

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

Commission on Human Relations

August 8, 2019

A G E N D A

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call and introductions
- III. Approval of Minutes May meetings
- IV. Nomination of Officers
- V. Standing updates/reports
 - a. Human Relations Awards – May 14, 2019 (note date change September agenda)
 - b. Office of Human Relations, Diversity & Equity
 - c. 2019/20 meeting schedule
 - d. Shelly Rivlin report
 - e. Ethnic Studies
- VI. Public Comment (2-minutes)
- VII. Adjournment

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Record of Discussions
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PRESENT

Chiasson, Judy	staff
De La Rosa, Gary	selected, Chair
Crouch, Perry	Vladovic (7)
Jacobs, Lloyd Bud	Superintendent
Laguna, Joel	UTLA
Kakassy, Allan	McKenna (1)
Ortega, Anne	ADL
Perez, Linda	SIEU
Richardson, Joan	SIEU
Rivlin, Shelley	Schmerelson (3)
Watts, Joyce Germain	selected

ABSENT

Abelsson, Mark	selected
Boyd, Tish	LA County HRC
Torres-Covarrubias, Krystal	Museum of Tolerance
Weldon, Floyd	AALA

VACANT

Garcia (2)
Goldberg (5)
Gonez (6)

Call to Order

Quorum was achieved.

Introduced new members

Commission is interested in learning about the new Office of School Climate, lead by Steve Zipperman. Some expressed concern that his is former law enforcement.

Nominations in September; elections to October.

New members arrive at 5:30 p.m. for orientation on September 12

Human Relations Awards – most impressive event. Fourteen recipients. Possible partnership with ADL to offer leadership trainings. Suggest that the District invests in funding leadership training for the schools. Other SHHS offices want to participate this year.

Shelley Rivlin – met with Schmerlson and Melvoin about their foci. Schmerlson is interested in LGBTQ. Commission is concerned about homelessness. Melvoin is interested in cultural and ethnic integration in schools.

Homelessness - Rivlin wants to know if the District will have dedicated personnel who focus on homelessness. Wants committee members to join her. Laguna inquired whether this information should be conveyed to teachers.

Conference for Change – Laguna recommended a conference for youth in the fall. The human relations awards recipients could be invited to present.

Ethnic Studies – Rivlin inquired about the Ethnic studies article. The state program released their draft (responses open to August 15). Has been concerns that many groups are dissatisfied the depth and breadth of the content, the coverage of the Israel, Muslims, Armenians, and many others. She requests a statement by the Commission.

Couch spoke to the extreme marginalization and violence that African Americans have been subjected to and the need to do the topic due justice. Discussions talked about the importance of the dominant narrative, allowances for other experiences/perspectives, anti-bias lens.

Extended meeting to 8:15 to allow time to discuss Ethnic Studies.

Attached:

- Description of the Commission
- Nomination form for Commission positions

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Description of the Commission

The Human Relations Commission was founded in 2007 to form a cohesive entity of critical stakeholders to address human relations concerns that intersect with LAUSD. All Board Members, the superintendent, and Human Relations Commissions at the city, county and LACOE have fixed seats. The Commissioners serve at the will of Board Member as a liaison between your office and that of the commission. There is no pay or compensation for participation. We do recommend a one-year commitment.

Other important participants are our at-large members, such as the ADL, Museum of Tolerance, and community representatives who demonstrate knowledge in important topics. The Commission recently added ad hoc members who demonstrate a particular area of expertise, such as our newest member who provides bridge-building education about Islam.

The Commission has a standing meeting on the 2nd Thursday of the month, 6-8 p.m. here in the Beaudry, Blue Room, with the exception of December and July. In addition to attending the regularly scheduled meetings, Commissioners may also be asked to serve on a sub-committee on an area of their interest or expertise.

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Nomination of Officers for election on Thursday, September 12, 2019

Please enter the name of any current member of the Commission you wish to nominate for any of the five board member positions below. You may nominate yourself:

CHAIR: _____

VICE CHAIR: _____

SECRETARY: _____

AT-LARGE MEMBER 1 _____

AT-LARGE MEMBER 2 _____

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 - a. Office of Human Relations, Diversity & Equity
 - i. National Coming Out Day, October 11
 - ii. OUT for Safe Schools campaign
 - iii. Human Relations Awards, May 7, 2020 (revised from August meeting)
 - b. Items proposed by Ortega:
 - i. ADL leadership training - Ortega
 - c. Items proposed by Laguna:
 - i. Conference for Change
 - d. Items proposed by Kakassy
 - i. Ethnic Studies Update
 - ii. Counseling Services For LGBTQ Students (Also, Curriculum Inclusion: History, Literature, Current Events/Issues; etc.)
 - iii. Controversy Surrounding "Islam & Arab World" Salary Point Credit Course
 - iv. Alternative Policy To Metal Detectors & Wanding (Meeting Saturday, September 14th, from 9:00 to Noon, Beaudry (Board Room)
 - v. American Indian Education Program
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