

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

Commission on Human Relations

September 11, 2025

6 – 7:30 pm

MINUTES

<p>PRESENT</p> <p>De La Rosa, Gary at large Donis-Santos, Deysy, LA County HRC Marroquin, Victor Hugo, Griego (5) Espinoza, Sayra, UTLA Watts, Joyce, selected</p>	<p>ABSENT</p> <p>Robledo, Olivia, Gonez (6) Crouch, Perry, Franklin (7) Cruz, Blanca, AALA D'Alessandro, Valentina, LA County HRC Jacobs, Bud, Superintendent Kakassy, Allan. Newbill (1) Noise, Tyisha, LACOE Rivlin, Shelley, Schmerelson (3)</p>
<p>HRDE</p> <p>Chiasson, Judy Gupppy, Talia Hall, Julie Vigil, Cristina Zoeckler, Susanna</p>	<p>VACANT</p> <p>Dr. Rocio Rivas (2) Melvoin, Nick (4) SEIU</p>
<p>GUESTS</p>	

Call to Order	6:00
Opened with land acknowledgement	
Quorum achieved at 6:15 pm	
II.Roll Call and introductions	6:05
III.Review and approve of May minutes	6:07
I.Approved without revision	
IV.General discussion items	6:10
a. Meet HRDE staff supporting the commission	
b. Introduce new commissioners	
c. We are One Inquiries: https://www.lausd.org/weareone	
I. How is this being disseminated?	
II. What languages?	
III. Who are the community partners?	
IV. Where can we donate?	
V. How can the commission be of support?	
VI. YMCA has a food delivery service -	

V. Reports of standing committees, standing updates/reports/Commissioner proposed items:

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| a. Human Relations Awards | 6:20 |
| b. Educational Equity and School Culture | 6:30 |
| ICE has put work on hold, but ready to move forward | |
| c. Civic Engagement | 6:40 |
| d. Human Relations, Diversity & Equity | 6:50 |
| Judy Chiasson is retiring | |
| Shared about Mahmoud v. Taylor | |
| Across the country, there are broader requests for opt outs | |

Watts: at this point there is no indication that the Mahmoud v. Taylor decision will extend to secondary.

Discussed book bannings: In the 1982 Board of Education, Island Trees Union Free School District No. 26 v. Pico, the Supreme Court considered whether a school board's removal of books from a school library violated students' First Amendment right to access information. The Court ruled that school boards cannot remove books from school libraries solely because they dislike the ideas or viewpoints presented in those books.

Discussed the importance of crossing the divide and differentiating between not liking someone's politics but still liking the person. Cannot fall into dehumanizing others.

Need to model building alliances.

Shared about Braver Angels <https://braverangels.org/> which teaches strategies to engage in dialogue.

Watts asked about the faith community's visibility.

Marroquin asked about the micro credential & the liaisons and parent trainings re LGBTQ matters are presented at schools. ReachLA offered to share resources

Community Resources and initiatives

<https://da.lacounty.gov/community/interfaith-advisory-board>

<https://braverangels.org/>

Socialimpact@ymcala.org - will deliver groceries

CLUE- <https://www.cluejustice.org/>

Sacred Resistance - <https://www.lasacredresistance.org/>

VI. Public Comment

7:00

VII. Adjournment and announcements

7:15

Announcements & Events:

- 9/27/25 - Reach LA is sponsoring youth summit, organized by youth council, open to parents
Hosted at Emerson College. Transportation is provided
- LA v Hate is sponsoring a week of action - United Against Hate week 10/19-25 with resources
<https://www.lavshate.org/community-events-calendar/LA>
- [LACOE Empowering Voices. Transforming Communities. Advancing Wellbeing for All. October 29-30, Westin Long Beach](#)

Meeting schedule 2nd Thursdays, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. (subject to change by Commission vote)

2025: October 9, November 13, 2025

2026: January 8; February 12; March 12; April 9; May 14; June 11