

**AGENDA**  
**Seattle Women's Commission**  
*Monday, March 20th, 2023, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.*

Website: <https://www.seattle.gov/womenscommission>

**Facilitators:** T. Yasu

**Note taker:** Meredith Stone

**Timekeeper:**

**Commissioner Attendance:** Vinati Mamidala, Tana Yasu (co-chair), Kyla Evans, Jema Turk, Krystal Guerrero, Abriel Johnny, Rebecca Bryant, Marcia Wright-Soika, Theresa Faltese-Gibbons, Whitney Nakamura

Absent:

**OCR Staff:** Meredith Stone (Commissions Manager) & Tracy Myers (Capacity Development Advisor)

**Guests:** Jason Austin from the Seattle Human Services Coalition, Ms. Mary Dell Williams

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1LeLk0\\_715dE4IO56C7ngyng-gU7CUM5Rq3fWpx7xNZE/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1LeLk0_715dE4IO56C7ngyng-gU7CUM5Rq3fWpx7xNZE/edit?usp=sharing)

Time	Topic	Lead
5:30	<p>Welcome to SWC Monthly Meeting</p> <p>Land/ Labor Acknowledgment:</p> <p>We are currently occupying the unceded lands of many First Peoples; Coast Salish people, Muckleshoot, Suquamish, Stillaguamish, and Duwamish. We acknowledge and thank local First Nations for their centuries of land stewardship that long predates the arrival of European settlers. We remind you to be aware of the spaces you occupy locally, that these lands were stolen from First People in the name of white settler colonialism and that you seek ways to continue your education and give back to local Indigenous communities.</p> <p>Duwamish Tribe's website</p> <p>***</p> <p>"We must acknowledge that much of what we know of this country today, including its culture, economic growth, and development throughout history and across time, has been made possible by the labor of enslaved Africans and their ascendants who suffered the horror of the transatlantic trafficking of their people, chattel slavery, and Jim Crow. We are indebted to their labor and their sacrifice, and we must acknowledge the tremors of that violence throughout the generations and the resulting impact that can still be felt and witnessed today."</p>	T. Yasu

	<p>Dr. Terah "TJ" Stewart          Introductions/ Roll Call</p> <p>Approve minutes for Feb meeting  <b>MOTION: Co-chair Yasu moves to approve February minutes, seconded by Commissioner Evans, all in favor (Commissioner Wright-Soika abstains) – vote passes.</b></p> <p>Approve Agenda for Mar meeting  <b>MOTION: Co-chair Yasu motions to approve March agenda, seconded by Commissioner Turk, all in favor – vote passes.</b></p>	
5:40	Public Comment	-
5:45	<p>Seattle Human Services Coalition          - Jason Austin (they/them). Shared findings from UW report, paid for by COS Human Services Dept regarding wages for human service workers.  <a href="https://socialwork.uw.edu/wageequitystudy">https://socialwork.uw.edu/wageequitystudy</a>  <a href="mailto:jaustin@shscoalition.org">jaustin@shscoalition.org</a></p> <p><i>Commissioner Evans is working with Jason on a blog post.</i></p> <p><i>Commissioner Bryant is hoping for information on what the SWC can do to support.</i></p> <p><i>- Jason, presented this info to City Council Human Services &amp; Public Safety Committee last week. Herbold will be proposing non-binding resolution to implement recommendations in report. Also looking into public funders and philanthropic/private funding – they are looking for more funding connections.</i></p> <p><i>(Reminder from CAO that when it comes to bills, it's ok for the Commission to issue statements of support as long as it stops short of a "call to action," like encouraging the public to support</i></p>	W. Nakamura

