

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

Commission on Human Relations
October 12, 2023
MINUTES

Abelsson, Mark, Selected
D'Alessandro, Valentina, LA County HRC
De La Rosa, Gary Superintendent at large
Espinoza, Sayra, UTLA
Friedman, Matthew, ADL
Jacobs, Bud, Superintendent
Paladin, Luboff, Melvoin (4)
Perez, Linda, CSEA
Rivlin, Shelley, Schmerelson (3)
Valladares, Claudia, Goldberg (5)
Watts, Joyce, selected

Zoeckler, Susanna HRDE
Chiasson, Judy, HRDE

ABSENT
Blanshay, Linda, Museum of Tolerance
Crouch, Perry, Franklin (7)
Hyland, Irene, AALA
Kakassy, Allan. McKenna (1)
Richardson, Joan, CSEA
Robledo, Olivia, Gonez (6)
Williams, Jamaal, LACOE

STAFF

VACANT
Rivas (2)

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| I. | Call to Order | 6:00 |
| | Meeting commenced at 6:00 with quorum | |
| II. | Roll Call and introductions | 6:05 |
| | Welcomed new HRDE staff, Julie Hall-Panameno | |
| III. | Approval of September minutes | 6:10 |
| IV. | Discuss protocol for commissioners seeking information from staff. Ask that requests be channeled through staff liaison – Chiasson or Zoeckler | |
| V. | Reports of standing committees, standing updates/reports/Commissioner proposed items: | |
| | a. Housing Task Force | 6:30 |
| | Is working with Schmerleson about accelerating enrollment of children who are living in shelters. | |
| | b. Human Relations Awards | 6:40 |
| | Susie Zoeckler and Bud are working on a rubric for future submissions.
Continuing the monthly spotlight of past awards recipients. | |
| | c. Educational Equity and School Culture | 6:40 |
| | d. Ground our discussions with a reflection on what's going on in the Middle East. Presented on the educational equity and the role of the district to address disproportionality. Gave a retrospective on disproportionality and the over-identification of BIPOC children for special ed, less academic education, punitive and exclusionary disciplinary activities. Watts is reaching out to LACOE for possible trainings for the commissioners. | |
| | e. Civic Engagement | 7:00 |
| | f. Office of Human Relations, Diversity & Equity | 7:10 |
| | Shared about the October 5 book distribution and the recent anti-gay trolls | |
| VI. | Public Comment | 7:20 |

[LA vs Hate](#) is unveiling a monument to uplift Black community at the Willowbrook Senior Center, 11/11, 12915 Jarvis Avenue.

VII. Adjournment and announcements

Meeting schedule Thursdays, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. (subject to change by Commission vote)

2023: November 9

2024: January 11, February 8, March 14, April 11, May 9, June 13