

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

Commission on Human Relations  
March 14, 2024  
MINUTES

Castillo, Carlos, Musuem 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  
Kakassy, Allan. McKenna (1)  
Perez, Linda, CSEA  
Rivlin, Shelley, Schmerelson (3)  
Robledo, Olivia, Gonez (6)  
Valladares, Claudia, Goldberg (5)  
Virgil, Chris  
Watts, Joyce, selected

Chiasson, Judy, HRDE

ABSENT  
Abelsson, Mark, Selected  
Blanshay, Linda, Museum of Tolerance  
Espinoza, Sayra, UTLA  
Hyland, Irene, AALA  
Jacobs, Bud, Superintendent  
Ortiz, Margaret, SEIU  
Paladin, Luboff, Melvoin (4)  
Richardson, Joan, CSEA  
Williams, Jamaal, LACOE

STAFF

Zoeckler, Susanna HRDE

VACANT  
Rivas (2)

- I. Call to Order 6:00  
Meeting commenced at 6:00 with quorum
- II. Roll Call and introductions 6:05
- III. Approval of February 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. Human Relations Awards 6:40  
Susie Zoeckler current nominations to date at 46. Closing nominations on the 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Representation from each Board District achieved.  
Susie created awards for 2022-2023 school year. Once signatures are done, will deliver to schools.
  - b. Educational Equity and School Culture 6:40  
Watts continues exploring possible trainings with Jamaal Williams and MOT for commissioners.
  - c. Civic Engagement 7:00  
No report.
  - d. Office of Human Relations, Diversity & Equity 7:10  
Chiasson and Zoeckler shared about the success of National Day of Reading event.  
47,000 Beads was the selected book for this years' 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: April 11, May 9, June 13