

March 17, 2022 - 4pm-6pm

Seattle Disability Commission Minutes

Commissioners present: April Snow, Kristina (Tina) Sawyckyj, Kaitlin Skilton, Taylor Woods, Khazm Kogita

Commissioners not present: Jessica Williams-Hall, Dawn Dailey, Christine Lew

Commissioners pending appointment: Taylor Ladd – Get Engaged Commissioner

Leave of absence Heyiwot Amare

Topic

- Call to Order April
- Personal Privilege of the Co-Chair Anquida
- Roll Call / Commissioner Introductions
/Announcements April
- Welcome OCR staff
April

- Interaction Agreements
- Universal Design

Facilitator
April

Accomplishments from 2021

Anquida presented the Commission's accomplishments from 2020-2021. Please see emailed document.

Co-Chair Update and Co-Chair Election

Anquida has resigned as Co-chair. There is need to nominate and vote on a new Co-chair. The Commission decided to nominate and vote now.

Tina and Taylor W. nominate Kaitlin and Kaitlin accepts the nomination.

- Nominating Kaitlin as Co-Chair
 - April motioned, Taylor W. seconded
 - Yes 4; No 0; Abstained 1.

Office Civil Rights Update

Recruitment: The Commission has completed two recruitment interviews so far. OCR is connecting with commissions to ramp up recruitment and enhance recruitment materials. OCR will be reviewing a few additional applicants.

Budget: Reminder the commission has \$2000 budget for the year, no expenses have been incurred thus far.

2022 Workplace to City Council: OCR has requested a meeting date with the City Council to share the current work plans, possibly in late April. Who will be the designated person to represent the commission and share workplan?

✓ April will represent with Kaitlin as support.

TEAMS: Next week Commissioners will receive a notice to join Microsoft teams that will include a guide. Commissioners are invited to play around with it and reach out to Kyana Wheeler if assistance is needed.

Approval of Minutes

- February 2022 Minutes
 - Khazm moved, Taylor W. seconded
 - Yes 5; No 0; Abstained 0.

Celebrating Continued Awareness March In honor of International Womens Day – Guest

Kaitlin Skilton shared about her experience of learning to self advocate and becoming Ms. Wheelchair Washington.

Jubilee Planning October 20, 2022 4 pm – 6 pm

A priority of this year's Jubilee is to lessen the load on the Commission as much as possible. Most of the work of planning Jubilee will happen during Commission meetings.

- Get all online logins from Khazm.

- April reached out to Disability WA about the date the commission has chosen in the hopes of not having overlapping events.
- Need for a virtual event provider: priority should be based on who can provide what will be needed based on the goals for the event.

Possible providers:

- 206 Zulu media department – Khazm has connection
- Center for Continuing Education in Rehabilitation at Northwest ADA Center, University of WA [Conference Coordination and Management | CCER](#)

Outcome goals of Jubilee:

- Celebrate awardees
 - One minute video profile on awardees
- Cocktail party
- Community, family, and friends of awardees, our network
- Networking and building relationships

Ideas for Jubilee:

- Fundraiser for a disability nonprofit
- Guest speakers

Discussion - how can Disability Commission partner with OCR new Director, Derrick Wheeler-Smith and what do we want him to know about our commission?

Derrick has been with OCR since February and is excited to meet all the Commissions.

<https://www.seattle.gov/civilrights/about/meet-the-director>

- What are two or three points or questions the Commission wants to cover with him next month?
- A place to start is how has OCR been able to support the Commission or lacked in support?

Expectations:

Collaboration

- How do we want to work together since it is new to have director involvement in the Commissions.
- Where do the Commissions and Derricks ideas overlap?

Getting to know you

- What sort of goals or ideas does Derrick have?
- Can he share about his work with Zero Youth Detention Roadmap?

Resources

- Does he have ideas about how the Commission can work more towards working with youth?

Resources about who Derrick is and his background will be shared by email with the Commission.

Closing Comments, Adjournment & What we'd like to celebrate for the next two months

Celebrations

April is Autism Awareness Month/Celebrate Diversity Month/Earth Day Month/Arab American Heritage Month.

- Celebrate diversity every DAY. Email Janet your ideas.

May is National Asian American Pacific Islander/Speech and Hearing Awareness Month.

- WA Mayor is first Asian American Mayor.

Announcements

- US Department of transportation is hosting a meeting about wheelchair accessibility and airplane transportation, March 24th. More information will be shared via email.
- Knights of Columbus is helping with access to medical equipment. More information will be shared via email.