

# Seattle Women's Commission Minutes

Monday, May 19th, 2025, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Join the meeting [virtually](#).

Facilitators: K. Guerrero; E. Barr

Note taker & Land/Labor Acknowledgment: A. DeFisher

Attendance: K. Guerrero, S. Hitchcock, H. Glover, N. Ghazanfari, E. Barr, A. DeFisher, J. Tran, N. Evanoff, T. Mills, E. Han

## Welcome

### Land and Labor Acknowledgment

“We are currently occupying the unceded lands of many First Peoples; Coast Salish people, Muckleshoot, Suquamish, Stillaguamish, and Duwamish. We acknowledge and thank local First Nations for their centuries of land stewardship that long predates the arrival of European settlers. We remind you to be aware of the spaces you occupy locally, that these lands were stolen from First People in the name of white settler colonialism and that you seek ways to continue your education and give back to local Indigenous communities,” from Duwamish Tribe’s website.

“We must acknowledge that much of what we know of this country today, including its culture, economic growth, and development throughout history and across time, has been made possible by the labor of enslaved Africans and their ascendants who suffered the horror of the transatlantic trafficking of their people, chattel slavery, and Jim Crow. We are indebted to their labor and their sacrifice, and we must acknowledge the tremors of that violence throughout the generations and the resulting impact that can still be felt and witnessed today,” by Dr. Terah “TJ” Stewart.

## Introductions and Roll Call

### Approve Agendas and Minutes

April minutes were motioned to approve by Krystal, seconded by Jennifer.

May meeting agenda was motioned to approve by Krystal, and seconded by Emily.

## Public Comment

None.

## Subcommittee Updates

### Reproductive Health

No meeting this week (Meet 3rd Monday of each month at 4pm)

- New member of the sub-committee (Kate)
- Writing a blog Post for May on Emergency contraceptives

### Gender-Based Violence

- Defined GBV as a sub-committee
- Created a list of GBV Resources (Blog post in October for this)
- Working on Survivor Art & Storytelling initiative for the Month of October for Survivor Month. Call to action - share any connections to art galleries in Seattle
- Met with KC Prosecuting Attorney 2 weeks ago to learn about her work
- Looking for opportunities to volunteer on Aurora

### Housing Access

- Sent email to organizations to introduce SWC and the sub committee; heard back from House Our Neighbors
- Met a lawyer in Tenant law who is interested in speaking at a monthly meeting
- Last week was Affordable Housing Week

### Communications

- Denim Day on April 30th; social media posts; Mayor Harrell shout-out for it
- October/GBV big month for DV content

## Co-Chair Updates

Subcommittee designations

- Get signed up for a sub-committee if you haven't yet
  - Eunji is joining the GBV committee
- Beacon Arts Street Fairs
  - TBD on LGBTQ Commission also tabling
  - Saturday, June 14th (11am-5pm)
  - \$25 fee to table - need budget approval
    - Motion: Emily
    - Second: Krystal
    - Fee: Approved
  - OCR can provide table and chairs
- Recent & upcoming events
  - Housing Development Consortium Annual Celebration (4/23)
    - Connected with potential guest speaker for a later meeting and collected materials that SWC may be able to share out
  - King County Health Clinic

- Emily will send out information for volunteering next year (spots fill up quickly - MH professionals and translators are in high need)
- Affordable Housing Week (5/12-5/16)
  - NUSHA Affordable Housing Week Lunch and Learn with Gregg Colburn
    - Washington NOW Conference (5/17)
      - SWC attended the Cinco de Mayo Event at El Centro de la Raza event with the Seattle Office for Civil Rights
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- SWC Tabled at the AAPI festival at the Armory as well

## Open Floor

### PNW Climate Week (Jennifer)

- Wanted to share one topic about how Climate change and how it can affect women's fertility, and possibly doing a blog post. Jennifer will share more information about it soon. You can sign up now.
- Pride Flag Raising, 5/31 at 12:30 if SWC folks would like to go together

## Seattle Office for Civil Rights Updates

- Juneteenth events 6/19 (attend or table)
  - Will have more information soon
- New commissioner orientation on June 26th
- Pride Flag Raising on Plaza w/reception afterward with light refreshments
- Booth at Trans pride (LGBTQ Commission and Enforcement Team are tabling) Friday 6/27, 6-9pm
- Pride March led by LGBTQ Commission; City contingent supports them, pride t-shirts are available for marchers - Sunday, 6/29 10am lineup
- Talking with OCR policy Director for a monthly check-in for commissions. Q&A format for 1-2 representatives per session for commissioners to ask questions
- We have a number of new commissioners joining SWC!
- Disability commission is looking for new members
- OCR Resource Page

## Adjourned