



# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

## Leon L. Williams San Diego County Human Relations Commission

### Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2023, 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

**Location:** Southeastern Live Well Center  
Tubman Chavez Conference Center  
5101 Market St., San Diego, CA 92114

#### 1. Call to Order & Chairs Opening Comments

- Meeting called to order at: 5:31pm
- Chair Nash welcomes everyone to the new Southeast Live Well Center
- Chair Nash promotes a safe space and positive Human Relations. To ensure as commissioners that we promote positive human relations, (addressing commissioners), please raise your hand if a remark has been made that makes you feel uncomfortable and let Chair or Vice-Chairs know. The meeting will pause so they can discuss by-laws, remarks and next steps.

#### 2. Roll Call & Introductions

- **Present:**  
Cinnamon Clark, Kate Clark, Estela De Los Rios, Angela Elliot-Santos, Rodney Fowler, Dennis Hodges, Adeem Ismaeil, George Khoury, Nicole Murray Ramirez, Ellen Nash, Fabienne Perlov, Gina Roberts, Milan Shah, David Vance
- **Late:**  
Taha Hassane, Sarah Farouq, Eleanor Evans
- **Excused Absences:**  
Jordan Harrison, David Garcias, Pedro Anaya, Joseph Allen Ruanto-Ramirez
- **Departed Early:**  
Milan Shah, Dennis Hodges, Cinnamon Clark, David Vance, Nicole Murray Ramirez, Gina Roberts
- **Introductions:**  
Commissioner Perlov gave a brief introduction on herself.  
Commissioner Shah gave a brief introduction on himself.

#### 3. Land Acknowledgement

- Commissioner Elliot-Santos read a script recognizing and acknowledging Indigenous people that called (what is now) San Diego County home for a millennia.

#### 4. Rules of Order

- Mr. Strong read an excerpt of the Commission's Rules of Order

#### 5. Presentation: "The illegal and inhumane detention of migrants that occurred in San Ysidro and Jacumba during the lifting of Title 42"

- Commissioner K. Clark introduced the presenters:
  - Presenters, Southern Border Communities Coalition:
    - Lilian Serrano, Southern Border Communities Coalition, Director
    - Flower Alvarez Lopez, Universidad Popular
    - Paulina Reyes, San Diego Immigrant Rights Consortium, Chair & Immigrant Defenders Law Center, Attorney
  - Southern Boarder Communities Coalition (SBCC) presented (slides attached)
  - Public Comments:
    - Patricia Mondragon spoke to Commissioners regarding agenda item #5
    - Roberto Zepeda spoke to Commissioners regarding agenda item #5
  - Commissioner Comments:
    - Commissioner Hassane thanked the presenters and spoke on community members having gone to the border and how the Islamic Center of San Diego has assisted and what they've witnessed. Our commission to take strong action to make sure law enforcement is aware.
    - Commissioner Farouq thanked presenters, apologized for being late. Asked if there was County effort for donations from communities? Is there a way as individuals we can support? – We can connect offline.
    - Commissioner K. Clark thanked the presenters. Knowledge is power, we have an opportunity to better understand this issue. Hopefully the commission heeds this request to assist.
    - Commissioner Shah thanked the presenters. Do you have any suggestions specifically for youth to be involved?
      - Presenter Response: There is a role for everyone at the site.
    - Commissioner Vance thanked the presenters. The Center is proud to partner with you on this work.
    - Commissioner C. Clark thanked the presenters.
    - Commissioner De Los Rios has been working on immigrant issues for several years and was a founder of the San Diego Rights Consortium, will encourage and write a personal letter to CBP. Our issued raised here do not compare to what you presented. Thanked the presenters.
    - Vice-Chair Evans:
      - Q: Why are people risking their lives to come here?
      - A: It is hard to tell, we have many people from all over the world with language barriers. Not all are Spanish speakers, however some migrants have shared that they do not have anything to go back to, have been on the road for months, have been persecuted due to the social groups they come from, i.e. Afghanistan., also different parts of the America's where they are being extorted and natural disasters also spurs migration.
      - Q: Other than Mexico, which countries are folks coming from?
      - A: Those of us that work, day, and night, we are not seeing people asking for asylum coming from Mexico. It is every other part of the world except for Mexico, they are arriving from China, Afghanistan, Iran, Jordan, etc.
      - Q: Which countries are automatically being turned back? There are 5,000 Haitians in Tijuana that have been waiting to come.

