

LA UNIFIED
Student Health & Human Services
Office of Human Relations, Diversity & Equity

Commission on Human Relations
August 8, 2024
AGENDA & Minutes

I.	Call to Order	6:00
II.	Roll Call and introductions	6:05
III.	Welcome new Commissioners	
IV.	Approval of April minutes	6:07
V.	General discussion items	6:10
	Commission Retreat	
VI.	Reports of standing committees, standing updates/reports/Commissioner proposed items:	
	a. Human Relations Awards	6:20
	b. Educational Equity and School Culture	6:30
	c. Civic Engagement	6:40
	d. Office of Human Relations, Diversity & Equity	6:50
VII.	Public Comment	7:00
VIII.	Adjournment and announcements	7:15

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Minutes

PRESENT

De La Rosa, Gary at large
Jacobs, Bud, Superintendent
Hyland, Irene, AALA
Friedman, Matthew, ADL
Kakassy, Allan, McKenna (1)
Rivlin, Shelley, Schmerelson (3)
Watts, Joyce, selected

Castillo, Carlos, Museum of Tolerance
Crouch, Perry, Franklin (7)
D'Alessandro, Valentina, LA County HRC
Espinoza, Sayra, UTLA
Ortiz, Margaret, SEIU
Paladin, Luboff, Melvoin (4)
Richardson, Joan, CSEA
Robledo, Olivia, Gonez (6)
Valladares, Claudia, Goldberg (5)
Williams, Jamaal, LACOE

STAFF

Chiasson, Judy, HRDE

VACANT

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ABSENT

Abelsson, Mark, Selected

Meeting commenced at 6:15 pm.

Reviewed proposed dates for retreat – 9/8 or 9/22, 10 am to 3 pm at Whole Foods Market, 14311 Ventura Blvd, Sherman Oaks, upstairs meeting space. Judy will send poll to rest of commission. Possible retreat topics: What opportunities exist now that didn't exist 10 years ago?

Approved April minutes w/o modification

Awards – Bud will speak with at the principal's meeting in October. Advertise in the AALA newsletter. Commissioner Watts reflected on the intersection of school culture and academic achievement. Bud would like to review last year's awards for themes. JC will send the overview of the 2023/24 awards to the commissioners

Educational Equity and School Culture

Joyce and Gary intend to meet with Jamaal about definitions of 'equity'

Civic Engagement

Gary is interested in the City Clerk wants to reach out to high schools to register voters. Recommend reach out to Martha Alvarez, Government Relations.

October 7, will there be any action? Jc will contact Operations

Human Relations, Diversity & Equity – jc updated the Commission on upcoming OUT For Safe Schools Commissioner Watts wondered about opportunities for cross-identity dialogues.

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