

Seattle Women's Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 16, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

Hosted in person at Seattle City Hall and online via Zoom.

Call to Order

- Meeting start time: 5:30 p.m.
- Present: E. Rose Barr, K. Wright, T. Mills, N. Goforth, L. Perez, W. Nakamura, J. Tran, A. DeFisher, H. Glover, E. Han, S. Hitchcock, K. Guerrero, T. Owens, S. Styles
- Guests: M. Stone, M. Idowu, E. Pablo; Jade Lenore Le Duff, Ariyah Jané Albert, and Mataoe Nevils, Lavender Rights Project (LRP)
- Absent: S. Brown, N. Evanoff, N. Tola, S. Miles
- Late arrival:

Land & Labor Acknowledgement

By N. Goforth

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," from the 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 ascendants 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," by Dr. Terah "TJ" Stewart.

Previous Meeting Minutes Approval

February 2026 – Pass

Current Meeting Agenda Approval

March 2026 – Pass

Public Comment

Items of Business - 6:09pm

Guest Speakers - Lavender Rights Project

Subcommittee Updates

- Gender Based Violence
 - Working on a casual event for Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April at Stoup Brewing. 2nd Thursday in April - Cap Hill Art Walk
- Housing Stability
 - Finalized workplan last week
 - Housing Development Consortium Affordable Housing event - April
 - Affordable Housing Week in May
- Women's Health and Wellness
 - Finalized workplan today
 - Cancelling mobile mammogram event
- Communications
 - Potential restructuring/revisioning of Comms
 - Almost 10k views on Instagram, over 300 interactions and 25 new followers

New Subcommittee Votes

- Affordable Childcare - Does not pass
- Community and Government Relations - Pass

FSWC Update

- Ethics Guidelines
- Funding Request Process and Financial Procedures

Co-Chair Updates - will be sent by email

- KCPAO Response

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- Jeannette Williams Award
- Weekly Progress Report for SOCR
- Mobile mammogram reception budget vote
- Support Section 4 Housing (J. Tran)
 - US HUD program
 - Ask: Commission to sign a letter to keep Section 4 funding
 - Prepare for an April vote

Seattle Office for Civil Rights Updates

Updates will be sent by email.

Schedule of Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 3/25 City Council Workplan Presentation (Co-chairs)
- 3/26 Advocacy 101 for Commissioners 5:30pm - 6:30pm
- 3/31 HDC 18th Annual Celebration of Affordable Housing 11:00am - 1:00pm
- 4/20 SWC Monthly Meeting 5:30pm - 7:30pm
- 4/29 SOCR Spring Roundtable 5:30pm - 8:00pm

Adjourned - 7:30pm