

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

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

5:30PM

Virtual

Commissioners Present:

First District: Howard Sapper (Officer-at-Large), Kathleen Finigan, Omar Paz Jr. (Officer-at-Large)

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

Third District: Katrina Phillips (Chair), Ana Horta

Fourth District: Paulina Lopez*, Rosa Reynoza*

Staff: Meira Bowcut, Admin Aide

Commissioners Absent:

Third District: Isabel Lopez

Fifth District: Lyndsey Burcina

*Commissioner Horta arrived at approximately 5:44PM.

*Commissioner Reynoza arrived at approximately 5:44PM.

*Commissioner Lopez arrived at approximately 5:47PM.

*Commissioner Reynoza left at approximately 7:00PM.

*Commissioner Madrigal left at approximately 7:00PM.

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 5:35PM. Chair read the mission statement. Staff took roll call.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS – PHILLIPS

No one addressed the commission.

III. OPENINGS & APPOINTMENTS – PHILLIPS

1. The Chair reported three openings –one in the Fourth District and two in the Fifth District.
2. Staff performed the Oath of Office for Commissioner Jacobo.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 26, 2022 MINUTES – PHILLIPS

Motion: Commissioner Sapper

Ayes: 6

Noes: 0

Second: Vice Chair Escalante

Absent: 3

Abstained: 3

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

Public Comment:

- Rena

V. REGULAR CALENDAR

1. Nomination and Elections for Chair, Vice Chair and Officer-At-Large

Chair read the description of the Officer roles.

Chair: Commissioner Sapper nominates Chair Phillips; Phillips accepts

Motion: Commissioner Sapper	Ayes: 9	Noes: 0
Second: Commissioner Finigan	Absent: 2	Abstained: 1

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

Vice Chair: Commissioner Madrigal nominates Vice Chair Escalante; Escalante accepts

Motion: Commissioner Madrigal	Ayes: 9	Noes: 0
Second: Commissioner Sapper	Absent: 2	Abstained: 1

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

Officer-At- Large: Commissioner Finigan nominates Commissioner Sapper; Sapper accepts

Motion: Commissioner Finigan	Ayes: 9	Noes: 0
Second: Commissioner Horta	Absent: 2	Abstained: 1

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

Officer-At- Large: Vice Chair Escalante nominates Commissioner Paz; Paz accepts

Motion: Vice Chair Escalante	Ayes: 9	Noes: 0
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Second: Commissioner Sapper

Absent: 2

Abstained: 1

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

Public Comment:

- Jerry Threet
- Rena

2. Presentation from Jim Duffy from CLEAN

Jim presented on AB 481: Law enforcement and state agencies: military equipment: funding, acquisition, and use. Jim Duffy provided a depth explanation on AB 481 and answered commissioners' questions. Chair Phillips lead the discussion on how the commission can support CLEAN in regards to this issue. There was an action to help support the de-militarization of the police

Motion to support AB 481 with full implementation and delegate to the Officers and any volunteer to work in conjunction with partnered organizations who are working on this issue.

Public Comment:

- Rena
- Jerry Threet

Motion: Commissioner Paz

Ayes: 7

Noes: 0

Second: Commissioner Finigan

Absent: 4

Abstained: 1

Commissioner Isabel Lopez, Reynoza, Madrigal and Burcina were absent.

Commissioner Madrigal and Jacobo abstained. Chair Phillips abstained as Chair.

Motion passed.

3. The Jr. Commission on Human Rights Project revamp

No discussion on revamping the project due to the absence of Commissioner Burcina. Chair Phillips proposed to transfer the remainder of the Jr. Commission Project budget to the general fund and pay for bus backs. Commissioner Paz suggested to not be specific on the usage of the funds.

Motion to take back funding from the Jr. Commission Project and move it back to the general fund.

Motion: Commissioner Sapper

Ayes: 7

Noes: 0

Second: Commissioner Horta

Absent: 4

Abstained: 1

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

4. Communication and Outreach Ad-Hoc

Commissioner Finigan reminded everyone to complete the survey and to provide her with feedback. She invites everyone to provide her with ideas on how to promote the commission.

5. Sonoma County Pride Event

Approval of \$164.15 more to have a table at Pride. They will set up and break down the table, chairs, and tent. The commission will also be walking during the parade. Commissioner Finigan will be sitting at the table, but more volunteers are needed.

Motion to approve \$164.15 more to cover the cost for the Sonoma County Pride Event.

No Public Comment

Motion: Commissioner Lopez

Ayes: 7

Noes: 0

Second: Commissioner Horta

Absent: 4

Abstained: 1

Commissioner Isabel Lopez, Reynoza, Madrigal and Burcina were absent.

Commissioner Madrigal and Jacobo abstained. Chair Phillips abstained as Chair.

Motion passed.

VI. OFFICER REPORTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

1. Chair Phillips reported that the Strategic Planning Session is on Sunday, May 29, 2022 and it will be hybrid.
2. Chair Phillips reminded everyone that the fiscal year ends June 30, 2022 and to pick up business cards at the HR office.
3. Commissioner Horta will be leaving the commission. This was her last meeting.

VII. AD HOC COMMITTEE AND PROJECT COMMITTEE UPDATES

1. Commissioner Paz reported out for Sonoma Valley Unified School District Ad Hoc. They haven't met, but he has met with Celeste. Parents volunteered to talk about their experiences for the letter the ad hoc will be composing. He will have a draft letter for review on Wednesday or Thursday.

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

1. Commissioner Sapper suggested to have the Jewish Free Clinic for July's Spotlight
2. Commissioner Lopez and Paz suggested to give a scholarship using remainder of the CHR funds

3. Commissioner Paz suggested to invite Latino Service Provider Youth Promotores for August's Spotlight

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:53PM