

Kitsap County Council for Human Rights

Meeting Minutes September 15, 2026 , 6:30 to 8:00 pm, Eagles Nest

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, neurodiversity, or economic status; and
2. To promote equitable treatment of all people and reduce prejudice through education, resource referrals, and advocacy.

	Name	Position*		Name	Position*
	VACANT	D1 – P1	E	Pam VanOverbeke	D3 – P2
P	Barbara Dennis	D1 – P2	P	Leiyomi Preciado	D3 – P3
	VACANT	D1 – P3		VACANT	D3 – P4
P	Patrick Wright	D1 – P4		VACANT	At-large
P	Matt Brewster	D2 – P1	E	Spencer Fain	At-large
P	Rachel Valdez	D2 – P2	E	Jessica Nance	At-large
P	Jim Manlove, <i>Chair</i>	D2 – P3		Ellison Cervantez	Youth – 1 yr
P	Erika Anderson	D2 – P4		VACANT	Youth – 1 yr
	Rebekah Wilkins	D3 – P1		Kimberlee Williams	County Admin.

***Note on Positions:** Commissioner for District 1 Christine Rolfes; District 2 Oran Root; District 3 Katie Walters.

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

1. Call to Order & Introductions: 6:33pm.
2. Approve Agenda Motion Barb 2nd Matt approve & previous meeting minutes Motion to table until next month Patrick 2nd Barb approve
3. Group Agreements
4. Centering Moment Leiyomi
5. Committee Meeting Reports
 - Community Outreach, Rachel
 - Communications, Erika
 - Analytics/Research/Insight, Spencer
 - Event Development, Jim
 - Marketing/Promotion/Advertising, Patrick
6. Public Comment (limited to three minutes each)
7. Nominating Committee for 2027 officers
 - Barb
 - Erika
 - Matt
8. Endorsements – Hispanic Heritage Month begins 9/15 – Rebekah, Motion to approve Barb 2nd Leiyomi pass Rachel abstain
Disability Pride Month – deferred to 2027 per Chris Cooley
Leiyomi asked if there is a protocol for deadline? Jim did not have a response. Barb made suggestion that we set timelines for these things at the retreat this winter.
9. Housing – BHA has made recommendation to City Council.
City council likely to agree with the housing authority.
10. Food Security Forum
 - A Seat at the Table: Food Security as a Human Right
 - November 4 5:30-7:30 Commissioners Chambers

Round Table
Tabling
Save the Date

Bring literature in multiple languages
Add zoom option
Provide masks

Kimberlee- Families are losing food benefits and going without food. Food cards or gas cards to donate. Create a statement to encourage other orgs to ask for these resources. Martita suggested Cake Studio, Food Banks, KIAC, Churches. Food security affects marginalized and most impacted communities. Reach out to food banks, churches, immigrant communities.

11. Linda Gabriel Award - Advertising did not go out. Nomination should be out.

12. New Business

13. For the Good of the Order - October 1st any person that is undocumented will lose Apple Healthcare. Washington Health Authority has info that should be added to webpage. Update Jan 1st to benefits requirements for work or volunteer hours.

14. Adjourn 7:50

*Next Meeting: **October 20, 2026, 6:30-8 p.m., Eagle's Nest at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds***