

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

Commission on Human Relations
April 11, 2024
MINUTES

Castillo, Carlos, Musuem of Tolerance
De La Rosa, Gary Superintendent at large
Espinoza, Sayra, UTLA
Friedman, Matthew, ADL
Jacobs, Bud, Superintendent
Valladares, Claudia, Goldberg (5)
Watts, Joyce, selected
Williams, Jamaal, LACOE

STAFF
Zoeckler, Susanna HRDE

ABSENT
Abelsson, Mark, Selected

Blanshay, Linda, Museum of Tolerance
Crouch, Perry, Franklin (7)
D'Alessandro, Valentina, LA County HRC
Hyland, Irene, AALA
Kakassy, Allan. McKenna (1)
Ortiz, Margaret, SEIU
Paladin, Luboff, Melvoin (4)
Perez, Linda, CSEA
Richardson, Joan, CSEA
Rivlin, Shelley, Schmerelson (3)
Robledo, Olivia, Gonez (6)

VACANT
Rivas (2)

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| I. | Call to Order | 6:10 |
| | Meeting commenced at 6:10 with quorum | |
| II. | Roll Call and introductions | 6:10 |
| III. | Approval of March minutes | 6:15 |
| IV. | Reports of standing committees, standing updates/reports/Commissioner proposed items: | |
| | a. Human Relations Awards | 6:20 |
| | Susie Zoeckler, Shelley Rivlin, and Gary De La Rosa met to review and score nominations. | |
| | Susie and Bud Jacobs meeting to finalize 2022-2023 awards and discuss dissemination. | |
| | Winners will be selected following week. | |
| | Susie is onboarding Samantha Gottell and Cristina Vigil to support with awards. | |
| | b. Educational Equity and School Culture | 6:30 |
| | Jamaal Williams discussed upcoming Equity and Wellbeing Conference training from LACOE being offered to commissioners May 16 th and 17 th in Long Beach. | |
| | https://laoe.k12oms.org/1534-244977 | |
| | Joyce Watts requested some LAUSD representation on the Ed Equity and School Culture committee. | |
| | Joyce stated looking for dates to propose retreat. | |
| | c. Civic Engagement | 6:45 |
| | Gary De La Rosa discussed with regarding to upcoming elections and encouraging newly eligible students to register and vote. | |
| | Gary also discussed planning collaboration with organizations to provide promotional materials to school campuses. | |
| | Find district representative to speak to commission in order to discuss LAUSD student civic engagement. | |

Reach out to Awards nominees that were Civic Engagement centered for ideas and strategies.

d. Office of Human Relations, Diversity & Equity

7:10

Zoeckler shared about the success of National Day of Reading event. 47,000 Beads was the selected book for this years' reading event.

Zoeckler shared about collaboration with BSAP to promote upcoming short film screening of Pacemaker and educational toolkits. <https://youtu.be/yujljQXOY4k?si=etegONBz-QFAdg2T>

V. Public Comment

7:20

American Jewish Committee resources shared for American Jewish Heritage Month.

https://www.ajc.org/jewishamericanheritagemonth?utm_campaign=JAHM&utm_medium=email&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-8gM_g6nUU38_S0VOB5JN2VflwhDbVbW-rMQFCofhAIEA_GQ_0Z-6CsaYCHjnyUvq2mdElMY2rjXtv5D2rlrw0B0bJr9A&_hsmi=302285431&utm_content=302285431&utm_source=hs_email

Matt shared ADL Resources. <https://www.adl.org/resources/tools-and-strategies/jewish-american-heritage-month-resources>

Francisco Goya Exhibit – Norton Simon in Pasadena

Watts - Peralta Community College <http://.sites.google.com/view/peraltaequityconference>

VI. Adjournment and announcements

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

2024: May 9, June 13