



Tuesday, January 10, 2023, Meeting Minutes
Radisson Gateway, 18118 International Blvd, Seattle
Zoom – Meeting ID: 817 8809 6701

The meeting of the Washington Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials was brought to order by Steven, Chair, at 6:00 p.m.

Steven read a land acknowledgement, stating the Commissioners are meeting in the ancestral, traditional, and contemporary land of the Duwamish and Muckleshoot Peoples. The Commission acknowledges and respects the Indigenous individuals and communities who live on this land now, and those who were forcibly removed from their homelands. In offering this land acknowledgement, the Commission affirms Indigenous sovereignty, and thanks them for sharing their lands, history, and experiences with the Commission.

Teri took roll call.

Commission Members Present:

Carli
Diana – via Zoom
Ellen – via Zoom
Eve
Greg – via Zoom
Jon, Vice Chair
Karen – via Zoom
Kirsten
Lancer – via Zoom
Linda
Steven, Chair
Tray
Wendy

Commission Members Excused:

Scott
Sue

Commission Members Unexcused:

Eric

Staff Present:

Teri Wright, Executive Director
Lindsay Matthews, Executive Assistant

Steven read the meeting opening statement.

Lindsay went over meeting folders and their contents.

Commissioners voiced agreement that they would like to hear from Nona Snell from the Office of Financial Management and Dr. Lerch from the Economic and Revenue Forecast Council at the final salary meeting in February.

Jon moved to approve the December 14, 2022, meeting minutes. Kirsten seconded.

The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Public Testimony

After reading the procedure for public testimony, Steven welcomed Judge Bill Bowman from the Court of Appeals. Judge Bowman clarified he had come to answer any questions the Commissioners may have, not to testify. Judge Shelley Szambelan from Spokane County Superior Court was in attendance virtually. Judge Szambelan also attended to answer any questions the Commissioners may have.

Commissioners moved into a work session.

Discussion ensued surrounding what Commissioners think about the proposed salary schedule and the things that are standing out to them. Steven shared that historically the Commission lags behind inflation, and typically underestimates what the economy will do. Discussion continued.

Teri asked if there was any information or anything else the Commissioners wanted at the next meeting. Commissioners voiced agreement that they would like to hear from the Office of Financial Management and the Economic and Revenue Forecast Council.

Teri spoke briefly about the bills that she is currently tracking in legislation that may affect the Commission. Jon asked if Teri could find out which elected positions are mandated by constitution? Teri replied that she would.

Steven asked if there was any other business that needed to be discussed prior to adjournment.

Kirsten moved to adjourn at 6:37 p.m., Jon seconded.

The vote was unanimous, and the meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.



Steven, Chair

2/8/2023

Date