

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

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**Tuesday, March 22, 2022**

**5:30PM**

**Virtual**

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

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

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

**Fourth District:** Paulina Lopez, Rosa Reynoza

**Fifth District:** Lyndsey Burcina

**Staff:** Meira Bowcut, Admin Aide

The March 22, 2022 Commission on Human Rights Meeting will be facilitated virtually through Zoom.

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**Instructions for the Public:**

In accordance with AB 361, Governor Newsom’s March 4, 2020 State of Emergency due to COVID-19 pandemic, Sonoma County Public Health Officer’s Recommendation for Teleconference Meetings, and the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors Resolution 21-0399, the Commission on the Status of Women meetings will be held virtually.

Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361) on September 16, 2021, which amends the Ralph M. Brown Act to provide additional provisions that allow meetings of legislative bodies to continue to be conducted via teleconference. This Resolution makes the findings to confirm the current conditions allow teleconference meetings pursuant to AB 361 for the Board of Supervisors and on behalf of all of the commissions and committees created by the Board of Supervisors pursuant to Government Code section 54952(b). This will allow members of the public to safely observe and participate in local government meetings during the continued pandemic.

The following are key provisions of the Executive Order with the substantive changes from the prior order identified in bold below:

- Allows public agencies to hold public meetings via teleconference and to make the meeting accessible electronically or telephonically to all member of the public seeking to attend and address the Board.
- The requirement that each teleconference location be publicly accessible is suspended.
- The requirement to post agendas at all teleconference locations and notice each location where the member is calling in from is suspended.
- The requirement that at least a quorum be present in the boundaries of the jurisdiction is suspended.
- Notice must still be given 72 hours in advance for regular meeting and 24 hours in advance for special meetings.
- Local Agencies may hold meetings via teleconferencing and allow the public to observe and address the meeting telephonically or otherwise electronically. (NOTE: the prior order required at least one physical location be open for the public to observe and address the meeting. A physical location for observing the meeting is no longer required.)
- If meeting is held telephonically or otherwise electronically, agencies must implement a procedure for receiving and swiftly resolving requests for reasonable modification or accommodations from individuals with disabilities, consistent with the ADA. The procedure must be advertised each time notice of the meeting is given.
- Agencies are encouraged to use sound discretion and to make reasonable efforts to adhere to the Brown Act as closely as possible.

**Agendas and Materials:** Agendas and most supporting materials are available on the Commission's website at <https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Human-Rights/Calendar/> Due to legal, copyright, privacy or policy considerations, not all materials are posted online. **NOTE: Due to the ongoing Covid-19 situation, materials that are not posted will be available directly from the Commission at [chr@sonoma-county.org](mailto:chr@sonoma-county.org).**

**Disabled Accommodation:** If you have a disability which requires an accommodation, an alternative format, or requires another person to assist you while attending this meeting, please contact the Deputy Clerk at (707) 565-1851, as soon as possible to ensure arrangements for accommodation.

**Approval of the Consent Calendar:** The Consent Calendar includes routine financial and administrative actions that are usually approved by a single majority vote. There will be no discussion on these items prior to voting on the motion unless Commission Members request specific items be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar.

**Public Comment:** Any member of the audience desiring to address the Commission on a matter on the agenda: Members of the public are invited to join this meeting via Zoom teleconferencing. In order that all interested parties have an opportunity to speak, please be brief and limit your comments to the subject under discussion. Each person is usually granted three minutes to speak; time limitations are at the discretion of the Chair. While members of the public are welcome to

address the Commission, under the Brown Act, Commission members may not deliberate or take any action on items not on the agenda, and generally may only listen.

**Commitment to Civil Engagement:** All are encouraged to engage in respectful dialog that supports freedom of speech and values diversity of opinion. Commissioners, Staff, and the public are encouraged to:

- Create an atmosphere of respect and civility where Commissioners, County Staff, and the Public are free to express their ideas within the time and content parameters established by the Brown Act and CHR’s standard Parliamentary procedures (Robert’s Rules of Order);
- Establish and maintain a cordial and respectful atmosphere during discussions;
- Foster meaningful dialogue free of attacks of a personal nature and/or attacks based on age, (dis)ability, class, education level, gender, gender identity, occupation, race and/or ethnicity, sexual orientation;
- Listen with an open mind to all information, including dissenting points of view, regarding issues presented to the Commission;
- Recognize it is sometimes difficult to speak at meetings, and out of respect for each person's perspective, allow speakers to have their say without comment or body gestures, including booing, whistling or clapping.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER – MISSION STATEMENT – ROLL CALL – PHILLIPS**
- II. **APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 22, 2022 AGENDA – PHILLIPS**
  1. Due to the Brown Act requirements, only changing the order of or deletion of items may be allowed. New items may not be added unless imperative for emergency circumstances.
- III. **APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 22, 2022 MINUTES – PHILLIPS**
- IV. **OPENINGS & APPOINTMENTS – PHILLIPS**
  1. Openings – one (1) in Second District, one (1) in the Fourth District and two (2) in the Fifth District
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS – PHILLIPS**

