

# Spokane Human Rights Commission

July 24, 2018

## Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 5:36 p.m.

### Commission Briefing Session:

#### A. Public Comment

David Carlson, Disability Rights Washington, spoke regarding abolishing sub-minimum wage in Washington.

#### B. Roll Call and Approve the June 26 Minutes:

- a. Commission Members Present: Nicole Bishop, Lance Kissler, Ronald Toston, John Lemus, Aaron Riley.
- b. Commission Members Absent: Jennifer Thomas, Kate Burke
- c. Staff Members Present: Alex Reynolds
- d. Quorum: Yes

#### Approve the June 26, 2018 Minutes:

Request made to amend the minutes with the following spelling corrections: Kim *Pearman-Gillman* at YWCA, Sarah *Clements-Simpson*, Sabrina *Votava*, and Dr. David *Crump*. Also, remove “Dr.” from Commissioner Toston’s name. Minutes approved unanimously 6/0.

### Discussion Items

#### 1) Commissioner Changes for SHRC - Commissioner Bishop

- Commissioner Lee has resigned; Commissioner Bishop is acting chair in the interim until elections are held in January.
- The Mayor has selected two candidates for vacant positions but the third vacancy will be filled deliberately by considering the diversity of the commission, both professionally and demographically. Discussion ensued.
- There is a vacancy for Vice-Chair. Between now and next meeting Commissioner Bishop will be accepting nominations for this position as well as the Human Trafficking Sub-Committee.

### Subcommittee Updates

- **Education and Planning Sub-committee, Commissioner Kissler**  
In process of scheduling a meeting with the Spokane County Human Rights Task Force for the discussion around the awards program.
- **LGBT Update - Commissioner Kissler**  
Meeting will be scheduled in the next few weeks.
- **Suicide Means Prevention Task Force - Commissioner Lemus**  
Task force will publish recommendations in October or early November. Listening sessions will be scheduled at community centers and the downtown library.
- **Criminal Justice Committee - Commissioner Toston**

Annemarie Frohnhoefer, Racial Equity Sub-Committee, presented an overview on the SRLJC and an update on the MacArthur Foundation. Questions asked and answered.

*At this time, the Commission took a recess beginning at 6:30 and reconvening at 6:39.*

- **Anti-trafficking Update**

Aaron Tilbury from The Jonah Project presented.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:58 P.M.

The Next Human Rights Commission Meeting is scheduled for **August 28, 2018**