

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

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**Tuesday, August 23, 2022**

**5:30PM**

**Virtual**

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**Commissioners Present:**

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

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

**Third District:** Katrina Phillips (Chair), Isabel Lopez

**Fourth District:** Paulina Lopez

**Fifth District:** Lyndsey Burcina, D’Ayona Jerome

**Staff:** Adriana Call

**Commissioners Absent:**

**First District:** Kathleen Finigan

**Fourth District:** Rosa Reynoza

**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 5:34 PM. Chair abstained from reading the Mission Statement as it is in the process of being revised and will be read later in the meeting. Roll Call, by staff. Chair Phillips asked for an Approval of the minutes from July 26, 2022.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE JULY 26, 2022 MINUTES – PHILLIPS**

Commissioner Jacobo noted that the minutes state that she attended the July 26<sup>th</sup> meeting and she was absent.

Motion to approve with correction: Commission Sapper

Second: Commissioner Madrigal

Aye: Commissioner Jacobo, Commissioner Sapper, Commissioner P. Lopez, Commissioner Madrigal, Commissioner I. Lopez, Commissioner Escalante, Commissioner Burcina

Absent: Commissioner Finigan,

Abstain: Commissioner Jerome, Chair Phillips

Motion passed

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE MINUTES – PHILLIPS**

No one addressed the commission.

**IV. OPENINGS & APPOINTMENTS – PHILLIPS**

1. **Openings** –one (1) in the First District, one (1) in the Second District, one (1) in the Third District, and three (3) in the Fourth District.

Chair Phillips noted a correction to the agenda. There are no openings in the 2<sup>nd</sup> District.

**2. Recruitment brainstorming and ideas –**

Chair Phillips requested for Commissioners who are not requesting re-appointment, that they encourage and recruit others in their District to come and join in on this important work.

Commissioner Sapper suggested that Commissioners attend the Board meetings and speak during public comment about openings in their district. “Farmer’s Market tabling would also be a good platform”, he said. Commissioner Sapper also suggested reaching out to other organizations leadership and ask them to get the word out as well.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS – PHILLIPS**

Three people addressed the Commission with Public Comment.

**VI. REGULAR CALENDAR**

**1. CHR Junior Commission – Spotlight** Former Chair, and founder of the Junior Commission on Human Rights, D’Mitra Smith spoke to the Commission regarding the importance of the Junior Commission. Ms. Smith has documents on a google drive and she asked for a list and she will add all commissioners who would like access. Chair Phillips will send Ms. Smith a list.

No Public Comment

Commissioners asked questions.

**2. Commission on Human Rights Mission Statement Review** – Chair Phillips shared the Final Draft of the revised Mission Statement.

One member of the public made a comment.

Commissioner Jacobo asked for clarification on the length of the statement.

Commissioner Escalante suggested that the statement be broken down into a Mission and a Vision Statement.

Chair Phillips asked for a small group to stay after the meeting to finalize the statement.

She also asked that the commissioners join the waiting room area of the meeting 10 minutes early so that the meetings could start on time.

**VII. 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. Work Plan Rough Draft** – Commissioner Escalante reviewed the ad-hocs and work plans. She suggested that the new Commissioners decide which ad-hocs they would like to be a part of. She also requested that the commissioners review the ad-hocs and prioritize them into Tier One, and Tier Two. She reminded the commissioners that each commissioner should be on at least one ad hoc, and that they dedicate at least one hour per week to their ad-hocs.

**VIII. AD HOC COMMITTEE AND PROJECT COMMITTEE UPDATES**

Commissioners provided reports and/or updates from the work being done by their ad hoc committee(s) and/or project committee(s). \

Commissioner Escalante reviewed some of the ad-hocs that need to be moved to Tier 2. She asked if the Indigenous Ad-hoc could be moved to tier 2, or if a Commissioner can step up to take a lead role.

**IX. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT COMMISSION MEETING – PHILLIPS**

Chair Phillips would like to have a community spotlight with representatives to talk about the the Palms Inn.

Commissioner Escalante would like to discuss the investigation of the David Pelaez Lopez incident.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.