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Alaska State Commission for Human Rights invites Juneau to attend public meeting on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at the UAS Egan Classroom Wing, room 115, at 1:00 pm

February 14, 2022 (Anchorage, Alaska) – The Alaska State Commission for Human Rights is holding its first meeting of 2023 in Juneau on Wednesday, February 22, starting at 1:00 pm on the University of Alaska Southeast campus. The meeting will take place in the Egan Classroom Wing, room 115. The Commission invites the public to attend the meeting to listen and provide comment.

In addition, staff will host an informational booth beginning at approximately 11:00 am in the Egan Classroom Wing across from the UAS Spring Job Fair taking place at the Lakeside Grill from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm to provide information about the workplace for both job seekers and employers. Staff will be able to take discrimination complaints and provide resources to business owners, human resources professionals, and individual Alaskans to educate them about their rights.

The Annual Meeting taking place in Juneau is part of an expanded outreach effort the Commission is personally undertaking to engage with Alaskans. Although most meetings are done in a hybrid format to reduce travel costs, the Commission holds the Annual Meeting in person to elect officers for the year and is taking the opportunity to share its legislative priorities directly with the lawmakers.

The Commission is an independent quasi-judicial state agency that aims to eliminate discrimination and support Alaskans when they face discrimination in the workplace, places of public accommodation, housing, credit and financing, and government practices. The Commission consists of seven volunteers who are appointed by the governor and confirmed by the legislature for rotating five-year terms. The Commission consists of Chairperson Zackary Gottshall (Anchorage), Vice Chairperson Mae Marsh (Fairbanks), William Craig (Sitka), Rebecca Carrillo (Juneau), Jessie Ruffridge (Soldotna), and Lonzo Henderson (Anchorage). The seventh seat is currently vacant.

Commission staff is available for assistance directly to the business community, either through speaking engagements to organizations, reviewing non-discrimination policies, or providing copies of its guidance documents which are also available on its website: <https://humanrights.alaska.gov/human-rights-commission-annual-reports/>

For more information about our agency, please visit <https://humanrights.alaska.gov>. To talk about discrimination experiences directly to an investigator, call (800)-478-4692 or (907)-274-4692.