	<p><i>the measure--this is to avoid accusations of grassroots lobbying. The Commission can also coordinate with OIR to add their input to the City's legislative agenda over the summer. On the other hand, the Commission should NOT take a position on an initiative or referendum, as doing so would run afoul of SMC 2.04.300 and RCW 42.17A.555. Of course commissioners are able to support measures in their personal capacity, just not as a "Commission" or "Commissioner" position.)</i></p>	
<p>6:10 <i>Actual:</i> 6:22pm</p>	<p>Subcommittee Report-out</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subcommittee Updates on SWC Initiatives</li> </ul> <p><i>Commissioner Bryant: The Housing Subcommittee continues to vocalize support in Olympia for the bills the SWC voted to approve in the February Meeting; HB 1110, HB 1124, HB 1474.</i></p> <p><i>Bill Tracker:</i>  <a href="https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11YZBa8CkHJh7EnbEcETNfXaU0tp5J9GU/edit#gid=458718366">https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11YZBa8CkHJh7EnbEcETNfXaU0tp5J9GU/edit#gid=458718366</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Affordable Childcare – workplan</li> </ul> <p><i>Commissioner Nakamura: encourage other people to join this committee.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MMIW - chair, workplan</li> </ul> <p><i>Commissioner Yasu: Haven't chosen chair yet, communicating over email. Commissioner Mamidala: updated that Commissioner Johnny is joining this sub-committee. Will start discussing workplan next.</i></p> <p><i>Denim Day proclamation: Commissioner Yasu asked to add MMIW language to help raise awareness. Wants to see if commission will approve up to \$500 to be spent on April event.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Executive Committee</li> </ul> <p><i>Commissioner Yasu: haven't met with committee chairs yet.</i></p>	<p>Subcommittee Chairs</p>

	<p><b>MOTION: Commissioner Yasu moves to designate up to \$500 for April event to pay for refreshments &amp; pay for speaker. Commissioner Johnny seconds. All in favor (Commissioner Nakamura abstains). Vote passes.</b></p> <p><i>Goal for event: awareness for sexual assault, MMIW, organizations that support this work, honor/uplift</i></p> <p><i>M. Stone: Reminder that sub-committees can invite the public to join the sub-committees.</i></p>	
<p>6:50</p>	<p>SOCR Director Nomination</p> <p>- Co-chair Yasu reminds everyone to look at the email she sent regarding this manner. Please respond to Dan Nolte's email asking for feedback on director appointment.</p> <p><i>Discussion on opposition of the director's appointment.</i></p> <p><i>Commissioner Mamidala requests that future emails that represent the entire commission get run by all commissioners before anything gets sent out.</i></p> <p><i>Commissioner Evans understands that the Mayor's Office is under the impression that the objection of the director's appointment came from the entire commission. Asks that Co-chair Yasu write an email specifically to the Mayor's Office stating that the most recent email opposing the director's appointment was written on her own and not on the behalf of the entire commission.</i></p> <p><i>Draft Statement: The Women's Commission does not have an official position on the appointment of the Director of SOCR, however, we request open dialog to address some of the challenges we are having across the commissions, including within our own</i></p>	<p>T. Yasu</p>

	<p><i>leadership, before an endorsement or otherwise can be made.</i></p> <p><b>MOTION: Commissioner Bryant motions to send the above statement to the Mayor’s Office, Commissioner Wright-Soika seconds, all in favor (Co-Chair Yasu votes nay, Theresa Faltese-Gibbons abstains). Vote passes.</b></p> <p><i>ACTION: M. Stone will send the email to the Mayor’s Office and will cc the listserv.</i></p>	
7:15	New Capacity Development Advisor Intro	T. Myers
7:20	<p>Seattle Office of Civil Rights Updates/ Report  - <i>Reminder of the RSJI Summit Community Day. Register here:</i>  <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-rsji-summit-community-day-livestream-tickets-554796209397">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-rsji-summit-community-day-livestream-tickets-554796209397</a>  - <i>Reminder to review the email to the listserv regarding the recommendation report made by King County’s Women’s Advisory Board. SOCR policy has been working with a consultant on this topic and is happy to report out at a future SWC meeting. Please let Meredith know.</i></p>	M. Stone
7:30	<p><i>Co-chair Yasu states meeting went late and therefore the commission’s vote on the statement is null &amp; void. Commissioner Johnny states that no one voted to adjourn the meeting, so the votes stays.</i></p> <p><b>MOTION: Commission Bryant moves to adjourn meeting. Commissioner Wright-Soika seconds.</b></p>	
7:59pm	Adjourned	