

LA UNIFIED
Student Health & Human Services
Office of Human Relations, Diversity & Equity

Commission on Human Relations
May 11, 2023
AGENDA

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| I. | Call to Order | 6:30 |
| II. | Roll Call and introductions | 6:35 |
| III. | Approval of April minutes | 6:37 |
| IV. | Reports of standing committees, standing updates/reports/Commissioner proposed items: | |
| | a. Housing Task Force | 7:00 |
| | b. Human Relations Awards | 7:15 |
| | c. Educational Equity and School Culture | 7:20 |
| | d. Civic Engagement | 7:25 |
| | e. Office of Human Relations, Diversity & Equity | 7:30 |
| V. | Public Comment (2-minutes) | 7:40 |
| VI. | Adjournment and announcements | 7:55 |

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- 2023, June 8

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minutes

PRESENT

Blanshay, Linda	Museum of Tolerance
Crouch, Perry	Franklin (7)
De La Rosa, Gary	At large
D'Alessandro, Valentina	LA County HRC
Jacobs, Bud	Superintendent
Kakassy, Allan	McKenna (1)
Rivlin, Shelley	Schmerelson (3)
Robledo, Olivia	Gonez (6)
Watts, Joyce	selected

ABSENT

Abelsson, Mark	selected
Richardson, Joan	CSEA
Garcia, Jeronimo	Melvoin (4)
Tooley, Skye	UTLA
Williams, Jamaal	LACOE

VACANT

Rivas (2)
Goldberg (5)
AALA

STAFF

Chiasson, Judy	HRDE
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Shelley Rivlin reported on developments in Sacramento regarding ethnic studies.

- There is a movement in Ethnic Studies to have Israel identified as a terrorist organization
- There is a request to continue the \$3M grant to fund the 3-day training on the Holocaust.
- De La Rosa notes that there the push back is nationwide. California and American History
<https://lausd.zoom.us/j/8128766443>

Shelley and Mark Hovatter will be meeting with Dr. Baca about housing security
Reseda and Van Nuys have among the highest homelessness in the valley
[SB7](#) by Senator Blask adds a layer of housing
State senator Menjavor is a graduate of Reseda HS

Human Relations Awards presented by Susie Zoeckler, HRDE
Over 100 applicants. Selected 2-4 for each board member.
The event will held on zoom.

Discussed nationwide rise in biased epithets being used in schools and increase in anti transgender sentiments

Joyce met with the Educational Equity and School Climate Committee (Allan, Linda, Skye, Jamal, Joyce)

Discussed the complexity of reviewing programs from the perspectives of data-based decision making, inclusion, peer review, cost, ease of implementation, etc.

The committee wondered about the role of the commission on matters such as ethnic studies and promising practices

Perry Crouch expressed the need to focus on violence reduction and prioritize academics. Also bemoaned that teachers are leaving the profession. Wondered about the status of Future Teachers Club.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00

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