

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

Commission on Human Relations

June 10, 2021

6:30 – 8:00

<https://zoom.us/j/97429462434?from=addon>

A G E N D A

- I. Call to Order
  - II. Roll Call and introductions 6:35
  - III. Approval of May meeting 6:40
  - IV. Guest Deputy Secretary of State, Dr. Shirley Weber 6:45
  - V. Reports of standing committees, standing updates/reports/Commissioner proposed items:
    - a. Human Relations Awards 7:15
    - b. Housing Task Force 7:25
    - c. Educational Equity and School Culture 7:30
    - d. Civic Engagement 7:35
    - e. Office of Human Relations, Diversity & Equity 7:45
  - VI. Public Comment (2-minutes) 7:50
  - VII. Adjournment and announcements 7:55
- Meeting schedule (subject to change by commission vote)
- Next meeting: August 12. No July meeting

Thursdays, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

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

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

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Minutes

**PRESENT**

Abelsson, Mark    selected  
Laguna, Joel      UTLA  
Chiasson, Judy    staff  
Crouch, Perry     Franklin (7)  
De La Rosa, Gary   at large  
Edwards, Kathryn   LACOE  
Jacobs, Bud       Beutner  
Kakassy, Allan    McKenna (1)  
Perez, Linda       CSEA  
Perez, Kevin       Gonez  
Rivlin, Shelley     Schmerelson (3)  
Vigil, Cristina     staff  
Friedman, Matthew   ADL

**GUESTS**

Blevins, Sharnell   Ortiz Franklin staff  
Secretary of State, Dr. Shirley Webber  
Becerra, Franki, Office of Secretary of State

**ABSENT**

Richardson, Joan    CSEA  
Toma, Robin          LA County HRC  
Blanshay, Linda     Museum of Tolerance  
Reimers, Sarah      Melvoin (4)  
Watts, Joyce        selected

**VACANT**

Garcia (2)  
Goldberg (5)

Quorum met at 6:34 p.m. Minutes approved by S. Rivlin and seconded by Dr. Crouch with no corrections.

Guest Secretary of State, **Dr. Shirley Webber** shared critical issues across California, specifically voting, race relations, ethnic studies and the work her department is accomplishing related to important issues California and the nation is facing now. Dr. Webber came to her current position after completing her undergraduate, masters and doctorate degrees from UCLA by the age of 26. She recently authored a bill making it California state law that students graduating from Cal States will have to take and pass (3 units) of Ethnic Studies (choosing from Africana Studies, Chicano Studies, Native American Studies or API Studies).

Questions:

Kakassy- Could there be a website to share with students about their right to vote and students' rights and responsibilities? Also regarding restitution would this include Native American as well? Mr. Ramos is our first Native American member of the senate.

De La Rosa- Are there any materials out of your office that our school district could help our students understand about civic engagement?

*There is already a commission for Native Americans to ensure reparations and their right to vote. Thank you for your suggestion about providing info for students. We do go to high schools and work to register and educate our young people early regarding their voting rights. We also have an intern program with 100 students who are paid interns for college students. We also have an office in Los Angeles.*

Dr. Crouch- I follow you and you are my shero and whatever you need for us to help you, I am in.

L. Perez- I would like you to share your presentation with organizations that I am affiliated with. What do I need to do to invite you? *You can call my office in Sacramento and schedule me to present.*

B. Jacobs- I have been to the Pueblo projects and know the schools you attended. Voting rights are so important. The Human Relations Awards would love to guide our young people toward projects related to voting and we would love for you to present this award.

*I would be happy to. We are 80% (of eligible voters registered) and would like to see it at 100%.*

### **Reports on Committees:**

**Housing Task Force :** Shelley Rivlin reported that she will talk to Angela Chandler to prepare for next school year. Judy C. reported on progress being made regarding laundry facilities at schools. Shelley R. will follow up.

**Human Relations Awards-** Cristina Vigil, Bud Jacobs, Gary De La Rosa and Judy Chiasson shared that the HRDE Commissioners Student Awards show was a great success and well attended. Accolades about the show have been expressed far and wide across the district. Judy Chiasson shared the slide show and shared that the powerpoint is available on the HRDE website <https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/2293> Judy Chiasson shared that in October 2021 her department will host a conference focusing on LGBTQ+ youth for LAUSD educators.

**School Culture/Educational Equity-** Joel Laguna shared that the school year is winding down (tomorrow is last day). Allan Kakassy asked a question related to UTLA and the Israel /Palestinian conflict. Joel Laguna shared that a UTLA member brought up a motion related to this and legally UTLA has to debate it and then bring it up for a vote. Voting will take place at next House of Reps meeting. Date was not known at this time.

**Civic Engagement:** Commissioners thanked Shelley Rivlin for making it possible to hear such an important speaker, Dr. Webber.

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. Commissioners discussed the possibility of an in-person retreat. Bud Jacobs expressed that he would want that if Linda Perez is provided transportation to and from the location. Location to be determined.

Shelley Rivlin moved to adjourn the meeting and Bud Jacobs seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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