

AGENDA
COUNTY OF SONOMA
COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS – REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

5:30PM

Hybrid

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

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

Third District: Katrina Phillips (Chair), Isabel Lopez, Liz Cruz Reyes

Fourth District: Trevor Merrell

Fifth District: Lyndsey Burcina, Nichole Warwick

MEETING INFORMATION:

The May 23, 2023 Commission on Human Rights Meeting will be facilitated in person. Members of the public can watch, listen, or join the meeting using one of the three following methods:

1. JOIN IN PERSON:

Human Resources Large Training Room

575 Administration Drive, Suite 117C, Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Limited seating is available for public participants.

2. JOIN VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM:

Participate by computer, table, or smartphone application. Go to:

<https://sonomacounty.zoom.us/j/99356615285?pwd=UUISNIDQkUvTitzTWQ5bnNkL2NBUT09>

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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.**

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 APRIL 25, 2023 MINUTES – PHILLIPS

III. OPENINGS & APPOINTMENTS – PHILLIPS

1. Openings – two (2) in the First District, two (2) in the Second District, two (2) in the Fourth District, and one (1) in the Fifth District.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS – PHILLIPS

Public comment is limited to **two** minutes per topic or **four** minutes when using interpretation services

V. REGULAR CALENDAR – Discussion and possible action on items below

1. **Jr Commission Presentation-Lopez** (15 Min)
Presentation on their project on the unhoused population
2. **Nichole Warwick Presentation – Phillips** (10 Min)
Presentation on the research of pesticides
3. **Commissioner’s Participation – Phillips** (5 Min)
Discussion on Commissioners involvement on the Commission
4. **Kathleen Finigan Award– Phillips** (15 Min)
Nominations and selection of the award recipient
5. **Nomination/ Elections-** Phillips (15 Min)
Read the descriptions of the Officers role and nomination for Chair, Vice Chair, and Officer-At-Large followed by elections for Officers.
6. **Strategic Planning-** Phillips (5 Min)
Discussion on location, date, and time for the planning meeting

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. Sonoma County Pride Parade June 3, 2023
2. Wednesday Night Market June 21, 2023

VII. AD HOC COMMITTEE AND PROJECT COMMITTEE UPDATES

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

1. **Outreach & Communication Ad Hoc Committee**
2. **Immigrants' Rights Ad Hoc**
3. **Indigenous People Ad Hoc**
4. **Junior Commission on Human Rights**
5. **LGBTQIA+ Ad Hoc Committee**
6. **People with Disabilities Ad Hoc Committee**
7. **Visibility Project**

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

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

5:30PM

Virtual

Commissioners Present:

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

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

Fourth District: Trevor Merrell

Fifth District: Lyndsey Burcina

Staff: Meira Bowcut

Commissioners Absent:

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

Second District: Iliana Madrigal

Fifth District: Nichole Warwick, D’Ayona Jerome

***Commissioner Jacobo arrived late at approximately at 6:25pm**

***Commissioner Lopez left early at approximately at 6:35pm**

Meeting held virtually and in person

I. CALL TO ORDER – MISSION STATEMENT – ROLL CALL – PHILLIPS

Meeting called to order by Chair Phillips at 5:41 PM. Chair Phillips read the mission statement. Roll call was taken by staff.

II. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 28, 2023 MINUTES – PHILLIPS

Chair Phillips asked for a motion to approve the minutes of February 28, 2023 due to a mistake last meeting.

No Public Comment

Motion: Commissioner Burcina

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Second: Commissioner Escalante

Absent:5

Abstained: 1

Commissioner Sapper, Madrigal, Warwick, and Jerome were absent. Commissioner Jacobo arrived late. Chair Phillips abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 28, 2023 MINUTES – PHILLIPS

A new motion for March 28, 2023 minutes was taken due to an error last meeting.

