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### *Human Rights*

**Board:** State Commission for Human Rights

**Board identification number:** 048

**Department:** OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**Authority:** AS 18.80.010

**Status:** Active

**Sunset date:**

**Requirements:** Legislative Confirmation and Financial Disclosure

**Prohibitions:** None

**Term:** 5 years

**Description:** The board consists of 7 members appointed by the Governor. The commission appoints the Executive Director, who is approved by the Governor. The commission elects the board chair.

**Function:** The board works to eliminate and prevent discrimination in employment, in practices by the state or its political subdivisions, in credit and financing practices, in places of public accommodation, and in the sale, lease or rental of real property; to process complaints from the public, hold hearings and order appropriate relief, and make an overall assessment, at least every three years of the progress toward equal employment opportunity by every state department. Results of the assessment shall be included in the annual report made under AS 18.80.150.

**Chair:** Commission selects.

**Special facts:** The commission is a quasi-judicial agency. The Attorney General serves as legal counsel.

**Compensation:** Standard Travel and Per Diem

**Meetings:** One annual mtg. in March, plus two additional mtgs. (usually summer and fall) per yr., 8 days max.; 10-15 hearing decisions per year.

***For further information and to reach individual members, contact:***

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### State Commission for Human Rights (048)

Member	Date Appointed	Reappointed	Term Expires
Christa J. Bruce-Kotrc (Anchorage) Public	8/1/2011	3/1/2013	3/1/2018
Michele Christiansen (Anchorage) Public	3/1/2014		3/1/2019
Kathryn E. Dodge (Fairbanks) Public	3/1/2015		3/1/2020
Jason B. Hart (Anchorage) Public	10/19/2012		3/1/2017
Immanuel (Manny) Lewis (Anchorage) Public	1/27/2014		3/1/2016
Lester C. Lunceford (Anchorage) Public	2/19/2003	3/1/2015	3/1/2020
Grace E Merkes (Sterling) Public	2/19/2003	3/1/2013	3/1/2018

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