



City of Seattle



LGBTQ Commission Special **Meeting Minutes**
Sunday, September 9, 2018 | 6:30-6:45 pm
Commission Call in Number 206-386-1200 (Conference ID: 233794)

Commissioners Present: Julia Ricciardi, Katrina Sanford , Jessi Murray , Chris Brown, Lauren Boling, Latosha Correll, Byram Simpson, Deepa Sivarajan

Commissioners Absent: Nikki Hurley, Ely Hernandez, Joseph Suttner, Lindsay Church, Manual Vengas, Kari Lerum

SOCR Staff Present: Zahyr Lauren

Welcome and Introductions

1. Discussed if introduction needed. Just did a welcome & asked if anyone from the public wanted to introduce themselves.

Public Comment

1. Sophia Lee, Board Chair of Gender Justice League joined call & made comment. Last few years have seen a steady attack, 266% from 2012 to 2016 against Trans people. Dani Askini has been at the forefront of Trans activism. Sophia personally witnessed Dani being run off the road. Dani has been here for the LGBTQ+ community of Seattle and believes it's time for the community to be there for Dani.
2. A member of the public, Melissa Hall sent in written comments requesting to please support Danni's petition for asylum. While Washington state tries hard to support LGBTQ folx, we have also played a current role in her problems. WA Dept. of Health requires disclosure of all previous names to get a license as a social worker, this application was released as results of a public records request during the bathroom bill debate which allowed the tracking of her dead name to sealed records in another state. I can't say for certain that WA state created the legal records Dani is now fighting against, be we sure didn't help. I hope we can support this application for asylum because she needs to geel safe and we can't say this is a safe place.

Approve Special Meeting Agenda

1. Motion to approve agenda. Motion Passes (motion passes, 8 in favor).

Vote regarding Danni Askini's application for asylum.

1. Jessi talked about Danni's situation and UN Declaration of Rights. There have been alt-right assaults against Danni, her car was run off the road by two individuals and threats have been made to her family which lead her to a Domestic Violence Shelter than to Sweden. Danni ran into a passport issue. With help of government, she was able to get a 2 year trip one. The government now thinks Danni committed fraud. If Dani returns to the US before she is resealed, she may be placed in detention. In order to stay in Sweden, she needs to apply for asylum. Most countries don't believe people in the US need asylum.
2. 2. Jessi will send an update where the city is with Danni's case.
3. Motion to sign onto Danni's letter for support of her asylum. Motion passes 100% (8 in favor)

(End 6:55 pm)