No Public Comment

Motion: Commissioner Burcina
Second: Commissioner Lopez

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0
Absent: 5 Abstained: 1

Commissioner Sapper, Madrigal, Warwick, and Jerome were absent. Commissioner Jacobo arrived late. Chair Phillips abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

IV. OPENINGS & APPOINTMENTS – PHILLIPS

1. Chair Phillips announced two (2) openings in the First District, two (2) opening in the Second District, and two (2) in the Fourth District.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS- PHILLIPS

Public Comment:

- Jim Duffy
- Attila Nagy

VI. REGULAR CALENDAR

1. Omar Gallardo from LandPaths was unable to present.
2. Nichole Warwick’s presentation got postponed to next meeting due to her absence.
3. Commissioner Lopez brought forth a letter from the Indigenous People Ad Hoc asking Congressman Thompson to support the Registry Bill. She shared a personal experience regarding a similar policy that changed her life. Commissioner Merrell suggested to reach out to Congressman Huffman. Commissioner Cruz Reyes suggested to add more of Commissioner Lopez’ personal story. Motion to approve the letter with potential edits to send to other elected officials and add personal stories on another letter.

Public Comment:

- Attila Nagy

Motion: Commissioner Burcina
Second: Commissioner Merrell

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0
Absent: 5 Abstained:

Commissioner Sapper, Madrigal, Warwick, and Jerome were absent. Commissioner Jacobo arrived late. Chair Phillips abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

4. Chair Phillips read the Pride Gold Resolution 2023. The resolution will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on June 6th meeting. The Commission is invited to be present to receive the resolution. No discussion. Motion to approve the Pride Gold Resolution.

No Public Comment.

Motion: Commissioner Cruz Reyes

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0

Second: Commissioner Burcina

Absent:5

Abstained: 1

Commissioner Sapper, Madrigal, Warwick, and Jerome were absent. Commissioner Jacobo arrived late. Chair Phillips abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

5. Chair Phillips led the discussion on the unused funds and transferring them to the general fund. Staff shared the fiscal year 22/23 budget. The Junior Commission Project will use about \$2,600, but \$1915.31 will go back to the general fund. Motion to transfer \$1915.31 back to the general fund.

No Public Comment

Motion: Commissioner Escalante

Ayes: 6

Noes: 0

Second: Commissioner Burcina

Absent:4

Abstained:

Commissioner Sapper, Madrigal, Warwick, and Jerome were absent. Chair Phillips abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

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. Chair Phillips asked for volunteers for Wednesday Night Market on June 21, 2023 and for Sonoma County Pride Parade on June 3, 2023. Many Commissioners volunteered, but a sign-up email will go out later.

3. Chair Phillips reminded everyone that Invoices are due on June 9, 2023.

4. Chair Phillips announced that she was invited to speak at the May 1st, the International Workers March in solidarity for Immigrant and Workers' Rights. She invited everyone to join the event. Chair Phillips also invited the Commission to attend The Youth Perspective by Los Cien on May 19th.

VIII. AD HOC COMMITTEE AND PROJECT COMMITTEE UPDATES

1. Outreach & Communication Ad Hoc Committee had no updates to report.

2. Immigrants' Rights Ad Hoc, Commissioner Lopez announced a sign making event for the May 1st march. She will communicate later the date. There will be a march on August 8th and 9th 2023, from Sonoma County to San Francisco then followed by a National Boycott on August 9th. More information will be provided closer to the date.

3. Indigenous People Ad Hoc reported on The Indigenous Peoples Day Gathering Event on May 20th and 21st. The Commission is required to table one day due to the sponsorship.

4. Junior Commission on Human Rights reported that they are recruiting for next cohort and will try to show more representation in all districts. They have a layout work plan for next cohort and will try to start earlier at the same time as school starts. The BOS is invited to the May 11th Jr. Commission meeting as well as the adult commission.

5. LGBTQIA+ Ad Hoc Committee is working on different projects but will announce them once they are finalized.

6. People with Disabilities Ad Hoc Committee had no updates to report.

7. Visibility Project had no updates to report.

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

1. Elections and nominations
2. Jr. Commission Ad Hoc Presentation
3. Commissioner Warwick's presentation

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.