

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

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

5:30PM

Hybrid

Commissioners Present:

First District: Howard Sapper (Officer-at-Large)*, Elizabeth Escalante (Vice Chair),

Second District: Yensi Jacobo, Iliana Madrigal

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

Fifth District: Lyndsey Burcina, Nichole Warwick

Staff: Meira Bowcut

Commissioners Absent:

First District: Sarah Kerlow

Fourth District: Trevor Merrell

***Commissioner Cruz Reyes arrived late at approximately at 5:52pm.**

***Commissioner Sapper arrived late at approximately at 6:26pm and attended via Zoom (AB 2449 Excuse).**

Meeting held virtually and in person

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

Meeting called to order by Chair Phillips at 5:40 PM. Chair Phillips read the mission statement. Roll call was taken by staff.

II. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 27, 2023 MINUTES – PHILLIPS

Chair Phillips asked for a motion to approve the minutes of June 27, 2023.

No Public Comment

Motion: Commissioner Warwick

Ayes: 6

Noes: 0

Second: Commissioner Madrigal

Absent:4

Abstained: 1

Commissioner Merrell and Kerlow were absent. Commissioner Sapper and Cruz Reyes arrived late. Chair Phillips abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

III. OPENINGS & APPOINTMENTS – PHILLIPS

1. Chair Phillips announced two (2) opening 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

Second: Commissioner Lopez
Absent:2 Abstained: 1
Commissioner Merrell and Kerlow were absent. Chair Phillips abstained as Chair.
Motion passed.

4. Chair Phillips led the phase two of the strategic planning. Commissioners presented on different work plans.

- a. Commissioner Madrigal presented on the 2023-2024 Visibility Project and proposed to continue advertising the survey on social media and later create a report on the compiled data. A QR Code option will be added to the Visibility Project flyers to give the public another option to access the survey. Members of this project are Commissioner Madrigal as Chair, Commissioner Phillips, Commissioner Cruz Reyes, Commissioner Sapper, and Commissioner Warwick. Budget of \$2,235 was requested. Commissioner Lopez recommended to increase the budget by \$50 for printing materials for tabling. Motion to approve the work plan and budget of \$2,285.

No Public Comment.

Motion: Commissioner Cruz Reyes Ayes: 8 Noes: 0
Second: Commissioner Sapper Absent:2 Abstained: 1
Commissioner Merrell and Kerlow were absent. Chair Phillips abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

- b. Commissioner Lopez presented on the Just Migration Reform Ad Hoc 2023-2024. This ad hoc proposed to financially support the 40-miles march happening August 5-7, 2023 from Petaluma to the Federal Building in San Francisco and continue being a representative and support the activities of the NCCJIR. A budget of \$4,000 was requested, however the amount decreased to \$2,500 due to the overall funding. The swag was removed. This funding will pay for sponsorship and the promotional video. Members of the ad hoc includes Commissioner Lopez as Chair and Commissioner Escalante. Motion to approve the workplan and budget of \$2,500.

No Public Comment.

Motion: Commissioner Madrigal Ayes: 8 Noes: 0
Second: Commissioner Burcina Absent:2 Abstained: 1
Commissioner Merrell and Kerlow were absent. Chair Phillips abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

- c. Commissioner Cruz Reyes and Jacobo presented on the Youth Commission 2023-2024. They reviewed the proposed budget and timeline of the project. The requested budget was \$8,935. There was a long discussion on the budget for food expense. They will explore different options regarding food for the youth commissioners. The Commissioners adjusted their requested budget to \$4,635. The project co-managers are Commissioner Cruz Reyes and Commissioner Jacobo. Motion to approve the workplan and budget of

\$4,635, but with an option to revisit the budget in the future.

No Public Comment.

Motion: Commissioner Madrigal

Ayes: 8

Noes: 0

Second: Commissioner Burcina

Absent:2

Abstained: 1

Commissioner Merrell and Kerlow were absent. Chair Phillips abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

- d. Chair Phillips presented the Adult LGBTQIA+ Prom, an event for the Community to attend a prom. They will partner with other organizations to cover cost. The cost to attend the event is \$40 per person and left-over money raised will be donated to Positive Images, the Sage Casey Foundation and Community Matters. Along with hosting the adult prom, this ad hoc will table at Sonoma County Pride and create a survey around how LGBTQIA+ community is experiencing life in Sonoma County. The data will then be presented to the Board of Supervisors and the Community. Commissioner Burcina and Commissioner Phillips are members of the ad hoc. The Budget requested was \$2,300. Due to the budget, the amount requested got reduced to \$2,000. Motion to approve the work plan and budget of \$2,000.

No Public Comment.

Motion: Commissioner Warwick

Ayes: 8

Noes: 0

Second: Commissioner Madrigal

Absent:2

Abstained: 1

Commissioner Merrell and Kerlow were absent. Chair Phillips abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

- e. Sonoma Collective Care Response Team was postponed to next meeting due to Commissioner Kerlow's absence.

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

None were mentioned.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.