

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Student Health & Human Services  
Office of Human Relations, Diversity & Equity

Commission on Human Relations  
May 14, 2020

TELECONFERENCE – zoom meeting

Meeting URL: <https://zoom.us/j/92759020649>  
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A G E N D A

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call and introductions
- III. Updates on commissioners
- IV. Approval of Minutes April meeting
- V. Reports of standing committees
- VI. Standing updates/reports/Commissioner proposed items:
  - a. June 2019 retreat and focus areas
  - b. Human Relations Awards
  - c. Housing Task Force
  - d. American Indian Education Program
  - e. Educational Equity
  - f. School Culture
  - g. Civic Engagement
  - h. Office of Human Relations, Diversity & Equity

Public Comment (2-minutes)

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PRESENT

Abelsson, Mark	selected
Chiasson, Judy	staff
De La Rosa, Gary	selected Chair
Jacobs, Lloyd Bud	Superintendent
Laguna, Joel	UTLA
Ortega, Anne	ADL
Perez, Kevin	Gonez (6)
Rivlin, Shelley	Schmerelson (3)
Toma, Robin	LA County HRC
Torres-Covarrabias, Krystal	Museum of Tolerance
Watts, Joyce Germain	selected
Wilson, Kaaras	

ABSENT

Crouch, Perry	Vladovic (7)
Edwards, Kathryn	LACOE
Kakassy, Allan	McKenna (1)
Richardson, Joan	CSEA
Weldon, Floyd	AALA
Perez, Linda	CSEA

VACANT

Garcia (2)
Melvoin (4)
Goldberg (5)

Call to Order

Moved to virtual platform due to Coronavirus.

Quorum was achieved

Minutes were approved with correction: Commissioner Kathryn Edwards of LACOE was not included in the attendance roster in error.

Commissioner Anne Ortega submitted her resignation to focus on other ADL initiatives. Will continue working with the commission in a less formal capacity.

Reviewed minutes of the June 2019 retreat

Krystal Torres-Covarrabia will write up the minutes of the January event which was co-sponsored by the Museum of Tolerance and ADL.

**Human Relations Awards**

There are six entries. Asked schools to create 2-minute videos describing their project.

**Housing instability task force:** Shelley Rivlin & Kevin Perez – families have requested clothing. Shelley connected with Mark Hovatter who oversees the Grab N Go. Mark will assist with getting them to the distribution centers.

**Educational Equity** – Commissioner Germaine Watts. Will merge Educational Equity and School Culture task forces given their overlap.

**School culture task force** – Commissioners Laguna and Watt. UTLA is working on proactively have a seat at the table what the fall will look like. UTLA is focusing on special education, SHHS, health, funding, health care services, income replacement.

Katherine at LACOE is working on addressing learning gaps, considering having teachers move instead of students to reduce movement on campus.

Joel Laguna said that generally speaking, the half of his students who are participating are the ones who would participated well during the year. They are continuing to advance. The other half tend to be those who were marginal during the school year. Thus, the gap will broaden

**Civic Engagement** – Gary spoke about encouraging people to vote. Krystal & the MOT are working with KQED on messaging on voting.

Gary de la Rosa will be point person for organizing the June 2020 retreat and focus areas

**Anti-Hate initiatives LA County** - Robin Toma - Bill introduced to congress denouncing anti-Asian bias. Asking the justice department to track cases of COVID-related hate crimes. Asking for federal oversight of the Georgia murder of Arbery.

Asian Americans Advancing Justice worked on PBS series.

Antihate initiative – “211” has collected 100+ cases in LA County of anti-Asian incidents; 1000+ incidents nationally, Hope to extend to all hate-motivated incidents. Ultimate goal is to create policy. Extend to social media. LA v. Hate.

Coordinate with Community of Schools.

Gary de la Rosa is supporting individuals who have been laid off. Does tele-communication twice daily.

COVID death count crossed 300,000. Moment of remembrance.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

Second Thursdays, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, June 11, 2020

Handouts:     April minutes  
                  May agenda  
                  Human Relations awards  
                  June 2019 retreat minutes

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June 11, 2020

6:30 – 8:00

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- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call and introductions
- III. Meet new HRDE staff
- IV. Approval of Minutes May meeting
- V. Reports of standing committees
- VI. Standing updates/reports/Commissioner proposed items:
  - a. Human Relations Awards
  - b. Anti-hate initiative for LA County
  - c. Housing Task Force
  - d. American Indian Education Program
  - e. Educational Equity
  - f. School Culture
  - g. Civic Engagement
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- VII. Public Comment (2-minutes)
- VIII. Adjournment