



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

Leon L. Williams San Diego County Human Relations Commission

Meeting Minutes

January 30, 2024, 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

1) Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM

2) Roll Call & Introductions

- **Present:**

Cinnamon Clark, Angela Elliot-Santos, Eleanor Evans, Sarah Farouq, Rodney Fowler Sr, David Garcias, Jordan Harrison, Adeem Ismaeil, George Khoury, Nicole Murray Ramirez, Ellen Nash, Jason Nevarez, Fabienne Perlov, Joseph Allen Ruanto-Ramirez, Milan Shah, David Vance

- **Late:**

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- **Excused Absences:**

Dennis Hodges, Gina Roberts

- Brief introductions by newest HRC Members:

- Rabbi Jason Nevarez
- Jordan Harrison

3) Land Acknowledgement

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

4) 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

- None

5) Chair's Announcements

- David Vance has accepted the interim appointment as Vice-Chair, pending a vote as permanent replacement.
- Acknowledge a request by Commissioner Murray Ramirez to agendize a conversation regarding "Future of Human Relations Commission", Chair Nash asks Mr. Strong and staff to coordinate with Essential Partners to facilitate this conversation.

- Informed commission that she needs to leave at 6:30 PM to meet with community members in regard to the upcoming storm.

6) Bylaw Subcommittee Update

- Chair Nash commends subcommittee chair, David Garcias, in his leadership as well as all Bylaws subcommittee members in their participation.
- Bylaws subcommittee Chair Garcias shares with commission the changes that have been made and approved by the subcommittee. (Bylaws draft attached)
- Chair Garcias asks for a motion to approve changes.
 - Motion by Cinnamon Clark, seconded by Adeem Ismail.
- Discussion:
 - Q: Vice-Chair Evans: Define biannually
 - A: (Mr. Strong) - Every two (2) years.
 - Q: Vice-Chair Evans - What is the process for mileage?
 - A (Mr. Strong) - There is a formal process the County has, will ensure everyone is trained.
 - Q: Commissioner Murray Ramirez - Thanks the Bylaws Subcommittee on their work. Clarified if Sheriff and DA asked to be permanently removed from the HRC? Is this something they agreed to?
 - A: (Chair Garcias) - Having them on the HRC is not prohibited, however having them as a designated seat is what we changed and cleaned up the language to remove someone from their office having to attend the meeting.
 - (Murray Ramirez) - Removing them has been discussed with them and they know this?
 - A: (Chair Garcias) - Unsure if this has been discussed with them, however since they removed themselves, we removed them from the Bylaws. This still needs to be approved by the Board of Supervisors (BOS).
 - (Murray Ramirez) - With all the recent resignations, has the HRC sent Thank you letters for serving to the former members? It shows good will and recommends doing so.
 - Commissioner Perlov: Question/request – Is it possible to add a summary or description of each subcommittee on Page 6, Article V, Section E? Or add description(s) to website so commissioners know what they entail before signing up to a subcommittee.
 - Commissioner Khoury: Regarding Page 6, Article V, Section E – Can we add in “at least” when referring to one subcommittee?

7) Action: Approve draft Amendments to the Bylaws to be forwarded to the Board for Approval.

- Chair Garcias calls the Vote.
- Vote:
 - Clark – Aye
 - Elliot-Santos – Aye
 - Evans – Aye
 - Farouq – Aye

- Fowler Sr. – Aye
- Garcias – Aye
- Harrison - Aye
- Hassane – Aye
- Hodges – Absent
- Ismaeil – Aye
- Khoury – Aye
- Murray Ramirez – Aye
- Nash – Aye
- Nevarez - Aye
- Perlov - Aye
- Roberts – Absent
- Ruanto-Ramirez – Aye
- Shah - Aye
- Vance – Aye

- Ayes: 17
- Nays: 0
- Abstain: 0

- Motion passes

8) Determination of 2024 meeting schedule

- Mr. Strong shares the proposed meeting schedule for 2024.

