

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, April 14, 2016

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

M e e t i n g A g e n d a

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes February 2016 and record of discussion April 2016
- IV. Commission Members Items
 - a. Discuss open positions, specifically UTLA and Native American
 - b. Kakassy – Student booklet
 - c. Ethnic studies
 - d. Resolution on religious intolerance and extremism
 - e. Human Relations
 - f. Hate crimes commission
- V. Discussion Items
- VI. Chairperson's Report
- VII. Council Members Announcements
- VIII. Public Comment (2-minutes)
- IX. Review Action Items
- X. Adjournment

NEXT MEETINGS: 2nd Thursdays, 6-8 p.m.
2016: April 14, May 12, June 9

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PRESENT

Chiasson, Judy	staff
Jacobs, Lloyd “Bud”	Superintendent
Germaine Watts, Joyce	selected
Kakassy, Alan	George McKenna (1)
Rivlin, Shelley,	Monica Ratliff (6)
Slamon, Obie	Schmereslon (3)
Wittig, Michele	Zimmer (4)

Kim, Jung	ALT/AALA
LeMay, Beverly	selected
Narcho, Charles	selected
Reynolds, Dave	ADL
Toma, Robin	LA County HRC
Villasenor, Patricia	LA City HRC
Tarrant, Karen	UTLA
Weldon, Floyd	AALA

GUESTS/Substitutes

Karris Wilson for Charles Narcho

VACANT

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

ABSENT

Abelsson, Mark	selected
De La Rosa, Gary	City HRC

Quorum was met at 6:20. Commission approved February minutes. Discussion items from March were noted and incorporated into April meeting. (March did not meet quorum)

Discussed the role of the commission, possibilities of grants, book donations, leveraging resources.

Meeting dates & locations:

Agreed to host meetings throughout the district. Next meeting will be on May 19 due to scheduling conflicts. Rivlin and Slamon will secure a LD Northeast or Northwest for the May meeting.

ADL has a source for book donations. Judy is securing a book list on religion diversity and extremism.

Staffing on commission

Requested clarity from Charles Narcho as to Karris’ replacing him on the commission. Ask Mark Abelsson as to the by-laws. Kakassy pointed out the ethnic representation on the commission itself.

Tarrant proposed this be a dedicated meeting and warned against assuming there is a monolithic voice for that group.

Recommend that every fall, we review the by-laws.

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

Resolution on religious intolerance and extremism.

Review OGC's analysis of the resolution on religious intolerance and violent extremism. 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. Chiasson sent a revision to OGC for approval, but has not heard back. Will follow up again.

Kakassy is interested in a stand-alone student handbook or an app. He has an appointment with Earl Perkins next week.

Ethnic studies

Kakassy discussed concerns on qualifications of teachers and their skills to address sensitive topics. Chiasson & Kakassy will discuss on Monday at 1 pm

Commissioner Watts presented the Black Minds Matter. Commission agreed to have their name added as a co-sponsor.

Announcements

This weekend, Grand Art festival downtown.

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.

Handouts:

Agenda

February minutes

March record of discussion

Letter from Earl Perkins on religious diversity

Letter from Allan Kakassy to Derrick Chao re Ethnic studies

Action Items Carried Forward:

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. Gary write letter of introduction to Superintendent King.

NEXT MEETINGS: 2nd Thursdays, 6-8 p.m.; 2016: **CHANGE May meeting to MAY 19 at a Valley Location;** tba. June 9
Meeting adjourned 8:00 p.m.

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**Thursday, May 19, 2016
(re-scheduled from May 12)
Van Nuys High School Library
6535 Cedros Avenue
Van Nuys, CA 91411**

**Meeting Agenda
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

- XI. Call to Order
- XII. Roll Call
- XIII. Approval of Minutes April 2016
- XIV. Commission Members Items
- XV. Discussion Items
 - a. Human Relations updates by staff
 - i. YRBS results
 - ii. Religious diversity
 - b. Summer schedule for meetings
- XVI. Chairperson's Report
- XVII. Council Members Announcements
- XVIII. Public Comment (2-minutes)
- XIX. Review Action Items
- XX. Adjournment

NEXT MEETINGS: 2nd Thursdays, 6-8 p.m. June 9, 2016