

Seattle Human Rights Commission

November 7, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Call to Order, 6:09 p.m.

Land Acknowledgement

Roll Call

- Present: T. Diamond, C. Diego, R. Lockerbie, B. Quander, Ali Khan, M. Koss, N. Leydon, K. Sawyckyj, R. Joshi, Anika Khan, R. Olden, E. Alozie, C. Stevenson
- Absent:
- City Staff Present: M. Idowu
- Guests: Nancy Lu, Claire Gorman

Public Comment; none

Approval of Minutes

- October minutes approved

Committee Reports

I. Executive

- Note:** Commissioners in waiting are able to participate fully in the SHRC with exception that they cannot vote on official matters such as approval of meeting minutes. Commissioners can contribute to dialogue, attend events, and lead task forces.
- US 2024 Election:** Discussion about the outcomes of the 2024 election and how HRC should use voice to respond. N Leydon to draft letters of introduction and congratulations to newly elected officials in Washington state. Commissioner Ali Khan will review before December meeting.
- Commission:** C. Stevenson will be stepping down from the HRC because of other conflicting personal commitments. She will be missed and her contributions are celebrated by those who worked with her.

II. Events – Human Rights Day

- B Quander shared logistical updated. Requested volunteering from HRC members
- E. Alozie motioned and B Quander seconded the to approve budget for event. Motion passed unanimously.
- For swag, Commissioners agreed to purchase HRC sweatshirts. N Leydon will send list to Marta.

- III. **Criminal Justice Reform Taskforce – No Report**
- IV. **Housing & Unhoused Taskforce – No Report**
- V. **Human Trafficking Taskforce**
 - a. Taskforce plans to resume meetings (T. Diamond to confirm)

Unfinished Business

- I. **Bylaw Amendments**
 - a. N. Leydon motioned to approve, seconded by E. Alozie. Motion approved; 5 yea, 1 abstention
- II. **Officer Election Prep**
 - a. Q&A about positions, expectations, etc.
 - b. Alert that we will host elections at December 2024 meeting

New Business

- I. **2025 Retreat:** support for Jan 18 retreat date. Exec Committee to finalize details and circulate.
- II. **Commissioner Get-Together:** No updates

Announcements

- I. **Seattle Office for Civil Rights Updates**
 - a. Speaker/Notes
 - b. Dec 6th 4:30-6:30p Commissioner Recognition Meeting
 - c. Nov 13th 5:30-7:30p 5 Commission Chair meeting
 - d. Dec 11th potential commissioner approval after budget approval
 - e. Alert: please spend 2024 meeting this year to not lose it
 - f. Alert: If you'd like business cards, please reach out to Marta by Nov 15th

Adjournment 8:01 p.m.