



# City of Seattle

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## Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 17, 2019 | 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Seattle City Hall, Boards & Commissions Conference Room L-280

600 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Seattle Washington

**Commissioners Present:** Alejandro Castillo, Byram Simpson, Chris Brown, Jessi Murray, Julia Ricciardi, Katrina Sanford, Manuel Venegas, Lindsay Church, Deepa Sivarajan, Latosha Correll, Sabel Roizen, Kari Lerum, Michael Garrett, and Ely Hernandez

**Commissioners Absent:** Joseph Suttner, Lauren Boling, and Esther Lucero

**SOCR Staff:** Erika Pablo

**Meeting Minutes recorded by:** Deepa Sivarajan

**Guests:** Isyss Honnen (Alphabet Alliance of Color), Leo Segovia, Luzviminda Uzuri “Lulu” Carpenter (Alphabet Alliance of Color)

### Welcome and Introductions

#### Public Open Comment

1. None

#### Approve December Minutes and January Agenda

1. Motion to approve December minutes with below edits. **Motion passes (100%)**
  - a. Edits to misspelled names
2. Motion to approve January agenda with below edits. **Motion passes (100%)**
  - a. Addition of presentation by Alphabet Alliance of Color by Luzviminda Uzuri “Lulu” Carpenter and Isyss Honnen

#### Alphabet Alliance of Color Report

1. Announcement: Free event on May 10 – “Legendary Children”, POC, mostly trans, focused on Two Spirit people in curated space
2. Announcement: Two films supported by TRANSform premiering at Translations this year
3. Announcement: If you know of trans women of color, femmes of color, 2S folks in need – Trans Women of Color Solidarity Network provides up to \$250/month for people in need
4. Introductions
  - a. Lulu Carpenter is former LGBTQ Commissioner and Co-Chair and founder of Alphabet Alliance of Color
  - b. Isyss Honnen is Project Director of TRANSform WA (education group on trans rights, especially incarcerated trans people) and Board Co-Chair of UTOPIA (focused on sex workers and indigenous people)
5. Alphabet Alliance of Color – created out of lack of brown and black people represented in stakeholders

6. Alliance includes partnerships with people of color-ed member organizations API Chaya, QTPAX, Queer the Land, LuluNation & Mr. B, Somos Seattle, TRANSform Washington, UTOPIA, and UW QPOC Alliance; and ally member organization Gender Justice League
7. Received Communities of Opportunity Grant from Seattle Foundation and King County in 2018, led to increased capacity building and started monthly meetings on fourth Monday of the month, led by core team
8. Decolonizing story gathering: started in 2018 with story gathering around healing; through year each organization was tasked with collecting stories from their communities
  - a. UTOPIA collected stories from sex workers around safety, especially after website shutdowns from SESTA/FOSTA
  - b. Story gathering always coupled with opportunities for healing resources, including raiki, massage, black and brown vendors
9. Policy aims for 2020 after story-gathering/analysis phase – looking ahead to working around how faith communities are used to promote anti-trans bills, promote Black Trans Prayer Book
10. Asks of LGBTQ Commission:
  - a. Send a representative from POCSC to regular meetings – next meeting is January 29, 2019 at Seattle Girls School
  - b. Help us build policy
  - c. Promote on social media
  - d. Partnership
    - i. With Office of Civil Rights

### **SOCR Report**

1. Communications Manager resigned in December – handled media inquiry, letters, posting agendas etc – having some technical difficulties until we get someone new
2. Organizing a training for commissions on public disclosure requests (PDRs)
3. OCR is on Racial Equity Toolkit for whole office – deadline is end of February. Might come to Commission meeting to interview people, or might have some open dates etc
  - a. When finished in May, have an ability to say what the leadership looks like, if any changes to leadership structure at SOCR
4. Mayor's Office trying to move forward with confirming Mariko Lockhart as Director of SOCR because RET process got pushed out
5. Council has requested we present our workplan – proposed date is Tuesday, March 26
  - a. March 21 is the last day we can vote as a Commission on the workplan
  - b. Need to send documents to Council before that?
6. Add to February agenda to talk about

### **Work Planning**

1. Suggested committees:
  - a. Commission Operations
  - b. Communications, Social Media & Community Engagement
  - c. POC Stakeholders Committee
  - d. Equity Committee
2. Committees to meet before February meeting

### **Announcements, Reminders, & Roll Call for Next Meeting**

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