

MEETING MINUTES
Seattle Women's Commission
Tuesday, February 20th 2024, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

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

Link to join virtually:

<https://seattle.webex.com/seattle/j.php?MTID=ma9a7a90b955da855db3cf1a017ed42b2>

Facilitators: K. Guerrero, S. Liu

Note taker & Land/Labor Acknowledgment: W. Nakamura

Attendance: S. Liu, K. Guerrero, R. Bryant, K. Evans, W. Nakamura, V. La Mont, E. Barr, J. Tran, M. Rivera, M. Idowu

Guests: Tana Yasu (former Commissioner, Seattle Women's Commission), Judith Panlasigui (Interim Manager with the Mayor's Office on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault/Human Services Department)

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1LeLk0_7I5dE4IO56C7ngyng-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. (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 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)</p>	

	<p>Introductions/Roll Call: Share a personal item near and dear to your heart. Thank you to those who were able to attend in-person, and thank you to everyone who shared about themselves.</p> <p>New commissioners introduced: Emily, Jennifer and Mariah. The new members are not yet able to vote on Commission business, and therefore not included in this meeting's actions regarding approval of the January meeting minutes or February meeting agenda.</p> <p>K. Guerrero makes a motion to approve January's meeting minutes, seconded by K. Evans. 6 ayes; approved.</p> <p>K. Guerrero makes a motion to approve February's meeting agenda, seconded by R. Bryant. 6 ayes; approved.</p>	
5:50	Public Comment (none)	-
5:55	<p>Co-chair updates:</p> <p>March 8th is International Women's Day. The City has invited us to their City Employee's Event (9:00am-4:30pm), more information will be shared later.</p> <p>Coffee chats for new members, please sign up.</p> <p>The Women's Bureau has grants for women in certain roles and industries. They have three focus areas, including equal pay and gender based violence; there is overlap with our work and priorities. They are interested in our SWC community survey, which we will be sharing with them.</p>	S. Liu
6:20	Break	-
6:30	<p>Subcommittee Updates and Work plan review:</p> <p>Brief review of the history, scope, time commitment and meeting schedules for the new members.</p> <p>Reproductive Health: K. Evans, R. Byant, S. Liu Gender-Based Violence: M. Wright-Soika, A. Johnny, V. Mamidala, V. La Mont</p>	-

	<p>Communications: K. Guerrero, K. Evans, W. Nakamura</p> <p>New commissioners are assigned to a subcommittee based on their interests and preferences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Mariah needs time to determine what focus area, in the meantime, she will join the Communications Subcommittee -Jennifer will join the Reproductive Health Subcommittee -Emily will join Reproductive Health Subcommittee and Gender-Based Violence Subcommittee <p>Women's History Month is coming up! If you have relevant content to share on SWC social media, please add it to the communications spreadsheet or email Kyla. Kyla shared an update on current and upcoming blog posts.</p> <p>The Jeanette Williams award was mentioned and added to the list for March's meeting agenda.</p> <p>Rebecca shared an article related to a possible March meeting topic/presentation.</p> <p>There will be a SOCR event in the spring for Commissioners to meet new City Council members.</p>	
7:20	Seattle Office of Civil Rights Updates/Report	M. Idowu
7:30	Adjourned	