- A: That question takes us to a broader conversation in the Immigrant/Asylum world. The Biden Administration has created an app that only allows for Spanish, Creole and English speakers to schedule an appointment, so those that don't use or have a smartphone are at a disadvantage. Daily there are about 1200 appointments available all along the Southern border. The people we are seeing in the encampments, are not the ones that have been waiting in Tijuana these past years.
- Commissioner Nash: Waives to speak on issue but asks remaining commissioners to keep comments short to allow time for other agenda items.
- Commissioner Perlov thanked the presenters.
  - Q: In terms of advocacy, where do you position yourselves right now? Federal, State or Local levels that you are engaged with elected officials and policy makers and how can we help?
  - A: Short answer is everybody. At SBCC we help local affiliates at federal level for all levels of CBP, White House and Congress. We've been doing all this advocacy for months, recently CBP sent a letter to congress saying individuals were technically not in custody because they did not have contact with Border Patrol agents. Which was a false statement. As an organization our advocacy is at local and State level.
- Commissioner Fowler thanked the presenters. The portrayal on the news is different than what you shared today.
  - Presenter: While we are working on the Federal level, we are about to have a government shut down and that is a real context to this conversation. We do not have the resources to address this, at the end of the month, we will probably see less resources coming in when we know the Federal government is responsible for this. What do we do when the Federal government doesn't do their job?
- Commissioner Elliot-Santos thanked the presenters. Was unaware this was occurring so close to her home; will go back to her tribe to see how they can help SBCC and tour the site or a group of commissioners should go visit these sites on their own time. This is the reason we are all sitting here, no more dehumanization from the federal level or any other level, we need to address these things.
- Commissioner Khoury thanked the presenters. Seconds Commissioner Elliot-Santos in having the whole commission to visit the site and see firsthand what's going on. If there is anything we can do. Agrees with Commissioner Hassane in assisting if fellow Arabs, the Moroccans, may be coming your way soon and we'd like to help.
- Commissioner Roberts thanked the presenters, the most important thing to be noticed is the complete inadequacy and saturation of our immigration system and that needs to be the fundamental thing that needs to be fixed.
- Commissioner Hodges thanked the presenters. If we don't stand for something, we'll fall for anything. Agrees with Commissioner Hassane, whatever we can do, let's do it.
- Commissioner Murray Ramirez
  - Q: Where do we send monetary resources in San Diego?
  - A: There are different organizations that are accepting money, but they are all connected. Funding needs to be everywhere from Border Wall to street release.
  - Q: Has any of our congressmembers or assembly, who has taken a leadership role? Has any elected official, statewide or federal?
  - A: Onsite Congresswoman Sara Jacobs has sent her staff to tour, Senator Alex Padilla sent his staff, Jim Desmond, Maria Nunez from San Marcos City Council. Erick Joyce from Oceanside City Council, I am not aware of anyone else.

- Commissioner Ismaeil thanked the presenters. She has volunteered at the shelters and welcomed new community members when they transition out of the detention centers. HRC needs to prioritize and take the lead to support the vulnerable individuals settling in or passing through our County. Will share this presentation with everyone at the International Rescue Committee (IRC).
    - Chair Nash suggests HRC write a letter to Border Patrol and invite CBP to present at an HRC meeting, tour the site, parole our resources given all the non-profits that are represented here for us to assist at the border. Juan Vargas has convened a congressional hearing in regards to the mistreatment of Haitians at the border. Second was a phone call from a non-profit from Oceanside where forty (40) asylum seekers, men, were seeking a one-night stay, Chair Nash forwarded the information to County leaders, who were able to assist. Thanked the presenters.
6. Discussion on Changes to Bylaws and Governing Resolution - Creation of a Supplemental Application for Nominees, Affirmation Document, Additional Required Training, and any other changes to the Bylaws
- Mr. Strong introduced the action items:
    - Action Item #1: Referral of item to the Bylaws subcommittee
      - Potential changes to the Bylaws and governing documents with the creation of the Supplemental Application - Draft (attached) and the proposed HRC Mission Affirmation (attached)
    - Action Item #2: Pause New Member Appointments by HRC until new Bylaw Changes and Governing Resolution are Approved or Rejected by the Board of Supervisors
      - If you would like the Board of Supervisors to pause appointments, you will need to send a formal letter requesting to do so.
      - Agenda Item #7 has a letter from Nicole Murray Ramirez asking for Rabbi Devorah Marcus to be nominated, please consider the above changes when discussing these items.
  - Public Comment:
    - Bruce Abrams spoke to Commissioners regarding agenda item #6.
  - Chair Nash informed commission that her and Vice-Chairs met with community members and other subject matter experts and some of the things we spoke about were restructuring of the formation of the Commission, including the number of seats, HRC best practices, including law enforcements, incentives for child care, gas stipends, expand diversity of commission.
  - Commissioner Comments:
    - Commissioner Roberts has two questions:
      - Q: Is the supplemental application going to apply to commissioners that are appointed by Supervisors? Because they have their own selection criteria.
      - A: Mr. Strong – You could change the bylaws to make that apply to all appointments. That is why the bylaws need to go to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) to get approved.
      - Does not agree with changes.
    - Commissioner Khoury thinks it is an excellent idea to create a Bylaws Subcommittee.
    - Commissioner Elliot-Santos:
      - Q: Who would review these supplemental applications? And could you be denied, if so who would deny you? Or it's just supplemental information and hold no baring on you being

