

# MINUTES

## Seattle Human Rights Commission

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

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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.	A. Khan M. Koss N. Leydon K.	Rachelle Olden Anika Khan



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**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

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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**

a. August 1, 2024 meeting minutes

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

### **6. Committee Reports**



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#### **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**



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#### **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.



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- 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**

#### **- ByLaws**

- 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.
  - approve 5; oppose 0; abstain 1



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- 2024-2026 Workplan
  - Leydon reviewed draft workplan
  - Discussion about expectations and Taskforces
  
- Motion to extend meeting by Elozie. No vote taken.
  - Leydon encouraged others to read the By Laws and reflect on the expectations for commissioners. Seconded by Quander and Elozie.

## **8. New Business**

### **a. Agenda Item 6:25p**

- Angie Muthee from International Rescue Committee
- Focus presentation on Anti–Trafficking Program
- Washington Anti-Trafficking Response



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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

### a. Seattle Office of Civil Rights Updates

- 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-





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7p)

- Sept 9 10-10:45a w Councilmember Moore
- Next meeting Oct 3 6-8p

### **10. Adjournment 8:06**

Hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 8:0[TIME] p.m.