9) Action: Approve proposed meeting schedule

- Chair Nash calls for vote.
 - Motion by Adeem Ismail, seconded by David Garcias.
- Discussion:
 - Q: (Commissioner Fowler) - Where would the location of the HRC meetings?
 - A: (Mr. Strong) – County Administrator Center in downtown or Southeast Livewell Center. We can send out the locations with calendar.
 - Q: (Commissioner Clark) – Regarding subcommittees, can a calendar schedule be shared?
 - A: (Chair Nash) – Yes, once the subcommittees decide on their schedule we will share.
- Vote:
 - Clark – Aye
 - Elliot-Santos – Aye
 - Evans – Aye
 - Farouq – Aye
 - Fowler Sr. – Aye
 - Garcias – Aye
 - Harrison - Aye

- Hassane – Aye
- Hodges – Absent
- Ismaeil – Aye
- Khoury – Aye
- Murray Ramirez – Aye
- Nash – Aye
- Nevarez - Aye
- Perlov - Aye
- Roberts – Absent
- Ruanto-Ramirez – Aye
- Shah - Aye
- Vance – Aye

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- Nays: 0
- Abstain: 0

- Motion Passes

10) Reminder – Please complete Form 700 – Statement of Economic Disclosures

- No comments.

11) Announcements

- Commissioner Vance: LGBT Center is open as a vote center for the March Primary, please share with your communities.
 - February 7th Lunar New Year celebration at LGBT Center, please come and join.
- Commissioner Murray Ramirez: February 28th - Bayard Rustin celebration at San Diego City Hall.
- Commissioner Ruanto-Ramirez – (indiscernible)
- Commissioner Perlov – Can we get flyers of all these events to share with our communities?
- Chair Nash reminds commissioners to continue to uplift Southeastern communities since the floods, if you can donate, please reach out to me for more information.
 - Q: Rabbi Nevarez – Is there a specific organization we can donate to, are you able to provide that information so we can share with our communities?
 - A: Chair Nash – yes.

12) Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 6:07 PM

Next Meeting of the Commission: February 20, 2024 – 5:30PM - 7:30PM



ELLEN NASH
CHAIR

ELEANOR EVANS
VICE-CHAIR

2024 Human Relations Commission Meeting Schedule

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
January Tuesday, 1/30/2024	5:30PM – 7:30PM	Southeast Live Well Center 5101 Market St – Tubman Chavez Rm San Diego, CA 92114
February Tuesday, 2/20/2024	5:30PM – 7:30PM	County Administration Center (CAC) 1600 Pacific Hwy, Rm. 302 San Diego, CA 92101
March Tuesday, 3/19/2024	5:30PM – 7:30PM	County Administration Center (CAC) 1600 Pacific Hwy, Rm. 302 San Diego, CA 92101
April Tuesday, 4/16/2024	5:30PM – 7:30PM	County Administration Center (CAC) 1600 Pacific Hwy, Rm. 302 San Diego, CA 92101
May Tuesday, 5/21/2024	5:30PM – 7:30PM	Southeast Live Well Center 5101 Market St – Tubman Chavez Rm San Diego, CA 92114
June Tuesday, 6/18/2024	5:30PM – 7:30PM	County Administration Center (CAC) 1600 Pacific Hwy, Rm. 302 San Diego, CA 92101
July Tuesday, 7/16/2024	5:30PM – 7:30PM	Southeast Live Well Center 5101 Market St – Tubman Chavez Rm San Diego, CA 92114
August Tuesday, 8/20/2024	5:30PM – 7:30PM	County Administration Center (CAC) 1600 Pacific Hwy, Rm. 302 San Diego, CA 92101
September Tuesday, 9/17/2024	5:30PM – 7:30PM	Southeast Live Well Center 5101 Market St – Tubman Chavez Rm San Diego, CA 92114
October Tuesday, 10/15/2024	5:30PM – 7:30PM	Southeast Live Well Center 5101 Market St – Tubman Chavez Rm San Diego, CA 92114
November Tuesday, 11/12/2024	5:30PM – 7:30PM	Southeast Live Well Center 5101 Market St – Tubman Chavez Rm San Diego, CA 92114
December	NO MEETING	