chosen?

- A: Chair Nash – Those are important questions that we would send back to the Bylaws subcommittee, we would run it by County Counsel, it would be flushed out in order to defend our decision on who's accepted and who's not accepted.
- A: Mr. Strong – You could also put whatever you want the processes to be in the Bylaws and approved by BOS, so you'd have a process of who is reviewing.
- At the first controversial meeting, about 2 years ago I suggested we need training in how to do this. We are all here to defend our own issues. We are all here for all humans. Training needs to occur ASAP, now and always.
- Response: Mr. Strong – If you want training for Commissioners, it needs to be in the Bylaws, otherwise we cannot require it.
- Commissioner Fowler would like to see practical rules, the Commission would be more efficient as far as if we have an issue and it's already been voted on and resolved, we move on.
- Chair Nash reprimanded Commissioner Fowler for going off topic.
- Commissioner Fowler says he is commenting on the fact that after we have encountered an issue then we go back to the drawing board on bylaws and if we do not enter something like this in the bylaws we will continue to do this.
- Commissioner Perlov supports agenda item #6. We have an Imam, a Reverend but no Rabbi. The Jewish community feels like we have no representation. Would like to highlight that yesterday's City Council meeting was hijacked by extremists, we as a commission need to send a strong message, not just by words, but by action. This is the High Holiday's.
  - Q: How long will it take to update the bylaws and be approved by BOS? How do we define new member appointments? Can we have an exception on those applicants that have submitted their application already, and how do we expediate this process?
  - A: Mr. Strong – It would be up to the Commission of how long it takes to create the documents, but when they are ready to go to the BOS, we would then need to decide what meeting you'd like to present at.
  - A: Chair Nash – The last time we updated our bylaws, it took us two (2) meetings and they were emergency called meetings, in conjunction with County Counsel to give us the authority to remove Commissioners. As Chair, we will expediate the process and work hard, if any of you would like to work on the Bylaws Subcommittee let her know.
- Vice-Chair Evans says when she proposed we review the bylaws I meant the actual bylaws. There is a lot of rhetoric and no substance. When you apply to the commission, you are asked those questions on the application, I do not see a need for this the way it is written. These questions are like a term paper. I want to revise the bylaws that we already have, this is not necessary.
- Chair Nash restates this is only a draft.
- Vice-Chair De Los Rios is in favor of agenda #6 with tweaks of some of the questions. Expecting the BOS to meet our expectations as well.
- Commissioner C. Clark is in favor of agenda #6, but lets be more purposeful in our words going forward. She wrote a letter on July 20<sup>th</sup> that the commission needs restructuring, the HRC is not currently effective as it is. We are here to represent an entire County of people. We all have so much to

add to this community.

