

# Seattle Human Rights Commission

Thursday, May 6, 2021 **MINUTES**

6:00–7:00 p.m.

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**Facilitator:** Jessica

**Notetaker:** Brian

**Timekeeper:** Robel

**Commissioner Attendees:** Brian Egger, Claire Guilmette, Erika Chen, Jessica Bhuiyan, Ty Grandison, Liz Pachaud, Jackie Turner, Robel Mulugeta

**Commissioners Absent:** Aaron Oravillo

**OCR Attendees:** Marta Idowu (having tech issues, late)

**Public Attendees:** [Natasha Bennett \(she/her\)](#), [Timmy Brammer](#), [Amanda Richer \(she/her\)](#), [Julia Ismael](#)

Time	Topic	Presenter
6:00-6:10	Call to Order @ 6:04 p.m. Welcome & Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Name, Pronouns, Affiliation</li> </ul> Public Comment (2 min each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Comments Provided</li> </ul> Approve <a href="#">March 2021</a> , <a href="#">April 2021</a> Minutes	Facilitator  *Vote needed
Quorum is 50%+1 = 5 commissioners.  Motion to approve Mar 2021, Apr 2021 Minutes by: <a href="#">Erika Chen</a> Seconded by: <a href="#">Ty Grandison</a> All approved: Yes Any opposed? No Any abstentions? No		
6:10-6:15	Update of Public SPOG Demand Letters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In Progress</li> </ul>	Liz
6:15-6:25	Ongoing Work Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leadership</li> <li>Communications</li> <li>Events</li> <li>Appeals</li> <li>Fellows projects</li> </ul>	All
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leadership               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Divest SPD Letter</a> signed on                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jackie said she reached out to OCR to confirm the status of the City's response to the letter</li> <li>Still need to meet with 1 or 2 City Council members regarding letter, but will focus solely on the recruitment of new commissioners until further notice</li> </ul> </li> <li><a href="#">Translations: Seattle Transgender Film Festival</a> partnership                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leadership team signed on to be a partner of the festival</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

- Email was sent out with a list of films and events along with their website
- Communications
  - Letter Writing
    - No update
- Events
  - May need to discuss Human Rights Day in December. Marta has secured Seattle Town Hall for December 2021. The Commission may wish to focus in June on planning this event especially given its limited capacity.
  - Next Wednesday, May 12th the Five Commission Meeting will be discussing the Candidate Forum for the five nominees.
- Appeals
  - Need 1 more for May 21
  - Reschedule Training to June
  - OCR processes
    - Need additional Commissioners on Appeals Committee
    - Need 1 more Commissioner for May 21st hearing @ 1p.m.
      - Liz Pachaud can serve in this capacity
    - Erika confirmed the purpose of the Appeals Committee and who can serve: need to be confirmed as a Commissioner and participate in appeals training
- Fellows projects
  - Ty - Overseeing 3 Fellow Projects: Model Human Rights City, Human Trafficking, and Score Cards
  - June meeting will be longer because of fellow presentations
  - Claire - Overseeing 1 Fellow Project: Criminal Legal System Policy

6:25-6:30	<a href="#">2021 Work Plan Draft</a> Check In <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Adjust sprint timelines</li> </ul>	All
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jessica: We should be prioritizing interviews and onboarding on new Commissioners.</li> </ul>	
6:30-6:40	Scheduling Interviews. Commissioners fill out: <a href="https://www.when2meet.com/?11815964-cqTQp">https://www.when2meet.com/?11815964-cqTQp</a>	All
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Erika: Need confirmed Commissioners to facilitate interviews</li> <li>● Please complete the When2Meet ASAP</li> </ul>	
6:40-6:50	SOCR Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 5-Commission Updates</li> <li>● Reorg of OCR</li> </ul>	Marta Idowu
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 5-Commission Updates           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Meeting May 12, 5:30-7:30</li> <li>○ Candidate Forum (Women's)</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Reorg of OCR           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Marta: Details of Reorg TBD               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Hiring new positions for enforcement including some with RSJI background</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Next Five Commission Meeting is on 5/12, 5:30-7:30 p.m.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Agenda items needed by 5/10</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

- Changes to scheduling and processing times for new appointments
- Getting interviews scheduled for new Commissioners
- Nona is trying to get updates made to our website and will be reaching out to confirm what information needs to be added

6:50-7:00

Announcements

All

**Next Meeting: Thursday, June 3, 2021**

- Department of Neighborhoods would like to know if anyone is interested in serving on the Districting Commission

Adjourn: 6:53 p.m.