. One person abstains from March minutes because she was not in attendance.</p>	D. Farivar

	<p><u>Minutes for April:</u></p> <p>April motion to approve minutes, seconded and April minutes approved with adding Jamilah and Tana as being present. Also, a motion was made to remove google docs links from February, March, and April minutes motion made and approved.</p>	
5:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidates' forum</li> </ul> <p>A candidate's forum was discussed at the last 5-Commission meeting in February. It is discussed here to see if there is interest in collaborating and doing a candidate's forum ahead of the August Primary. SLGBTQ Commission will take the lead on this. The positions are for Mayor City Council and City Attorney. The thought is that each commission come up with 2-3 questions, and help in organizing and planning of this event, and asking for volunteers.</p> <p>During Covid-19 there has not been any collaboration. The last time was the City Council candidates back in 2018. Ideally have the event at City Hall in the Bertha Knight Landis room and have Seattle Channel videotape it. Darya, Jema volunteer to help with the planning of the candidate's forum.</p>	R. Bryant
6:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5-Commission meeting report – May 12, 2021</li> <li>• Candidates forum was discussed around 18-19 people running for Mayor now.</li> <li>• One of the Human Rights Commission co-chairs discussed other ways to collaborate. An action item proposed was to do something like the Seattle Women's Commission Eviction's Report that helped craft policy. An idea is "The State of Seattle coming out of Covid-19"</li> </ul>	R. Bryant S. Lee

	<p>and share the data. People pay attention when the Commissions work together. It is noted that a lot of work and time went into that evictions report. There was financial assistance from a City Councilmember to obtain funding for that project and a researcher from the UW did a lot of the research.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disability Commission wants to do an event “Know Your Rights” around the end of June is when the evictions moratorium will end, and people need to know their rights. Anquida is leading this from the Disability Commission and both Whitney and Kyla are interested in helping. A community group is organizing, and we would support. The idea is to get local officials involved, organizations and local officials involved with this and getting organizations involved. The plan is to have a Zoom event. Others felt that with some people not computer savvy also recommended some in-person meetings on evictions and have media coverage. Chelise will also participate on this committee.</li> <li>• Jamilah discussed the meet and greet of the City Councilmembers in 2018 and met all the new incoming city councilmembers and asked them questions. We also may want to have a meet and greet after the elections for the mayor, city council, and city attorney.</li> </ul>	
7:10	Commissioners decide not to do any report out but that the new Commission candidates learn more about the work of each of the committees and choose one to work on.	
7:15	Communications committee shares their work.	

- Government and Community Relations Rebecca shares their work. Committee members are Rebecca, Jennifer, Marcia, and Sophia.
- Work in Olympia (bills to sign on to). No engagement with the state legislature
- Community groups to be engaged with that we relate to and have an outreach plan.
- Check on what candidate's support.

- Policy

- Narrow in on Covid-19 has impacted women and the 2022 city budget.
- Putting together a research plan and what similar cities are doing and work with other groups and what they may be interested in. Zoe, Tana, Abriel, Chelise and Rhonda are the committee members.

- Communications Committee

Jennifer moves to join Government and Community Relations and Policy. They will work out a strategy.

Community Engagement Committee – Whitney shares their work – topics events and reoccurring events focus areas and share what they are doing. Jamilah also shares information on social media and encourages others to send their stuff to share on social media. Committee members are Darya, Min, Jamilah and Whitney.

The New Commission Candidates choose their committees below:

Jema – Policy and Research analysis  
 Rachael – Government and Community Relations

Kyla – Government and Community Relations  
Morgan – Policy group  
Two more commission candidates to reach out to and Darya will do that.

SOCR Report: M. Idowu

SOCR Report Marta shares that HSD would like to collaborate with the Commission regarding a domestic violence event in October. Whitney shares that she is interested and Rebecca shares that while Tana is not present, she is sure that she would be interested in participating on this event. Marta will reach out to ask her.

Nona Raybern, shares about the important work she wants to take care of around the state of the website. Nona shares that she will be here till February of 2022. She wants to correct outdated and incorrect information. A lot of Commission information is missing, and we do not have your bio's and pictures up.

We are working on getting the Commission on their own SharePoint drives and give you the tools to do your work. Nona is an excellent copywriter and can help the commission with, media advisories, write, and do more blog writing and editing. She encourages the commission to utilize her as a resource and wants to be here for the Commission.

7:30

Adjourned