

Kitsap County Council for Human Rights MINUTES

Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 6:30-8 PM Meeting

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86039566803> Meeting ID: 860 3956 6803 By phone: 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	Annie Forsman Adams	D1 – P1	U	Heather Moritz	D3 – P1
P	Erin Lanum, <i>Secretary</i>	D1 – P2		Vacant	D3 – P2
P	Dionne Deschenne, <i>Chair</i>	D1 – P3	P	Elizabeth Holmes	D3 – P3
P	Judy Friesem	D1 – P4	P	Marlaina Simmons	D3 – P4
P	Beth Barron	D2 – P1	U	Barbara Golden	At-large
P	Farris Hovater	D2 – P2	P	Gregg Nebel	At-large
	Vacant	D2 – P3	P	Susie Beil, <i>Vice Chair</i>	At-large
U	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.

- 1) **Called to Order** at 6:31 PM
- 2) **Approved Agenda** – Gregg motioned, Judy seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- 3) **Land Acknowledgement Statement** – Marlaina read.
- 4) **Group Agreements** – were read by a few since there are new Councilors.
- 5) **Centering moment** - provided by Beth. Beth read a poem by John Roedel.
 - **Erin will provide next month**
- 6) **Approval of Minutes from previous meeting – March 15, 2022** – Annie motioned, Marlaina seconded, one abstention by new member who had not been present, passed unanimously.
- 7) **Presentation by Jessica Guidry of KPHD on Statement declaring racism a public health crisis** – Jessica Guidry of Kitsap Public Health District (KPHD), governed by Kitsap Public Health Board (KPHB), is working hard to address the systems of inequity within the health care system, and uphold the County's declaration and list of commitments outlined, which is a step further than the other ~200 regions in the United States who have made similar declarations. Jessica educated the Council on basic terms, Resolution 2021-01 and commitments, and informed us of how the passing of House Bill 1152 will change the structure of KPHB to include non-elected members, including one with a background in healthcare, as is its purpose. KPHD is working to cultivate equity-centered public health within Kitsap, by regularly reviewing policies, procedure, and programs; focusing on workforce development; improving KPHD infrastructure; strengthening community partnerships; and with the restructuring of the Board. KPHD aims to provide the resources that people need to survive.
- 8) **New Member introductions** – Farris Hovater is the newly appointed Councilor, representing District 2. She is a remarkable young woman – finishing up her senior year at South Kitsap High School, Farris founded the climate change education and activism group Sunrise South Kitsap. Farris co-presented a session at the 31st Annual Kitsap County Conference for Human Rights in December 2021 that received lots of positive feedback.
- 9) **Guest introductions, comments, or announcements (three minutes each)** – Leiyomi Preciado has applied to join the Council. A trans woman of color, Leiyomi is a certified peer counselor, works at Kitsap Mental Health, is intending to run for County Commissioner later this year, and is the Board President of United Peers of WA, bringing advocacy to rural places in WA State.

All Council members then provided brief self-introductions to the newly appointed member and prospective member.

10) Old Business

- **Bremerton REAC March meeting follow-up** – Beth and Judy provided a brief summary of the meeting and emailed a document with notes and further summary.
Councilors were reminded that if they attend community or organization meetings related to work on the Council, that they can also bring reports back to the regular meetings. An agenda item for the next Council meeting in May will be instructions on how to represent the Council when attending other events or meetings on behalf of the Council.
- **Committee Reports** – Written summaries of recent committee meetings were provided via email. The Conference and the Report committees both changed their monthly meeting days to better accommodate committee members and to ensure no overlap with other committee's meetings, as Councilors are encouraged to join any of the committee meetings they choose to.

11) New Business

- **Plan for 2022 monthly meetings** – While we are not allowed to meet in person yet, this possibility is close on the horizon. The Council will need to find a free location that is open to the public and ideally located, somewhere in Central Kitsap. The May meeting will be via Zoom, but it is possible that the June meeting could be conducted in-person. The Council will also need to discuss further what frequency is desired for in-person meetings – monthly or quarterly, etc.
- **Kitsap Pride 2022** – Rebecca has registered KCCHR for Kitsap Pride in July.

11) Next meeting: May 17, 2022 at 6:30 PM

12) Adjourned at 8:00 PM

Minutes prepared by Erin Lanum, Secretary