

HUMAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR THE AUGUST 18, 2026 REGULAR MEETING

Date:	Tuesday, August 18 th , 2026
Time:	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Virtual Meeting Link (ZOOM):	https://kingcounty.zoom.us/j/82402137397
Meeting ID:	9824 0213 7397
Password:	406692
On site location:	None for this meeting.

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Member	Roles
Position 1: Vacant	Vacant
Position 2: Emily Huynh	Commissioner and member of Sub-Committee #1
Position 3: Allison Hastings	Secretary/Historian and member of Sub-Committee #1
Position 4: Vacant	Vacant
Position 5: Vacant	Vacant
Position 6: Jennifer Karls	Chair and member of Sub-Committee #3
Position 7: Mona Jaber	Commissioner and member of Sub-Committee #2
Position 8: Steven Sawyer	Commissioner and member of Sub-Committee #1
Position 9: Daisy Wong	Co-Chair and members of Sub-Committee #3
Position 10: Vanessa Sanchez-Mexicano	Commissioner and member of Sub-Committee #2
Position 11: Vacant	Vacant

AGENDA

TIME	ITEM	PRESENTER & ACTION
6:00 PM (3 mins)	Call to Order	HCRC Co-Chair Karls Administrative
6:03 PM (3 mins)	Public Comments	HCRC Co-Chair Karls Administrative
6:06 PM (4 mins)	Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes for July 21st mtg. - Approved condensed bios	HCRC Co-Chairs Karls Action Item
6:10PM (8 mins)	HCRC Updates - “Changes to Power & Duties Report” – confirm new timeline with transmittal deadline of 4/2027 - 9/2/26 Presentation to the “Law and Justice Committee” - SharePoint Demo – MS License discussion - Study Sessions - Calendar of Events - Appointments – Recruitment Process Overview	Staff Liaison Scarleth Lever Ortiz
6:18 PM (25 mins)	Subcommittee Lessons Learned & Next Steps Discussion - Lessons Learned: 1 County Operations (Sawyer, Hastings, Huynh); #2 Community Engagement (Sanchez-Mexicano, Jaber); #3 Governance and Systems (Karls, Wong) - Changes to Powers & Duties Report outline & content development - Fall/Winter Strategy: o HCRC Commissioners engagement with respective District KC Council members o Onboarding of new HCRC members o Discuss the scope of sub-committees o Confirm location and format of monthly meetings	HCRC Subcommittee Chairs or Representatives
6:43 PM (12 min)	Retreat and September Meeting - Extend 9/15 meeting or select a new date - Confirm in-person format. Brainstorm location options - Agenda design (welcoming new members)	HCRC Co-Chair Karls Administrative
6:55 PM (3 mins)	Recap, Action Items, Future Agenda Topics - Confirm action items	HCRC Secretary Hastings Administrative
6:58 PM (2 mins)	Closing Comments - Opportunity to share events, news, opportunities to engage, etc.	HCRC Members Administrative
7:00 PM	Adjourn	HCRC Co-Chair Karls Administrative