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Alaska State Commission for Human Rights to Hold Meeting in Juneau on March 12

March 3, 2026 (Anchorage, Alaska) – The Alaska State Commission for Human Rights (ASCHR) will hold its next meeting in Juneau, at the Downtown Branch of the Juneau Public Library located at 292 Marine Way, on March 12th at 11:00 am.

The Commission will primarily discuss the scope of its next outreach effort and two resolutions sponsored by Commissioner William Craig of Sitka related to braille literacy support for children and accessible voting for blind and visually impaired Alaskans. The Commission will also hold officer elections. The public is invited to attend the meeting in-person or on Zoom, with public comment scheduled for 11:05.

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 Dorene Lorenz (Juneau), Vice Chairperson Jessie Ruffridge (Soldotna), William Craig (Sitka), Rebecca Carrillo (Juneau), Shiela Cernich (Anchorage), and Grace Salazar (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 and procedures, and providing copies of its guidance documents, which are also available on its website:
<https://humanrights.alaska.gov/publications/other-aschr-publications/>

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