



Meeting Minutes

Social Justice & Equity Commission

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Monday, February 27, 2023

6:00 PM

Attend Virtually: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86401971689>

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

1.A ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Co-Chair Genevieve Chan, Commissioner Parfait Bassalé, Commissioner Rachelle Martin, Commissioner Fauziya Mohamedali, Commissioner Wesley Nguyen, Commissioner Marianne Ozmun-Wells, Commissioner Omar Santana-Gomez and Commissioner Larry Watkinson

Absent: 1 - Co-Chair Sarah Lloyd

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.A [23-0207](#) Approval of January 23, 2023 Social Justice and Equity Commission Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT- NONE

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Program Manager Tobi Hill-Meyer gave the following announcements:

- Upcoming proclamations for City Council include Disability Awareness Month and Transgender Day of Visibility.
- City Council now meets at 6:00 p.m.
- Five applicants for the Commission are being interviewed on March 2.

Commissioner Ozmun-Wells announced two upcoming events:

- The People's Gathering hosted online by Pacific Lutheran University on March 30.

- AAPI Heritage Month Celebration at the Olympia Center on May 20.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

6.A [23-0197](#) Police Auditor's Report and Police Oversight Discussion

The Commission discussed how best to provide feedback to the Police Auditor before the 2022 report is finalized. A draft of the report will be shared with Commissioners on March 6. Commissioners are asked to review the document and respond with comments focusing on which areas they have curiosities or questions. A deadline will be shared to receive this feedback by, and a document with everyone's comments will be prepared to share at the next meeting.

Commissioner Watkinson moved, seconded by Co-Chair Chan, that the Commission not comment on the 2022 police auditors report for the 2023 presentation. Commissioner Watkinson withdrew the motion.

Commissioner Watkinson moved, seconded by Commissioner Nguyen, to approve a recommendation to hold a retreat to explore the police oversight and the Commission's role in that process. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Co-Chair Chan, Commissioner Bassalé, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Mohamedali, Commissioner Nguyen, Nunez, Commissioner Ozmun-Wells, Commissioner Santana-Gomez and Commissioner Watkinson

Absent: 1 - Co-Chair Lloyd

6.B [23-0198](#) Commission 2023-24 Work Plan

Commissioners discussed their work plan and added the following informational briefings they would like to receive: a briefing from Human Resources about the hiring equity processes they have in place or are working to set up; a briefing from the Department of Licensing about their new policies of allowing people to indicate they have a disability on their license and to provide free photo IDs to unhoused people; and a briefing from World Relief about refugees from Ukraine coming to Olympia.

Commissioner Bassale moved, seconded by Commissioner Ozmun-Wells, to recommend approval of the work plan with the discussed edits and forward it to the Community Livability and Public Safety Committee for review. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Co-Chair Chan, Commissioner Bassalé, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Mohamedali, Commissioner Nguyen, Nunez, Commissioner Ozmun-Wells, Commissioner Santana-Gomez and Commissioner Watkinson

Absent: 1 - Co-Chair Lloyd

7. REPORTS

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Program Manager Hill-Meyer provided the following reports:

- Truclusion had their first kickoff meeting for the Community Discrimination Assessment with consultants and staff implementation team.
- The Social Justice Equity Commission's March 27 meeting will include an informational briefing about the current Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.
- A kickoff meeting with consultants regarding police oversight takes place on March 13. The consultants expressed interest in attending the April Commission meeting.
- Commissioner Santana-Gomez's last Social Justice Equity Commission meeting is March 27 due to having moved outside of the Olympia area.
- The Department of Licensing now allows individuals to indicate a disability on their license and to provide free photo IDs to unhoused people.

8. OTHER TOPICS - NONE**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.