- Commissioner Vance is in favor of agenda #6 along with additional training and supports nomination Rabbi Devorah Marcus to the commission.
  - Commissioner K. Clark is in favor of agenda #6 along but the draft needs to be worked on. Supports nomination of Rabbi Devorah Marcus to the commission and encourages the commission to vote.
  - Commissioner Farouq is in favor of agenda #6, but agrees with Commissioner K. Clark that edits need to be made. Also suggests having community testimony or reference that shows the person is as they say in the application. Agrees with Commissioner C. Clark in that the HRC needs restructuring, we should pause on adding more members.
  - Q: if Bylaws Subcommittee edit the draft, does it automatically get adopted or do we vote?
    - A: Mr. Strong – Yes, the HRC votes before it is sent to the BOS.
  - Motion by Commissioner Elliot-Santos on Action item #1 – Send Bylaws back to the Bylaws Subcommittee and to come back to this Commission to vote (and I will take you at your word that you will expediate the process), seconded by Commissioner Khoury.
    - Vote Motion #1:
      - Anaya – Absent
      - Clark, C – Aye
      - Clark, K – Aye
      - De Los Rios - Aye
      - Elliot-Santos – Aye
      - Evans – Aye
      - Farouq – Aye
      - Fowler Sr. – Aye
      - Garcias – Absent
      - Harrison - Absent
      - Hassane – Aye
      - Hodges – Aye
      - Ismaeil – Aye
      - Khoury – Aye
      - Murray Ramirez – Aye
      - Nash – Aye
      - Perlov - Aye
      - Roberts – Aye
      - Ruanto-Ramirez – Absent
      - Shah - Aye
      - Vance – Aye
    - Ayes: 17
    - Nays: 0
    - Abstain: 0
  - Motion Passes
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- Motion by Commissioner Fowler on Action item #2, to pause member appointments until we get the recommendation from the Bylaw Subcommittee, seconded by Commissioner Khoury.
  - Commissioner Murray Ramirez: If this motion passes, does this mean my recommendation for Rabbi Marcus would not go through? We need to send a strong

message to that community (Jewish) that we have heard them. We currently have 3 religious leaders here, but we are missing a representation, and that is the Jewish community. I urge that we do not support this action item and put through the nomination, this is the second time I've submitted her name for consideration.

- Commissioner Khoury: My understanding is the religious people on this commission were appointed by Supervisors? We already have a process in place, what we are doing right now is by passing those procedures for the Rabbi. Let's revise the bylaws so that whatever we do is not meant to be an exception to an existing process and procedure that we already followed.
  - A: Chair Nash – Some of them.
- Commissioner Roberts concurs with Commissioner Khoury.
- Chair Nash reminds everyone to stay on topic.
- Commissioner Perlov says we need to clarify what we mean by exception, we mean exception to this action item, but not exception in the application process. Rabbi Marcus has submitted her application and has gone through the proper channels, so there is no exception in that sense. What we are saying is we want to make an amendment on this item to not pause Rabbi Marcus' application but put to a vote because it has been submitted properly, because it will send a strong message to our community, because of the antisemitism that was blatant on this HRC that needs to be address by actions and not words.
- Commissioner C. Clark – Can Rabbi Marcus, as a member of the public, sit on the Bylaws Subcommittee?
  - A: Chair Nash – We've had public meetings, with public comment and they can provide feedback.
- Commissioner K. Clark – This nomination [Rabbi Marcus], was made at a previous meeting, would like a vote today. If we are unable to do so today, can we do it at the next meeting?
  - Commissioner Fowler: Would entertain this, prior to pausing appointments.
  - Commissioner Khoury *indiscernible*.
  - Commissioner Roberts: I believe we should evaluate multiple applications prior to appointing a commissioner. Commissioner Murray Ramirez's recommendation is important, but we have not had a change to interview her, or any other candidates. I agree to original motion to pause appointments until Bylaws change.
- Chair Nash announces the meeting time of 7:24pm.
- Mr. Strong tells the room Agenda #8 will occur prior to meeting close.
- Chair Nash asks for motion to be declared and a vote occur.
- Motion by Commissioner Fowler on Action item #2, Pause for new member appointments until the Bylaw subcommittee comes out with their report and we pause at least until the next meeting.
  - Chair Nash: Timeline, we will report back at the next meeting.
  - Commissioner Fowler, it is my understanding that the Chair and other Commissioners will expediate the Bylaws changes by the next meeting.
  - Commissioner Elliot-Santos, the Bylaws subcommittee could have their report and recommended changes by the next meeting, but we will not have voted on it by then or are we reviewing and making an exception? Because if we are going to make an exception before the Bylaws are approved, we should just do it now. There is a difference in the Bylaws subcommittee bringing the bylaws back for review by this board than saying the bylaws are done and complete and revised and now we are gong to resume appointments.

