

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

Commission on Human Relations  
January 11, 2018

A G E N D A

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

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**2018:** January 11; February 8; March 8; April 12; May 10; June 14.

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Record of Discussions  
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**PRESENT**

Abelsson, Mark           selected  
Boyd, Tish                LA County HRC  
Chiasson, Judy          staff  
Crouch, Perry            Vladovic (7)  
De La Rosa, Gary        selected, Chair  
Edwards, Kathryn        LACOE  
Germaine Watts, Joyce  
Jacobs, Lloyd Bud        Superintendent  
Ortega, Annie            ADL

**ABSENT**

Garcia, Maribel         Schmerlson  
Gonzales-Palmer, Christine Melvoin (4)  
Kakassy, Allan           McKenna (1)  
LeMay, Beverly          selected  
Lopez-Chang, Ray        Rodriguez (5)  
Menjivar, Michael       Gonez (6)  
Tarrant, Karen,          UTLA, Co-chair  
Toma, Robin,             LA Co HRC  
Torres-Covarrubias, Krystal Garcia (2)  
Weldon, Floyd            AALA

**GUESTS**            Duaa Alwan

**VACANT**            SEIU

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 with quorum.

**Human Relations Awards**

Have not received any applications for awards. Will put a blurb in the SHHS newsletter and email all commissioners and student body leadership and ask them to reach out to their contacts.

Bud Jacobs will follow up with Forrest Financial about hosting the Awards event.

Commission would like to have the awards event at the Museum of Tolerance.

**DACA** – LA County has an immigration specialist. Will Edwards will make an e-introduction to the person who lead the District’s efforts. In the past, ADL has coordinated informational sessions that were co-facilitated with LAUSD and LAPD.

**Focus**

Kakassy requested that the commission discuss their focus. The commission had discussed the scope of their work at the summer retreat. Some commissioners diligently write to their representatives following every meeting with a brief summary. This month, the commission would want the board members to know that there is concern about DACA and ICE.

The LA County’s commission of 15 people meets monthly. It is supported by staff. The commission has influences the Board of Supervisors. There are also 15 staff who support the Commission.

Germaine Watts raised the discussion as to the extent to which the commissions act as *agents* of the party they represent, and wondered if there was an inherent conflict of interest.

Germaine Watts suggested that to increase our knowledge base, each month, the commissioners read a report on a topic related to human relations. Presented interest to have an executive committee.

Sample overview of the commission: The commission serves as a conduit between the community and LA Unified's board members about emerging issues related to human relations and social justice.

**Approval of Minutes of October Meeting**

Due to an oversight, copies of the October minutes were not available for review. Will bring copies next month.

**Meeting time** – Some of the commissioners encounter extreme traffic coming to come to the commission. Consider changing the time to one that is more convenient. Judy will create a doodle for 7-9 pm, 5-7 pm, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays . The room is not available on Tuesdays. Consider purchasing box lunches from the cafeteria.

**Ethnic studies** – Duua Alwan and Joyce Germaine Watts attended the meeting. Applications are open for teachers on the Leadership Team. This team will design the upcoming courses. Community members were invited to write/suggest classes, but the commission would not pursue sources.

Have been running classes on Latinos, Native American Americans, Asian Americans, plus a multicultural ethnic studies. Wondered if the purpose is to reflect the community in which one lives.

Will be a graduation requirement beginning 2018.

Request that Ethnic Studies present on their status.

**Public Comment**        There were no public comments.

**Adjournment**    8:30 p.m.

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February 8, 2018

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- I. Call to Order
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  - e. Teaching about Gender
  - f. Culturally Responsible and Responsive Pedagogy
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