

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

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

5:30PM

Virtual

Commissioners Present:

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

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

Third District: Katrina Phillips (Chair), Liz Cruz*

Fourth District: No representation

Fifth District: D’Ayona Jerome, Nichole Warwick

Staff: Adriana Call and Meira Bowcut

Commissioners Absent:

Second District: Iliana Madrigal

Third District: Isabel Lopez

Fifth District: Lyndsey Burcina

*Commissioner Sapper arrived late approximately at 5:34pm.

*Commissioner Cruz arrived late approximately at 5:36pm.

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 5:32 PM. Chair read the mission statement. Roll call was taken by staff.

II. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 27, 2022 MINUTES – PHILLIPS

Chair asked for a motion to approve the minutes of September 27, 2022

Motion: Commissioner Warwick

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Second: Commissioner Jerome

Absent: 4

Abstained: 2

Commissioner Madrigal, Lopez, and Burcina were absent. Commissioner Cruz 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.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS- PHILLIPS

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

- Eric Leland

- Attila Nagy

V. REGULAR CALENDAR

1. Children’s Human Rights- Sara Kerlow and Elaine Holtz

Elaine Holtz and Sara Kerlow presented on the November Family Court Awareness. This presentation showed data and provided information about the crisis children face after parents separate. They asked the commission for a resolution to show support. Motion for Chair Phillips to work with Sara Kerlow and Elaine Holtz on creating a resolution to support the November Child Protection.

No Public Comment.

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

Commissioner Madrigal, Lopez, and Burcina were absent. Chair Phillips abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

2. Community Spotlight – John Alden, IOLERO Director

Guest speaker, John Alden introduced himself and gave an overview of his 14 years’ experience in police oversight. He provided a summary of the new departmental changes in the CAC. The commission asked questions and welcomed him to his new job.

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. Chair Phillip asked the commission to approve a non-violence training taught by Dr. Bernice King. Commissioner Warwick recommended in-person training for the commission to receive the information. Motion to approve the cost of \$199.00 for Chair Phillips to attend and report back to Commission.

No Public Comment

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

Commissioner Madrigal, Lopez, and Burcina were absent. Chair Phillips abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

2. Chair Phillips requested approval for \$350 sponsorship in support of the Human Trafficking Task Force bus backs. The commission's logo will be on the bus backs that will run for 3-6 months. Motion to approve the \$350 sponsorship in support of the Human Trafficking Task Force bus backs.

No Public Comment

Motion: Chair Phillips	Ayes: 6	Noes: 0
Second: Commissioner Escalante	Absent: 3	Abstained: 1

Commissioner Madrigal, Lopez, and Burcina were absent. Chair Phillips abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

3. Commissioner Sapper updated everyone on the final recommendation Sonoma Developmental Center. The commission's recommendations were not taken.
4. Commissioner Escalante reported out on an event she attended for Pilipino American History Month with PANHS Sonoma County Chapter. She honors Larry Itliong who fought alongside Cesar Chavez for the rights of farm workers. She wishes a happy Diwali.
5. Chair Phillips and Commissioner Jerome attended a rally for police brutality. Commissioner Jerome spoke at the rally and shared what she spoke.

VII. AD HOC COMMITTEE AND PROJECT COMMITTEE UPDATES

1. Commissioner Jacobo reported on the Jr. Commission. They received 15 applications and they will have their first in-person meeting on November 5th.

The motion for the budget approval was postponed to next meeting due to Commissioner Madrigal's absence and the budget for the project is more than half of the commissions budget.

VIII. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT COMMISSION MEETING – PHILLIPS

1. Commissioner Cruz mentioned creating a document with community resources and creating an Instagram account for the youth.
2. Commissioners need to pick their ad hoc
3. Whether to have a December meeting or not

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.