

Seattle Women's Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 17, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

Meeting Location:

The meeting will be hosted in person and online.

- To attend in person, visit Seattle City Hall on 600 4th Avenue, Seattle WA 98104 in Room L280. For disability parking access and other accessibility information, visit [City Hall Visitor Information page](#).
- To attend online, [join on Webex](#).
- Join by meeting number:
 - o Meeting number (access code): 2499 903 2907
 - o Meeting password: qHxH9Auu8A2
- Join by phone:
 - o 206-207-1700 United States Toll (Seattle)
 - o 408-418-9388 United States Toll

Commissioners:

- Co-chairs: E. Barr, A. DeFisher
- Members:

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Agenda

Call to Order

Land and Labor Acknowledgment

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.

Duwamish Tribe's website

"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 descendants 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."

Dr. Terah "TJ" Stewart)

Call to Order (E. Barr)

Meeting start time: 5:30 p.m.

- Present: A. DeFisher, E. Rose Barr, J. Tran, E. Han, K. Faoro Wright, S. Hitchcock, N. Goforth, N. Tola, N. Ghazanfari, S. Brown, T. Mills, T. Ogunnoiki, T. Owens
- Guests: Jaclyn Tsiang, Marta Idowu, Meredith Stone, Mike Chin, Lenée Son
- Absent: A. Gururaj, G. Martin, L. Perez

Previous Meeting Minutes Approval

Motion to approve July meeting minutes by A. DeFisher, seconded by E. Han (11 ayes)

Current Meeting Agenda Approval

Motion to approve July meeting minutes by A. DeFisher, seconded by E. Barr (12 ayes)

Public Comment

Items of Business

SWC Picnic

8/23 from 2 pm to 6 pm - SWC Celebratory Picnic

- Location will be at Greenlake Park

Guest Speaker

- Lenée Son, SOCR Communications

Subcommittee Updates

- Communications
 - Instagram password has been updated.
 - If any communications liaisons want access, please reach out to E. Barr
- Gender-based Violence
 - DVAM Art Show planning has begun for October
 - Proposing amendments to city policies and procedures around victim privacy and redaction standards, which includes a secondary amendment to council rules and procedures during the 2027 season
- Government Relations
 - Approved Government Relations Strategy that A. DeFisher put together
 - Working on Government Relations Info Sheet
 - Reminder for members to reply to request to reschedule September Labor Day meeting
- Housing Stability
 - Planning for Renters' Resource Fair in November
 - Seeking budget recommendations for affordable housing and planning to attend budget meetings
 - Provider Survey report completed
 - Will be working with SOCR to review SWC's recommendation to amend the Fair Chance housing law for victims of financial abuse
 - SWC be speaking with landlords about the topic, as well
- Women's Health & Wellness
 - Partnering with WestSide Baby for supplies drive in October
 - Brainstormed on creating a successful mobile mammogram or similar event in the future
 - Will be working on safe social media practices for the start of the school year

Budget vote

- Summer picnic

- Motion to approve \$150 for the catering budget; Motion made by E. Barr, seconded by A. DeFisher (11 ayes)
- Swag: will vote on the budget at the September 2026 meeting

Co-chair Updates

- Finalize subcommittee selection
 - E. Han transitioned to government relations
 - N. Ghazanfari transitioned from comms to GBV
 - For any subcommittee changes, please advise co-chairs by the end of August
- SWC now has an awareness month calendar (Created by T. Owens)
- Review of attendance policy

Seattle Office for Civil Rights Updates

- M. Stone will reach out to co-chairs on the one-pager impact report and advise them to prepare it for the Annual Report
- Do Not Solicit ordinance passed and will be signed by Mayor Wilson
- \$300,000 in funds allocated to local LGBTQ+ organizations
- Expanded definition of family structures, which will include consensual relationships with multiple partners
- E. Barr and W. Nakamura will speak on a panel at the RSJ Summit on 8/19

Schedule of Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 8/19 RSJ Summit
- 8/21 Community Resource Day
- 8/23 Celebratory picnic
- 9/11 Washington Women's Foundation Convening

Adjourned (7:34pm)