# MINUTES COUNTY OF SONOMA COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS – REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, November 22, 2022 5:30PM Virtual

## **Commissioners Present:**

First District: Howard Sapper (Officer-at-Large)

Second District: Elizabeth Escalante (Vice Chair), Yensi Jacobo, Iliana Madrigal

Third District: Katrina Phillips (Chair), Isabel Lopez

Fourth District: No representation

Fifth District: Nichole Warwick, Lyndsey Burcina

**Staff:** Meira Bowcut

## **Commissioners Absent:**

Third District: Liz Cruz

Fifth District: D'Ayona Jerome

## Meeting held through publicly available link via Zoom Meeting

### I. CALL TO ORDER - MISSION STATEMENT - ROLL CALL - PHILLIPS

Meeting called to order by Chair Phillips at 5:38 PM. Chair read the mission statement. Roll call was taken by staff.

## II. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 25, 2022 MINUTES – PHILLIPS

Chair asked for a motion to approve the minutes of October 25, 2022

Motion: Commissioner Warwick Ayes: 6 Noes: 0
Second: Commissioner Sapper Absent: 3 Abstained: 1

Commissioner Cruz and Jerome were absent. Commissioner Escalante arrived late. Chair Phillips abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

## III. OPENINGS & APPOINTMENTS - PHILLIPS

Chair Phillips announced two (2) openings in the First District and three (3) in the Fourth District. Commissioner Sapper will recruit on Thursday when he attends an event.

## IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS- PHILLIPS

The commission had two members of the public speak on non-agendized items.

No Public Comment.

<sup>\*</sup>Commissioner Escalante arrived late at approximately at 5:38pm

#### V. REGULAR CALENDAR

- Celeste Winders and Melinda "Mindy" Luby introduced themselves and provided their experience working with children with disabilities. They talked on the failure of the education system and ensuring children can access their human rights in public education. Literacy is not being served and they believe that reading is a human right. She would like to partner up with the Commission on Human Rights to ask SCOE to improve the education system. Commissioner Warwick, Sapper and Burcina volunteered to help with this ask.
- 2. Eric Leland led a discussion on anti-Semitism and showed data to show increasing problem. He introduced a draft resolution to submit to the Board of Supervisor with the support of the Commission on Human Rights. No action was taken.

## **Public Comment**

- Sandra Anfang
- Maureen Svenson
- Sallie Latch
- Bev
- 3. Jr. Commission work plan and budget approval

No Public Comment

Motion: Commissioner Escalante

Ayes: 7

Noes: 0

Second: Commissioner Warwick

Absent: 2

Abstained: 1

Commissioner Cruz and Jerome were absent. Chair Phillips abstained as Chair. Motion

passed.

4. CHR Pride Ad Hoc work plan and budget approval

No Public Comment

Motion: Commissioner Katrina Ayes: 7 Noes: 0
Second: Commissioner Sapper Absent: 2 Abstained: 1

Commissioner Cruz and Jerome were absent. Chair Phillips abstained as Chair. Motion

passed.

5. Visibility Project work plan and budget approval

No Public Comment

Motion: Commissioner Katrina Ayes: 7 Noes: 0
Second: Commissioner Sapper Absent: 2 Abstained: 1

Commissioner Cruz and Jerome were absent. Chair Phillips abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

6. People with Disabilities Standing Committee work plan approval

No Public Comment

Motion: Commissioner Madrigal Ayes: 7 Noes: 0
Second: Commissioner Burcina Absent: 2 Abstained: 1
Commissioner Cruz and Jerome were absent. Chair Phillips abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

7. Indigenous Peoples Ad Hoc work plan approval

The Indigenous Peoples Ad Hoc work plan was not approved due to the lack of the work plan. Commissioner Lopez and Chair Phillips will be taking the lead to provide a work plan for this ad hoc

8. Communications and Outreach Standing Committee work plan approval

No Public Comment

Motion: Commissioner Warwick Ayes: 7 Noes: 0
Second: Commissioner Madrigal Absent: 2 Abstained: 1
Commissioner Cruz and Jerome were absent. Chair Phillips abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

9. Immigrants' Rights Standing Committee work plan approval

No Public Comment

Motion: Commissioner Sapper Ayes: 7 Noes: 0
Second: Commissioner Escalante Absent: 3 Abstained: 1
Commissioner Cruz and Jerome were absent. Commissioner Lopez didn't respond for roll call vote. Chair Phillips abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

10. Chair Phillips announced that the December 27, 2022 meeting is cancelled.

#### VI. OFFICER REPORTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

Officers and Staff to discuss administrative-related matters including, but not limited to, field trip ideas and speaker coordination.

- 1. Holiday Party is on Saturday, December 17, 2022 at 10am. Partners are welcome and please dress warm. Meet in Sonoma Square.
- 2. Roster is being updated. Please respond to staff's email.

3. Budget increase proposal to the Board of Supervisors. Please submit any wish work plans that will support this request.

# VII. AD HOC COMMITTEE AND PROJECT COMMITTEE UPDATES

1. Commissioner Jacobo reported on the Jr. Commission. They had their first in-person meeting and 12 Jr. Commissioners showed up. They created their ad hocs.

# VIII. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT COMMISSION MEETING — PHILLIPS

# IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.