Public comment is limited to **two** minutes per topic or **four** minutes when using interpretation services
- VI. **REGULAR CALENDAR – Discussion and possible action on items below**
  1. **Sonoma Valley Special Needs/Board of Trustee Human Rights Conflict-** Sapper (15 Mins)  
Celeste Winders will be presenting on this topic
  2. **Sheriff Candidates Forum Updates – Phillips** (5 Mins)  
Update on the forum and discuss outreach support
  3. **Interpretation Services - Phillips** (5 Min)

Price increases due to Oscar Ocano resignation and whether to provide translation services in every meeting.

**4. Sonoma County Human Rights Visibility Project-** Phillips (10 Min)

Review the project and ask for volunteers to run the project

**5. Survey Monkey Renewal-** Phillips (10 Min)

Discussion and vote on whether to renew Survey Monkey subscription of \$1,428

**6. Press Releases and Statements-** Phillips & Finigan (10 Min)

Discussion about emergency votes to get releases and statements out quicker to the press and public

**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.

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

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**COUNTY OF SONOMA**  
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**Tuesday, February 22, 2022**

**5:30PM**

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**Commissioners Present:**

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

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

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

**Fourth District:** Paulina Lopez

**Fifth District:** Lyndsey Burcina (Officer-at-Large)

**Staff:** Meira Bowcut, Admin Aide

**Commissioners Absent:**

**Third District:** Ana Horta

**Fourth District:** Rosa Reynoza

\*Commissioner Paz arrived late approximately at 5:38PM.

**Meeting held through publicly available link via Zoom Meeting**

**I. CALL TO ORDER – CIVIL ENGAGEMENT STATEMENT – ROLL CALL – PHILLIPS**

Meeting called to order by Chair Phillips at 5:33PM. Spanish translation services were provided to members of the public by Oscar Cano, Managing Partner of The Grey Highlander Corporation.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 22, 2022 AGENDA – PHILLIPS**

Motion: Commissioner Sapper

Ayes: 7

Noes: 0

Second: Commissioner Madrigal

Absent: 3

Abstained: 1

Commissioner Horta and Reynoza were absent. Commissioner Paz arrived late. Chair Phillips abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

**III. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 25, 2022 MINUTES – PHILLIPS**

Motion: Commissioner Paulina Lopez

Ayes: 7

Noes: 0

Second: Vice Chair Escalante

Absent: 3

Abstained: 1

Commissioner Horta and Reynoza were absent. Commissioner Paz arrived late. Chair Phillips abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

**IV. OPENINGS & APPOINTMENTS – PHILLIPS**

The Chair reported three openings –one in the Second District, one in the Fourth District, and two in the Fifth District.



**3. Sheriff Candidates Forum**

Chair Phillips provided an update on the sheriff candidates forum. 3 out of 4 sheriffs already responded to the invite. Chair Phillips communicated with Janice from Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). CSW will be joining IOLERO Forum, but Janice will communicate with the rest of the commission to see if they can help CHR and provide questions for the forum.

No action was taken.

**4. CHR Statement on David Ward**

Chair Phillips read the statement on David Ward. Vice Chair Escalante reminded everyone to remember the purpose of why we are writing the statement and what is the hopeful outcome of the statement.

Commissioner Finigan suggested some edits to delete the phrase with written in caps.

A motion to approve the statement with the edits suggested and giving the Officers authority to edit.

No Public Comment

Motion: Commissioner Madrigal

Ayes: 8

Noes: 0

Second: Commissioner Paz

Absent: 2

Abstained: 1

Commissioner Horta and Reynoza were absent. Chair Phillips abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

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

1. Sonoma Valley situation that relates to special education and the school board
2. Update on the meeting with the SDC planning manager
3. Creating an Outreach Ad Hoc
4. Strategic Planning/Work Plan Retreat

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:53PM