

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of the Chief Operating Officer
Office of Human Relations, Diversity and Equity

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS, DIVERSITY AND EQUITY

Thursday, February 11, 2016

**LAUSD Central Office
333 South Beaudry Avenue, Blue Room, Room 122
Los Angeles, CA 90017**

Meeting Agenda

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes January 2016
- IV. Commission Members Items
 - a. Discuss open positions, specifically UTLA and Native American
 - b. Kakassy – Student booklet
 - c. Ethnic studies
 - d. Islam resolution
- V. Discussion Items
- VI. Chairperson's Report
- VII. Council Members Announcements
- VIII. Public Comment (2-minutes)
- IX. Review Action Items
- X. Adjournment

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PRESENT

Chiasson, Judy staff
De La Rosa, Gary City HRC
Germaine Watts, Joyce selected
Jacobs, Lloyd “Bud” Superintendent
Kakassy, Alan George McKenna (1)
LeMay, Beverly selected
Reynolds, Dave ADL
Rivlin, Shelley, Monica Ratliff (6)
Slamon, Obie Schmereslon (3)
Tarrant, Karen UTLA
Weldon, Floyd AALA
Wittig, Michele Zimmer (4)

Karris Wilson for Charles Narcho

ABSENT

Abelsson, Mark selected
Kim, Jung ALT/AALA
Narcho, Charles selected
Toma, Robin LA County HRC
Villasenor, Patricia LA City HRC

VACANT

SEIU
LACOE
Ref Rodriguez (5)
Monica Garcia (2)
Vladovic (7)

GUESTS/Substitutes

Quorum was met. Meeting convened at 6:20 p.m.,
Commission approved January minutes.

Staffing:

Karen Tarrant will now represent UTLA
Requested clarity from Charles Narcho as to Karris’ replacing him on the commission.

Parent student handbook

Kakassy questioned the extent to which the Parent Student Handbook is student-friendly.
Suggested that a new booklet be released that is more student friendly or have a student section that is more readable. The current information is submersed in the book.

Rivlin inquired as to the budget for the handbook.

Tarrant suggested making a student poster highlighting critical aspects directing them to the handbook.

Kakassy will make notations in the handbook and send to Chiasson

Write letter of introduction and welcome to Michele King, new superintendent

Write letter to representatives of open positions

Resolution on Islamophobia/religious intolerance

Review OGC's analysis of the resolution on Islam. Gary de la Rosa will take the lead on revising the resolution. The new direction will have a human relations lens and focus on violence motivated by religious intolerance and by religious extremism.

Ethnic studies update:

Commissioners Kakassy and Wilson presented on the Ethnic studies meeting. Kakassy felt there was not diversity in the teacher group that reviewed the proposed unit. AALA has cultural groups that could be approach for input. Commissioners questioned the preparation of the teachers who will ultimately teach the courses.

The Commission continues to be available as a resource for professional development and the development of ethnic studies curricula.

Send their contacts and professional relationships to Chiasson who will compile a resource directory to assist Instruction in the development of the course and in professional development.

Human Relations Awards

Elected not to have the awards for 2016.

Announcements

Nightingale MS will be participating in the art show on May 14 in Cypress Park . Commissioners who know of other youth who wish to participate should contact Gary de la Rosa.
Reseda HS is having an art show on Saturday, March 5.
Bob Collins make a book of famous LAUSD students (e.g, Jaxson Pollock, Leonardo di Caprio, Ray Bradbury)

Handouts:

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January minutes
Ethnic Studies Draft

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Meeting adjourned 8:25 p.m.

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