

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

Commission on Human Relations

May 13, 2021

6:30 – 8:00

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A G E N D A

- I. Call to Order
  - II. Roll Call and introductions 6:40
  - III. Approval of April meeting 6:45
  - IV. Reports of standing committees
  - V. Standing updates/reports/Commissioner proposed items:
    - a. Housing Task Force 6:55
    - b. Educational Equity and School Culture 7:05
    - c. Civic Engagement 7:15
    - d. Human Relations Awards 7:25
    - e. Office of Human Relations, Diversity & Equity 7:40
  - VI. Public Comment (2-minutes) 7:50
  - VII. Adjournment and announcements 7:55
- Meeting schedule (subject to change by commission vote)  
Thursdays, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.  
2021 –June 10

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April 8, 2021  
Minutes

**PRESENT**

Abelsson, Mark    selected  
Blanshay, Linda    Museum of Tolerance  
Chiasson, Judy    staff  
Crouch, Perry    Franklin (7)  
De La Rosa, Gary    at large  
Edwards, Kathryn    LACOE  
Jacobs, Bud    Beutner  
Kakassy, Allan    McKenna (1)  
Perez, Kevin    Gonez  
Reimers, Sarah    Melvoin (4)  
Rivlin, Shelley    Schmerelson (3)  
Vigil, Cristina    staff  
Watts, Joyce    selected

**GUESTS**

Kimani Norrington Sands  
Sharnell Blevins    Ortiz Franklin staff

**ABSENT**

Laguna, Joel    UTLA  
Perez, Linda    CSEA  
Richardson, Joan    CSEA  
Toma, Robin    LA County HRC

**VACANT**

Garcia (2)  
Goldberg (5)

Quorum met at 6:38 p.m.  
Minutes accepted with revisions

**Reports on Committees:**

**Housing Task Force :** Shelley Rivlin reported that additional funds are being allotted by the state toward schools, housing

**Human Relations Awards-** Cristina Vigil shared that the nomination form was shared on schoology with staff/teachers and thus far, there have been 39 responses from fourteen middle schools and high schools. Phone contact with Bud to review criteria for nomination. Plan is to provide certificate and recognition via zoom.

**School Culture/Educational Equity** Watts and Edwards reported on a webinar on [Beyond the Schoolhouse](#) report. African American are the lowest achieving students. LAUSD is one of the 14 LA County school districts named as having disparities for Black students. LACOE is partnering with LAUSD to identify best practices and remaining challenges. The report calls for a collective impact approach. Called for a “Beyond the Schoolhouse” because most of the challenges begin outside of school. Culver City, Pomona, and Compton have made progress.

**Civic Engagement:** Gary De La Rosa researched about the State Seal of Civic Engagement for high school students that encourages their ongoing and active participation. He sent the information to Judy to share with all members of this Commission. Gary De La Rosa has also been diving into Ethnic Studies and will share information that can be included in the Human Relations toolkit. He shared info about a book called *White Wash Adobe* and two articles that he will share with group

p because a lot part of civic engagement has to do with educating ourselves about our history. Allan K. shared that there is a high school requirement already called “service learning” but agrees that civic engagement endorsement is also positive move.

**Ethnic Studies** – meeting on May 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 to review the committees. See Allan’s email for details. By 2022/23. Groups will be historically marginalized groups, Black, Latino, Native American, AAPHI AMPHSA. Kakassy sent his recommendations via email and wants the report to be released prior to the meeting. Judy wrote to DOI to inquire.

Watts will send [the CA DOE history social science](#) framework to the extent to which civic engagement tis infused Mark, Allan, Gary, Linda

Edwards shared links to [School Democracy](#) and [State Seal of Civic Engagement](#)

### Human Relations Awards

HRDE staff have been supporting school sites.

Cristina Vigil presented the applicants for Human Relations awards. 15 different schools representing all board members submitted. The event is tentatively scheduled for the first week of June. Invitations will be extended to the superintendent, Pia Escudero, the Board Members, and of course the schools.

School name	LD	Board Member	# of submissions
GALA	W	BD 1 McKenna	1
Crenshaw	W	BD 1 McKenna	1
RFK	C	BD 2 Garcia	
Liechty MS	C	BD 2 Garcia	1
Millikan	NE	BD 3 Schmerelson	1
Mulholland MS	NW	BD 3 Schmerelson	2
University	W	BD 4 Melvoin	1
Eagle Rock	C	BD 5 Goldberg	2
Marshall	C	BD 5 Goldberg	4
Sotomayor	C	BD 5 Goldberg	1
South Gate	E	BD 5 Goldberg	1
Arleta	NE	BD 6 Gonez	1
Vladovic Harbor	S	BD 7 Franklin	1
Banning	S	BD 7 Franklin	1
Narbonne	S	BD 7 Franklin	22

**AAPI** – LACOE and LAUSD have posted resources for AAPHI AMPHSA, including those from the [AsianAmericanedu.org](#)

The commission will recess in July and resume in August with the same rotation of 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday s, 6:30 – 8:00 pm.

Dr. Crouch moved to adjourn the meeting and Bud Jacobs seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday, June 10 - 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. via Zoom.

No meeting in July 2021

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Thursdays, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

2021: August 12, September 9, October 14, November 11 (no December meeting)

2022: January 13, February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9