- Vice-Chair Evans, I was the one that recommended we take a pause because of our last meeting. I am withdrawing this.
  - Chair Nash informs that a withdrawal cannot be made since there is a Motion and a Second on the table. Call to vote.
  - Mr. Strong, only the maker of the motion can withdraw the vote, does the maker wish to continue?
    - Commissioner Fowler: I would like the motion to be voted on.
- Vote Motion #2:
  - Anaya – Absent
  - Clark, C – Abstain
  - Clark, K – Nay
  - De Los Rios - Aye
  - Elliot-Santos – Abstain
  - Evans – Abstain
  - Farouq – Aye
  - Fowler Sr. – Aye
  - Garcias – Absent
  - Harrison - Absent
  - Hassane – Aye
  - Hodges – Abstain
  - Ismaeil – Abstain
  - Khoury – Aye
  - Murray Ramirez – Nay
  - Nash – Aye
  - Perlov - Nay
  - Roberts – Aye
  - Ruanto-Ramirez – Absent
  - Shah - Abstain
  - Vance – Abstain
  
  - Ayes: 7
  - Nays: 3
  - Abstain: 7
  
  - Motion Fails
    - 11 votes needed for a motion to pass.
- Commissioner Khoury suggests everything freezes/pause. Within next meeting we update bylaws and have BOS approve changes, then we can vote on appointments. I know of several other Jewish people that also applied, not just the Rabbi. There is a process and procedure that we followed in the past and need to continue to do so. I make a motion for this.
- Chair Nash: I would like action taken on this tonight. It is now 7:30pm, I would like to have a decision on this motion.
- Vice-Chair Evans: Roberts Rules dictate that an Abstain counts as a No.
  - Chair Nash advised HRC to stay on topic.
- Chair Nash asks Mr. Strong to read motion again.
- Mr. Strong - due to a motion, we need to see if there is a second due to Brown Act and Roberts Rules of Order. If there is a second, there's a discussion and we will call to question and vote.
  - Please clarify what the motion is.
  - Commissioner Khoury motion: We will get from the Bylaws Subcommittee



their new bylaws as modified for next meeting to vote on. Once we vote on it, we need a couple of weeks to go to BOS for approval and then we will be voting on the applications, not next meeting, the meeting after.

- To expediate this process we will convene the Bylaws Subcommittee in the next two (2) weeks. November would be the soonest date to get on the BOS agenda. We will create a timeline to get these bylaws updated, approved and voted by commission to be forwarded to BOS for approval by November 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Mr. Strong: The BOS has a process and the soonest we could submit would be the December meeting, unless the HRC has a special meeting between now and the October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting date, and approved, then November would be possible.
- Commissioner Murray Ramirez: The Jewish community has made it very clear in their leadership in their support for Rabbi Marcus. If this motion passes, then there will not be a vote for Rabbi Marcus?
  - A: Mr. Strong – The vote for Rabbi Marcus would not be at this meeting today.
  - Commissioner Murray Ramirez, but you informed me that it was on the agenda, Agenda #7. I asked, and you said yes. This is the second time, that my nomination of Rabbi Marcus has not been put on the agenda, is that what you're telling me? That both of you have not told me the truth?
  - A: Mr. Strong – I am not telling you that, my understanding was that it was and I have been informed by County Counsel during this meeting that it was not because we did not specifically put it on the agenda.
  - Commissioner Murray Ramirez, why did you not inform me of that?
  - A: Mr. Strong – I am understanding it right now, in this moment, I apologize.
- Commissioner Shah – Respectfully needs to leave the meeting due to the lateness of the meeting and other priorities being a Youth seat.
- Commissioner Roberts – Motions to adjourn the meeting.
- Chair Nash: We have a motion on the floor, we are not going to end this meeting without voting on this item. Is there a second?
- Seconded by Commissioner Elliot Santos.
  - We already voted to amend and look at the bylaws we are specifically looking at the process of bringing on new commissioners. If there are already applications submitted, the right thing to do is to fix the process and look at all of the applications together. That is the right and fair thing to do. The meeting today has me looking at the HRC to see if we are accurately representing the people in San Diego? That's one of the things we need to do as a group as well as look at the bylaws.
- Commissioner Fowler suggests we have a parliamentarian present to deal with the issues of Robert's Rules of Order. We have County Counsel and Director, but those who are familiar with Robert's Rules of Order and know how to run a meeting know that yes' and no's and abstentions are not counted as a no.
- Chair Nash reminds HRC there is a motion to vote on.
- Commissioner Murray Ramirez: *undiscernible*
- Chair Nash reminds HRC there is a motion on the floor, asks Commissioner Khoury to repeat motion.
- Motion by Commissioner Khoury: Knowing that we cannot be in front of the BOS except in December or November, we need to meet, the subcommittee will bring to this HRC meeting next month, even if we call for a special meeting to vote on whatever the subcommittee comes back with in order to get approval from BOS and immediately after that we can vote on the applications that we already have based on process that the

bylaws will have.

