

# Kitsap County Council for Human Rights MINUTES

Tuesday, April 20, 2021, 6:30-8 PM

Held via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88151688423?pwd=VEJQZFlmNmTGRKTkdhWUFIWkg2QT09>  
Meeting ID: 881 5168 8423 By phone, call 253-215-8782

The **Mission of the Kitsap County Council for Human Rights** is twofold:

1. To advise county government and Kitsap County community on issues related to discrimination, violence and harassment based on race or national origin, religion, age, gender, gender expression, sexual orientation, disability, or economic status, and
2. To promote equitable treatment of all people and reduce prejudice through education, resource referrals, and advocacy.

**Attendance:** P – present T – present by technology E – absent excused U – absent unexcused

?	Name	Position*	?	Name	Position*
P	Reba Harris	D1 – P1	P	Heather Moritz	D3 – P1
P	Erin Lanum	D1 – P2	P	Darrell Thomas	D3 – P2
P	Dionne Deschenne, Chair	D1 – P3		Vacant	D3 – P3
P	Jim Cash	D1 – P4	E	Zana Gearlach	D3 – P4
	Vacant	D2 – P1		Vacant	At-large
E	Janae Jenkins	D2 – P2	E	Marcie Mathis	At-large
P	Carrie La Jeunesse	D2 – P3	P	Susie Beil, Vice Chair	At-large
P	Christina Barone	D2 – P4	P	Rebecca Pirtle	County Admin.

\*Note on Positions: Commissioner for District 1 Rob Gelder; District 2 Charlotte Garrido; District 3 Ed Wolfe.

**Guests in attendance:** Teresa Swope, who is set to be appointed to the Council soon by Commissioner Gelder

- 1) **Called to Order** at 6:32 PM
- 2) **Approve Agenda** – Carries motioned, Jim seconded, and Council approved unanimously
- 3) **Land Acknowledgement Statement** -- read by Dionne (see attachment)
- 4) **Introductions** – Councilors shared introductions with Kim Pearson and Jean Kim from Puget Sound Regional Council, who provided the Council with a presentation on their Regional Transportation Plan Outreach
- 5) **Presentation** by Puget Sound Regional Council’s Kim Pearson and Jean Kim, presenting PSRC Regional Transportation Plan Outreach, covering: their Regional Transportation Plan that includes bus, rail, light rail, and other public transit systems and their intent to update this plan for next 30 years; who is served and seeking to understand gaps in specialized transportation needs within the region; and the use of a guided poll to gather KCCHR input on barriers to accessing public transportation and gain insight on gaps in specialized transportation. KCCHR Councilors offered numerous insights, suggestions, and deficiencies in current public transportation system, and encouraged an increase in outreach and public information on existing services. The Council decided to allow for the presentation to extend beyond original cut-off due to the importance of the conversation being had, were unable to finish the guided portion of the survey but was provided with links to complete survey on our own time and ended this section of the meeting at 7:36pm.
- 6) **Group Agreements** (see attachment) – did not have time to restate but are always provided with a copy in Agenda.

- 7) **Guest comments or announcements** – Teresa Swope, prospective new Council Member, introduced herself and shared a bit of her background.
  
- 8) **Approval of Minutes** from previous two meetings: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 and Tuesday, February 16, 2021.  

February Minutes: Darrell motioned, Susie seconded. Passed unanimously.

March Minutes: Jim motioned, Janae seconded. Passed unanimously.
  
- 9) **Committees** – Agreed to cover Committee Reports at next or future meeting
  
- 10) **Forum Planning** – Agreed to cover Forum Planning at next or future meeting
  
- 11) **Connecting with other human rights-related organizations and councils (per 2021 Work Plan)** – Agreed to cover this topic at next or future meeting
  
- 12) **New Business** – Discussed the recent statement released by the Kitsap County Board of Commissioners, condemning the recent rise in anti-Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) violence, and the desire to draft up a supporting statement to accompany the sharing of the Board of Commissioner’s statement on the KCCHR Facebook page. Janae proposed a vote to concur with the Board of Commissioners statement rather than writing up another one. Janae motioned, Jim seconded. Unanimous agreement. Erin agreed to draft this statement, and Rebecca will post. Discussion included when and how to make our own statements after incidents occur, and the need for a template that can be swiftly adapted to each situation but that offers a more timely response. Council members agreed on developing and implementing a process that is tied to KCCHR mission/vision/values. Carrie offered to supply a brief training to the Council on crisis/emergency response communication.
  
- 13) **Centering moment** provided by Carrie. May centering moment will be resumed by Carrie.
  
- 14) **Check-ins** – were combined with the “Centering Moment”, and Carrie led sharing and dialogue on the Derek Chauvin verdict released just hours prior to the meeting.
  
- 14) **Next meeting** - 6:30 PM on Tuesday, May 18, via Zoom.
  
- 15) **Adjourned** at 8:30 PM.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Erin Lanum