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Seattle Human Rights Commission

Thursday, September 5, 2024, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Join virtually via [Zoom](#) or at Seattle City Hall, Room L280

600 4th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104

1. Call To Order (6:06 p.m.)

Commissioner Elozie called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. no quorum; at 6:24p quorum was achieved and fully called to order.

2. Land Acknowledgement

3. Roll Call

Confirmed Commissioners		Commissioners-in-Waiting
E. Alozie T. Diamond PhD. B. Quander	A. Khan M. Koss N. Leydon K. Sawyckyj C. Stevenson	Rachelle Olden Anika Khan

City Staff Present: Civil Rights Advisory Commission Liaison M. Idowu,

4. Public Comment

Introduction – Emi Koyama: human trafficking regarding implications of proposed bill [CB 120836](#) about gun violence and effects on communities of color and trans populations.

Introduction – Goutham Putta: recent to Seattle; previously worked in MN human rights commission

Introduction – Miranda Catsamba: currently interviewing for the Commission;

Introduction – Sebastian Wilson: City of Seattle

Introduction – Rosie Midget: law student listening in

5. Approval of Minutes 6:15p

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a. August 1, 2024 meeting minutes

Dr. Diamond motion to approve minutes.. Seconded by B Quander. All approved at 6:24

6. Committee Reports

a. Executive 6:43

- Meeting w Councilmember Moore scheduled Sept 9
- Commissioners Lockerbie and Diego no longer on HRC
- By-Laws to be discussed in unfinished business
- Appeals: we will address in unfinished business
- Workplan: need to revisit work plan to align w interests, passions and bandwidth

b. Events - Human Rights Day 6:45

- B Quander update: collecting catering requests; developing flyer; preparing the send invitations
- Dec 14 11a-3p at Vera Project

c. Criminal Justice Reform Taskforce 6:46

- Met w SPD African American Advisory Council; they are seeking a chair for the Council
- Goal is to build trust and healing between SPD and African American community
- Behavioral Health Crisis committee opportunity to influence policy; no change or follow up
- At DNC in Chicago met w some of WA delegation; discussed developmental disability concepts for bills

d. Housing & Unhoused Taskforce

- Taskforce has not met. Seeking co-chair of Taskforce

e. Human Trafficking Taskforce

- Taskforce has not met.
- Discuss LGBTQ Commission letter
- Vote to sign on to letter: 1 abstain; 0 nay; 5 approve
- Dr. Diamond interested in HRC letter; task force (Diamond, Koss) will draft our own letter

7. Unfinished Business 7:15p

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">- ByLaws<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Discussion regarding accessibility of materials; need further time- Elozie suggested a special meeting to vote on bylaws- Quander motion to propose special meeting week of Sept 23 to only discuss By Law approvals (date/time tbd) w ADA accommodations met. Leydon second the motion.<ul style="list-style-type: none">- approve 5; oppose 0; abstain 1- 2024-2026 Workplan<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Leydon reviewed draft workplan- Discussion about expectations and Taskforces- Motion to extend meeting by Elozie. No vote taken.<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Leydon encouraged others to read the By Laws and reflect on the expectations for commissioners. Seconded by Quander and Elozie.
8. New Business
<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Agenda Item 6:25p<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Angie Muthee from International Rescue Committee● Focus presentation on Anti-Trafficking Program● Washington Anti-Trafficking Response Network (labor and sex trafficking) which includes IRC, REST (Real Escape from Sex Trade); API Chaya;; Kids in Need of Defense● Suggested that HRC could engage in the WASH ACT work
9. Announcements 7:59
<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Seattle Office of Civil Rights Updates<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Marta: 6 commissioners in waiting awaiting confirmation;● Note: City Council is going through budget now and do not recess until Thanksgiving● 2 additional applications under review● Sept 8 at Seattle Center sharing table with Enforcement; Quander not able to take the position she signed up for ((11a-7p)● Sept 9 10-10:45a w Councilmember Moore● Next meeting Oct 3 6-8p
10. Adjournment 8:06 <p>Hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 8:0[TIME] p.m.</p>



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