



Plenary Meeting Minutes | June 24, 2022

9:00am - 1:00pm | Wenatchee, WA

Attendees:

- Regina Malveaux | WSWC Executive Director
- Rituja Indapure | Commission Vice - Chair
- Grace Huang | Commissioner
- Vicki Lowe | Commissioner
- Kasi Perreira | Commissioner
- Quinn Dalan | Secretary
- Rep. Dye | WSWC Legislative Advisor
- Kate Sowers | Program Manager
- Leah White | WSWC Program Coordinator

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Washington State Women's Commission was called to order at 9:37 am on 06/24/2022 in Wenatchee, WA by Vice - Chair Rituja Indapure.

Welcome/ Announcement of New Commissioner

Regina Malveaux | Executive Director

Jan Mathison | Host of the Meeting location - Stemilt Growers

Rep. Mary Dye / Legislative Advisor

Welcome

- Thanks to Mary Dye and Jan Mathison for hosting the Commission
- Jan presents the history of Stemilt Growers
 - Scottish Immigrant homestead roots
- Rep. Dye Overview of Economic Issues in the Region
 - Highest GDP switches between aerospace & irrigated farming
 - Processing industry - 26 billion in GDP for export 165,000 jobs
 - 4th largest water shed in the continent, robust water supply but it hasn't been fully developed, Columbia basin project, 570,000 acres left to be developed w/ the development of the Grand Coulee Dam

Opening Remarks from Chair

Rituja Indapure / Vice - Chair

- Acknowledgment of SCOTUS decision to overturn Roe v. Wade
- Welcome Quinn and Vicki for their 2nd term
- Announcement of Riddhi Mukhopadhyay joining the Commission
- Thank you to Grace for referring Riddhi

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

Election of New Officers

Regina Malveaux | Executive Director

Rituja Indapure | Vice- Chair

Vicki Lowe | Commissioner

- Rituja - Chair
- Dawn - Vice Chair
- Quinn - Secretary

Vicki moves for approval of Executive positions

Kasi Seconds the motion

Unanimously approved

Overview of Day

Regina Malveaux | Executive Director

- Overview of the Commission's operational arch
- Introduce Jamie Strauzs- Clark as the facilitator of the July Strategic Retreat
 - Gives overview of need for Commission impact framework
- Announces new FTE.
 - Discusses how the additional FTE enables the commission can take on more work and be more impactful

Summary of Community Stakeholder Meeting

Rituja Indapure | Chair

- Ice Breaker - Sharing the Women in our lives we admire
- Overview of shareholder meeting at the Quincy Community Health
 - Digital storytelling of farmworkers - Dr. Blancos
 - Impacts of Heat and Smoke and experiences of farmworkers - Molly
 - Lack of housing for farmworkers and the impacts
 - **Community-based groups**
 - QPTA
 - Parque Padrinos

- Community based park renovation and building
 - Rep. Dye to work on legislation to produce more parks in communities
 - CAFÉ
 - Based in Wenatchee
 - New Hope - DV Services
 - Impactful work and low on staff
 - Benefited from flexible spending
 - Transportation
 - Housing
 - NWJP
 - Spoke to the impact of overload of cases and lack of staff
 - Lack of empathy of migrate workers and DV victims from judges in the surrounding counties
- **Key Findings**
 - Impacts of Climate change
 - How can we proactively mitigate human impacts from environmental hazards?
 - Rep. Dye mentioned ORCA - legislation to assist migrating environmental hazards impacts
 - Food insecurity
 - The impacts of lack of information flow to the community
 - Which agencies are responsibility for getting education and information on air quality out to the people?
 - Local community activists are having to fill the gaps
 - How do we work on investing in the grassroots organizations that are doing the work?
 - Statement on the response of different system fail to respond to the crisis at hand and lack empathy for those affected?
 - Looking to work with the G&J commission on efforts to address issues with the judges in Grant and Adams counties – cited in the community stakeholder meeting

Director's Report

- Updates from Gov Office
- Equity office
- Report to come at next meeting (7/8)

Commission Calendar

- Strategic Planning – Ocean Shores, WA
 - July 7 -8, 2023
- Legislative Priority Setting – Olympia, WA
 - August 4-5
- 4th Quarter Plenary – Seattle, WA
 - November 4th

Closing Remarks

Ritjua Indapure / Chair

Regina Malveaux / Executive Director

- Thanks to Grace for being a wonderful commissioner and great teacher
- Regina and Rituja presented Grace with her commissioner parting service award

Tour of Stemilt Orchard Operations

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm by Rituja Indapure. The next general meeting will be at 9:00 am on November 4th in Seattle, Washington.

Minutes submitted by: Leah White