- Seconded by Commissioner Elliot Santos
- Vote:
  - Anaya – Absent
  - Clark, C – Abstain
  - Clark, K – Nay
  - De Los Rios - Aye
  - Elliot-Santos – Aye
  - Evans – Nay
  - Farouq – Aye
  - Fowler Sr. – Aye
  - Garcias – Absent
  - Harrison - Absent
  - Hassane – Aye
  - Hodges – Left the meeting.
  - Ismaeil – Aye
  - Khoury – Aye
  - Murray Ramirez – Nay
  - Nash – Aye
  - Perlov - Nay
  - Roberts – Aye
  - Ruanto-Ramirez – Absent
  - Shah – Left the meeting.
  - Vance – Nay
- Ayes: 9
- Nays: 5
- Abstain: 1
- Motion Fails

- Mr. Strong is told by County Counsel that the Speaker Slips for Agenda #7, to allow them to speak.
  - Informs Chair Nash that she needs to decide if she would like to table or pull Agenda #7 or to talk about it or we can have the remaining public speakers, speak on this topic.
  - Chair Nash chooses to hear from the public.
- County Counsel clarifies if Agenda #7 is pulled and tabled for the next meeting, then the public can speak on the topic as a non-agenda item (Agenda #8).
- Vice-Chair De Los Rios informs that she does not want Agenda #7 to be tabled.
  - Chair Nash acquiescence.

7. Discussion on Proposed Actions & Next Steps: Motion to Create a Working Group to Develop Educational and Dialogue Opportunities regarding Item #7 on the July 18, 2023, Agenda.

- Letter from The Jewish Community
- Letter & Resolution from Nicole Murray Ramirez
- Public Comments:
  - Yazmin Kazim spoke to Commissioners regarding agenda item #7.
  - Avital Aboody-Lopez spoke to Commissioners regarding agenda item #7.
  - Baret Holman Leak spoke to Commissioners regarding agenda item #7.

- Rabbi Devorah Marcus spoke to Commissioners regarding agenda item #7.
- Larry Christian spoke to Commissioners regarding agenda item #7.
- Jamal Kanj spoke to Commissioners regarding agenda item #7.
  - Chair Nash paused comments and called out of order.
- Andrea Beth Demsky spoke to Commissioners regarding agenda item #7.
- Marie Raferty spoke to Commissioners regarding agenda item #7.
- Bruce Abrol spoke to Commissioners regarding agenda item #7.
- Commissioner Comments:
  - Chair Nash thanks the public for their comments. As chair, she would like to call an emergency meeting to discuss process', there are 3 vacancies.
  - Vice-Chair Evans declares this is the most exasperated meeting they've attended, the agenda needs to be itemized, don't use bullets. Listening to the speakers in this room, it is evident that the quality of positive leadership is not here for the commission. We need to rebuild and regain to obtain the social trust of the public.
    - Motions for no confidence for Chair Nash, would like a second.
    - Mr. Strong informs Commissioner Evans that is not an agenda item, so it cannot have a motion.
    - Commissioner Evans rebuttals that in the letter Commissioner Murray Ramirez submitted they state the Chair should step down.
    - Mr. Strong informs Commissioner Evans that is not an agenda item, so it cannot have a motion, clarifies that the two letters are for discussion only.
  - Commissioner Murray Ramirez reiterates that Director Strong and Chair Nash both confirmed via text that this would be on the agenda. I have spent months trying to get these items on the agenda and voted on.
    - A: Mr. Strong – That is correct and there is nothing I can do to apologize for this misunderstanding.
  - Commissioner Roberts asks for clarification, we have a motion we cannot vote on. I've made a motion to adjourn, there's a lot of things on the table. It is late and we need to step back and make things happen.
  - Chair Nash made the recommendation to call an emergency meeting to fill vacancies with the current process.
  - Mr. Strong informs the group that there is a motion to create a working group to develop educational and dialogue opportunities regarding item #7.
    - Commissioner Elliot-Santos, would this working group discuss all the things we just discussed?
    - A: Andrew Strong - The working group is to discuss proposed actions that came from item 7
- Motion from Commissioner Elliot-Santos to form a working group and schedule a meeting.
- Mr. Strong informs that we have lost quorum to take a vote.
  - Commissioners left and thereby ending the meeting at 8:24pm

8. Public Comment: Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Commission on any subject matter within the Commission's jurisdiction, but not an item on today's agenda.

9. Staff updates

- Not discussed.

10. Announcements

- Not discussed.

11. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm.

**Next Meeting of the Commission:** October 17, 2023, 5:30pm