

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

Commission on Human Relations
February 11, 2021
6:30 – 8:00

TELECONFERENCE – zoom meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/91508346278?from=addon>

A G E N D A

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call and introductions 6:40
- III. Approval of minutes 6:45
- IV. Reports of standing committees
 - a. Civic Engagement 6:50
 - i. [AB 309 Pupil mental health: model referral protocols.](#)
Guest speakers
 - b. Educational Equity and School Culture 7:25
 - i. [Ethnic studies](#) guest speaker – Matt Friedman, ADL
 - c. Housing Task Force
 - d. Human Relations Awards on hiatus
 - e. Office of Human Relations, Diversity & Equity
- V. Public Comment (2-minutes) 7:50
- VI. Adjournment and announcements 7:55

Supporting History-Social Science Teaching and Learning

February 23, 2021 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Learn of the many history-social science resources and lesson plans available to assist with at-home teaching. This meeting will feature a presentation from Kielely Jackson, Coordinator, K-12 and Estevan Leyva, Coordinator, Ethnic Studies, Humanities and Related Social Sciences, LAUSD
Register here: <http://laoe.k12oms.org/1537-198931>

- I. Public Comment (2-minutes)
- II. Adjournment

Meeting schedule (subject to change by commission vote): Thursdays, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
2021 –March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10

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Minutes

PRESENT

Abelsson, Mark	selected
Crouch, Perry	Franklin (7)
Chiasson, Judy	staff
De La Rosa, Gary	at large
Hudson, Cristina	staff
Jacobs, Bud	Beutner
Kakassy, Allan	McKenna (1)
Perez, Kevin	Gonez
Watts, Joyce	selected
Rivlin, Shelley	Schmerelson (3)

GUESTS

Matthew Freidman, ADL
Dana Alpert

ABSENT

Edwards, Kathryn	LACOE
Laguna, Joel	UTLA
Reimers, Sarah	Melvoin (4)
Richardson, Joan	CSEA
Perez, Linda	CSEA
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Toma, Robin	LA County HRC
Blanshay, Linda	Museum of Tolerance

VACANT

Garcia (2)
Goldberg (5)

Quorum met at 6:40 p.m.

Introductions. Guests Mathew Friedman (to speak about Ethnic Studies curriculum) and Dana Alpert (to speak about [AB309](#)).

January minutes approved by Shelley Rivlin , seconded by Bud Jacobs with no corrections.

Guest Dana Alpert spoke about AB 309 which is a bill to ensure that teachers are provided with training and protocols. She shared that data is showing that teachers are feeling inadequate navigating their students' mental health concerns especially given the covid 19 pandemic. AB 309 would establish a pathway for teachers to identify students in need of mental health and it provides training for teachers to improve their identification of students in need. The Commission will consider endorsing it.

Mathew Friedman (mfriedman@adl.org) from ADL Los Angeles spoke about [AB331](#) that was Jose Medina's assembly member's bill about Ethnic Studies course becoming a high school graduation requirement. Organizations had sections that used language anti Jewish language. There was a second draft that was member and now in December came up with a third draft. After every draft there is a public comment period. Last public comment ended late January. Next public comment will be in March. The bill was vetoed by Governor Newsom because the curriculum wasn't ready yet. This is a model curriculum only. It will be reintroduced at the next legislative session.

Gary De La Rosa asked Mathew Friedman "is first version even close to current version?". Question by Gary De La Rosa also asked about who are the organization that removed themselves and reason.

According to Mathew Friedman the initial draft had content that was anti Semitic. He opined that there are so many different persuasions that it is very challenging to get agreement on content.

Shared link for LACOE talk for Ethnic Studies: **Supporting History-Social Science Teaching and Learning**
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Reports on Committees:

Housing Task Force : **Shelley Rivlin** reported on program called Kids First. This program seeks to provide services to children living in motels. 50 families started as pilot program but now down to 25 families only. Next task force meeting to include LAUSD housing and Nury Martinez' office to help identify locating the children/families.

Human Relations Awards- **Bud Jacobs** and **Cristina Hudson** met about having individual awards instead of schools/clubs. Proposed that there will be Human Relations Awards promoting social justice in the form of written word, art, etc. Discussion about whether to have winners (v. recognitions), how to ensure promoting in order to ensure cross representation/entries. Mark Abelson suggested not doing this during this year. Gary De La Rosa proposed finding out what students are already doing or have done and honor them. Bud Jacobs proposed finding these students by contacting the public relations unit for the information. Judy will reach out to the Office of Communications.

American Indian Education Program- **Allan Kakassy** is working with Sue Hawk to prepare a fact sheet.

School Culture/Educational Equity - J. Watts reported that there was no meeting with Joel due to illness. J. Watts shared "Black Child Suicide" report: https://caresmentoring.org/black_child_suicide_report.pdf Dr. Kimani Norrington Sands, co-author and LAUSD school psychologist.

Civic Engagement – Gary De La Rosa nothing to report this month. Gary De La Rosa shared the following information regarding access to covid vaccinations, <https://carbonhealth.com/covid-19-vaccines>

Human Relations, Diversity & Equity:

Judy Chiasson provided information about December's We Are One conference.

HRDE's website that has over 15,000 visits this semester.

Judy Chiasson is completing the *Return to School Guidebook*.

Shared about the support groups for parents of LGBTQ+ children /LGBTQ+ parents in Spanish and English monthly as well as meetings/trainings monthly for GSA Advisors.

Announcements

Bud Jacobs asked about how to acquire specific information. Gary De La Rosa shared the website <https://carbonhealth.com/covid-19-vaccines> .

Kevin shared that there is an Anti Asian hate crimes in Northern California.

Public Comment

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

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| II. | Roll Call and introductions | 6:40 |
| | a. Guest Board Member Tanya Franklin | |
| III. | Approval of February meeting | 6:45 |
| IV. | Reports of standing committees | |
| V. | Standing updates/reports/Commissioner proposed items: | |
| | a. Housing Task Force | 6:50 |
| | b. Educational Equity and School Culture | 7:00 |
| | c. Civic Engagement | 7:10 |
| | d. American Indian Education Program | 7:20 |
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