

Commission on Human Relations  
January 12, 2023  
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MINUTES

PRESENT

De La Rosa, Gary	at large
Abelsson, Mark	selected
Blanshay, Linda	Museum of Tolerance
Crouch, Perry	Franklin (7)
Garcia, Jeronimo	Melvoin (4)
Jacobs, Bud	Superintendent
Valentina D'Alessandro	LA Co HRC
Kakassy, Allan	McKenna (1)
Rivlin, Shelley	Schmerelson (3)

STAFF

Escobar, Janise	HRDE
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ABSENT

Edwards, Kathryn	LACOE
Friedman, Matthew	ADL
Richardson, Joan	CSEA
Toma, Robin	LA County HRC
Tooley, Skye	UTLA
Villa-McDowell, Terri	LA County Co HRC
Watts, Joyce	selected

VACANT

Rivas (2)  
Goldberg (5)  
Gonez (6)  
AALA

Meeting commenced at 6:05 pm

October minutes approved. No meeting in December, Quorum was not reached in November.

Introduction and onboarding of new member – Valentina D'Alessandro LA County HRC

Reports of standing committees, standing updates/reports/Commissioner proposed items:

**Human Relations Awards** Will continue marketing the awards. Will continue on virtual to ensure equity and maximize overall attendance.

Commission would like to schedule part 2 of the June retreat. Blanshay will coordinate with Retreat Subcommittee to meet with Alan the facilitator for summary of Part 1 and recommendations for subsequent sessions.

**Housing Task Force** mobile laundry facilities are expanding to include Jordan and Reseda High Schools

**Educational Equity and School Culture** Blanshay informed the commission of MOT offerings in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King and Black History Month

Discussion of need to outreach to the board to reintroduce the commission, request to ensure representation on the board (Goldberg, Garcia and Gonez seats are empty) and to apprise them of the upcoming Human Relations awards.)

**Office of Human Relations, Diversity & Equity**

Piloting Proud to Be/Project 10 groups at schools

Preparing for Jazz and Friends Read aloud event

Mark Abellsson will miss the November meeting due to class

Adjournment and announcements

7:51 P.M.

Meeting schedule (subject to change by commission vote) *Thursdays, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.:*

- February 9
- March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8