

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

Commission on Human Relations  
February 8, 2024  
MINUTES

PRESENT

Castillo, Carlos, Museum of Tolerance  
Crouch, Perry, Franklin (7)  
D'Alessandro, Valentina, LA County HRC  
De La Rosa, Gary Superintendent at large  
Espinoza, Sayra, UTLA  
Friedman, Matthew, ADL  
Jacobs, Bud, Superintendent  
Kakassy, Allan. McKenna (1)  
Perez, Linda, CSEA  
Rivlin, Shelley, Schmerelson (3)  
Robledo, Olivia, Gonez (6)  
Valladares, Claudia, Goldberg (5)  
Virgil, Chris  
Watts, Joyce, selected

STAFF

Zoeckler, Susanna HRDE  
Chiasson, Judy, HRDE

ABSENT

Abelsson, Mark, Selected  
Blanshay, Linda, Museum of Tolerance  
Hyland, Irene, AALA  
Ortiz, Margaret, SEIU  
Paladin, Luboff, Melvoin (4)  
Richardson, Joan, CSEA  
Williams, Jamaal, LACOE

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 |
| III. | Approval of January 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 |
|      | Shelley Rivlin proposed motion to close the housing task force. Motion passed with quorum.   |      |
|      | b. Human Relations Awards  | 6:40 |
|      | Susie Zoeckler continuing the monthly spotlight of past awards recipients for promotion. Nominations will open from February 1 <sup>st</sup> through March 15th. There have been 3 nominations so far. |      |
|      | Bud Jacobs to present to Principals in March.  |      |
|      | Susie will send nomination form to Superintendent's Student Advisory Council.  |      |
|      | Susie will create awards for 2022-2023 due to challenges in having board members follow through with the task.   |      |
|      | c. Educational Equity and School Culture   | 6:40 |
|      | Watts continues exploring possible trainings with Jamaal Williams and MOT for commissioners.   |      |
|      | d. Civic Engagement  | 7:00 |
|      | No report.   |      |
|      | e. Office of Human Relations, Diversity & Equity   | 7:10 |

Chiasson and Zoeckler shared about BLM Week of Action Toolkits and National Day of Reading event. 47,000 Beads is the selected book for this year's reading event.

VI. Public Comment

7:20

Alan Kakassy discussed lack of representation for Indigenous Native American representation on the commission.

VII. Adjournment and announcements

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

2024: March 14, April 11, May 9, June 13

Minutes approved at March 14, 2024 meeting.