

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Student Health & Human Services  
Office of Human Relations, Diversity & Equity

Commission on Human Relations  
Record of Discussions  
October 12, 2017  
LAUD Headquarters, Blue Room  
A G E N D A

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes September meetings
- IV. Standing updates/reports
  - a. Office of Human Relations, Diversity & Equity
  - b. Social Emotional Learning
  - c. Ethnic Studies
  - d. Access and Equity
- V. Public Comment ( 2-minutes )
- VI. Adjournment

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**PRESENT**

Abelsson, Mark	selected
Chiasson, Judy	Staff
De La Rosa, Gary	selected, Chair
Edwards, Kathryn	LACOE
Germaine Watts, Joyce	
Jacobs, Lloyd Bud	Superintendent
Crouch, Perry	Vladovic (7)
Kakassy, Allan	McKenna (1)
Menjivar, Michael	Gonez (6)

**GUESTS**

Alwan, Duaa	Muslim Speakers
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**VACANT**

SEIU  
Schmerlson

**ABSENT**

Boyd, Tish	LA County HRC
LeMay, Beverly	selected
Lopez-Chang, Ray	Rodriguez (5)
Ortega, Annie	ADL
Tarrant, Karen,	UTLA, Co-chair
Toma, Robin,	LA Co HRC
Weldon, Floyd	AALA
Gonzales-Palmer, Christine	Melvoin (4)

Meeting commenced at 6:30 with quorum

October minutes accepted

Introductions. Welcome Kathryn Edwards new member representing LACOE

Commissioner discussion items:

- What gets shared with independent charter schools? Would like this agenda item next month (Watts)
- Status of ACLU agreement. Judy will get description and scope of dispersing funds and targeted schools (Crouch)
- Jacobs completed the 2017/18 application for Human Relations Awards
- Kakassy spoke with Kieley Jackson of Ethnic Studies. Mr. Jackson communicated that it'd be preferable that interested parties attend the ethnic studies meetings.
- CSUN is revisiting its requirement for graduating CSUN students to have ethnic studies.
- Kakassy presented on Access and Equity and wondered about the perspective of a deficit model v. the failure of institutions to adequately provide for African American students. LACOE launched an equity initiative (Excellence through Equity). Edwards bemoaned the low test scores of African American throughout the state.

Commissioners had important discussions about the power of belief systems to support/suppress academic success. Watts wants to flesh out the questions from the commission prior to reaching out the Access and Equity. Watts has compelling data on the transformative power of affirming strategies.

Commissioners Watts, Edwards, Crouch and Kakassy will conference call 3:00 on Wednesday to prepare for potential visit from AEA for purposes of seeking a collaboration that will have positive impact on African Americans

Announcement – Perry Crouch is getting an award for being an influential mover and shaker on November 9, 6-8 p.m., at African American Museum,

Duaa – Muslim Speakers Network supplements world history. Hired a full-time program director. October 21 and 28<sup>th</sup>, salary point teacher training

Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

**Handouts:**

September minutes

October agenda

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333 . Beaudry Ave., Los Angeles  
Blue room

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- III. Approval of Minutes October meetings
- IV. Carry over of discussion items from October meeting:
  - a. independent charter schools
  - b. Indigenous communities at LACOE
  - c. Progress of SEL from Lori Vollandt
  - d. Progress of AEA
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