



# City of Seattle

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## Seattle LGBTQ Commission



### Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 18, 2020 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

**Commissioners Present:** Deaunte Damper, Sabel Roizen, Nate Higby, Victor Loo, Annabelle Backman, Latosha Correll, Manuel Venegas, Jessi Murray, Kari Lerum, Chris Brown, Michael Garrett, Byram Simpson, Joseph Suttner, John Rodriguez, Brett Pepowski

**Commissioners Absent:** Deepa Sivarajan, Wayne Rocque

**SOCR Staff:** Janet Stafford

**Meeting Minutes recorded by:** Chris Brown

**Guests:** Mike Baskett, Seattle I.T. and Yazi, Prospective Get Engaged Cohort 2020-2021

#### Welcome and Introductions

1. We are meeting virtually on Zoom because of the ongoing COVID-19 crisis and guidelines around social distancing. We'll be recording our meetings to have available for the public.
2. Due to OPMA amendments by the governor, Commission related work is limited to COVID-19 relief. Commission cannot make budgetary decisions outside of COVID-19 relief.

#### Public Open Comment

1. No public comment.

#### Approve May Minutes and June Agenda

1. Edits to May minutes
  - a. Spelling of Backman and edit platform for meeting to Skype
  - b. Annabelle motion to approve minutes as amended, Kari seconds. **Motion passes (100%)**
2. Addition to June agenda
  - a. Annabelle motion to include time for Mike from Seattle I.T. to update Commission on recommended online platforms. Nate seconds. **Motion passes (100%)**
  - b. Motion to approve June agenda with addition. **Motion passes (100%)**

### **Seattle I.T. Update**

1. City supported platform will be WebEx. WebEx can be accessed with email or phone and the City of Seattle employee is the host. Meeting number and event number needed to dial on phone. "Call me" feature if internet connection is not available. "Raise hand" feature online and phone to ask questions. Captioning feature available with future updates to include automatic captioning. Transcription available when meeting is recorded.
  - a. A question on availability of platform. Currently available as long as employee creates the meeting. Seattle I.T. will check to see if non-employees are able to host committee meetings.
  - b. A conversation on experiences with attendance capacity of platform and discussion of incompatibilities for mobile devices.

### **Executive Committee Meeting**

1. Meeting to approve response to excessive police force on Black Lives Matter protesters. Commission created letter and sent to the other Civil Rights Commissions and the Immigrant and Refugee Commission to sign on and create a joint response. Commissioners in attendance triggered the requirements for an executive committee that includes the co-chairs of the Commission and chairs of committees.
  - a. Minutes of this meeting to be formatted and distributed when completed.

### **Committee Reports**

1. People of Color Stakeholders Committee report by Victor
  - a. Alphabet Alliance of Color meetings on emergency fund for COVID-19 relief. June 8<sup>th</sup> was the Community Police Commission meeting to present community demands on excessive police force to Councilmember Tammy Morales.
2. Commission Operations report on Commission seats and vacancies by SOCR Janet
  - a. Appointment and reappointments will reconvene in July. Previous wave of appointments was in December of 2019. Mayor's Office has not made a decision on Commission recommendations on the appointments. Workplan presentations to be determined for late Q3.
3. Community Engagement and Education Committee report
  - a. A conversation on distribution of Black Lives Matter letter. Use political assignments document to contact assigned Councilmember.
  - b. A conversation on community area of interest in representation of our intersex community. Possible work plan item to include the "I" Commission name would require legislative update.
  - c. A conversation on community request to repaint rainbow crosswalks in Capitol Hill. Community conversations about updating existing crosswalks with representations of the rest of the LGBTQIA+ identities.
  - d. A conversation on HUD proposed updates to shelter policy to discriminate against our transgender community. Updates to allow shelter services to deny access to gender services. Commission can respond with letter.
  - e. A conversation on possible state legislative update to public accommodations law. Elected officials want to remove shelters, jails, and prisons as public accommodation to prevent spread of COVID-19.
  - f. A conversation on providing stipends to community organizations who are invited to present to the Commission

### **Pride Contingency Plans**

1. Flag raising was cancelled as a Commission sponsored event, but flag was still raised. Commission to highlight LGBTQIA POC experiences for the rest of the month. Possible to highlight POC Commissioners in sharing how it feels to be a Commissioner to connect with community.

### **Community Petition**

1. A member of the community was misgendered into a Mens Behavioral Unit at King County Correctional Facility. The member of the community has been sexually harassed while detained. Community meeting set for June 24 to develop relief effort to address transgender and gender non-conforming individuals in correctional facilities in Seattle/King County.
  - a. Commissioners to attend meeting to determine next steps forward.

### **SOCR Report**

1. An update on SOCR workplan to be sent to Civil Rights Commissions to view with amendments due to proposed budget cuts of 10%. Director Mariko Lockhart to attend July or August meeting to provide this update.

### **Announcements, Reminders, & Roll Call**

1. Commemorate Stonewall anniversary by standing up for our black and brown queer trans and homeless community.

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