

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

Commission on Human Relations  
January 11, 2024  
MINUTES

Espinoza, Sayra, UTLA  
Friedman, Matthew, ADL  
Jacobs, Bud, Superintendent  
Kakassy, Allan. McKenna (1)  
Rivlin, Shelley, Schmerelson (3)  
Robledo, Olivia, Gonez (6)  
Valladares, Claudia, Goldberg (5)  
Watts, Joyce, selected

STAFF

Zoeckler, Susanna HRDE  
Chiasson, Judy, HRDE

ABSENT  
Abelsson, Mark, Selected  
Blanshay, Linda, Museum of Tolerance  
Crouch, Perry, Franklin (7)  
D'Alessandro, Valentina, LA County HRC  
De La Rosa, Gary Superintendent at large  
Hyland, Irene, AALA  
Ortiz, Margaret, SEIU  
Paladin, Luboff, Melvoin (4)  
Perez, Linda, CSEA  
Richardson, Joan, CSEA  
Williams, Jamaal, LACOE

VACANT  
Rivas (2)

- I. Call to Order 6:00  
Meeting commenced at 6:00 without quorum
- II. Roll Call and introductions 6:05
- III. Approval of November 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  
Discussed potentially closing housing task force due to lack of involvement and low interest from commission. Will bring forth again for consideration once quorum is met.
  - 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.  
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  
Holding meeting to operationally define “equity” to guide work with committee and reviewed district data.  
Watts continues exploring possible trainings from MOT for commissioners.
  - d. Civic Engagement 7:00  
No report.
  - e. Office of Human Relations, Diversity & Equity 7:10  
Chaiasson and Zoeckler shared about 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 gun safety and its impact on Human Relations with emphasis on Safety Planning.
- VII. Adjournment and announcements

Meeting schedule Thursdays, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. (subject to change by Commission vote)  
2024: February 8, March 14, April 11, May 9, June 13