

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

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

5:30PM

Hybrid

Commissioners Present:

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

Second District: Yensi Jacobo*, Andrew Lemarquand*

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

Fourth District: Trevor Merrell

Fifth District: Nichole Warwick

Staff: Meira Bowcut

Commissioners Absent:

Second District: Iliana Madrigal

Third District: Isabel Lopez

Fifth District: Lyndsey Burcina

- *Vice Chair Escalante arrived late at approximately at 6:06pm.
- *Commissioner Jacobo arrived late at approximately at 6:32pm.
- *Commissioner Sapper attended via Zoom (AB 2449 Excuse)
- *Commissioner Lemarquand 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 5:56 PM. Chair Phillips read the mission statement. Roll call was taken by staff.

II. APPROVAL OF THE JULY 25, 2023 MINUTES – PHILLIPS

This item got moved to the next meeting because not enough votes to approve it.

III. OPENINGS & APPOINTMENTS – PHILLIPS

1. Chair Phillips announced one (1) opening in the Second District, two (2) in the Fourth District, and one (1) in the Fifth District.
2. Staff Performed the oath of office for Commissioner Lemarquand. Commissioner Lemarquand introduced himself to the Commission.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS- PHILLIPS

No Public Comment.

V. 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 to present at Spring Lake Village on Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 1:30pm. An email will go out because no one volunteered. The deadline is November 1, 2023 to respond.
2. Staff announced the Commission has a new storage unit at Extra Space. Due to increase storage fees at StoragePro, the Commission decided to move. Staff, Commissioner Kerlow, and Chair Phillips will move the stuff into the new storage facility on Friday, September 29th at 4:30pm.

VI. REGULAR CALENDAR

1. Nancy Pemberton from Community for Law Enforcement Accountability Now (CLEAN) presented on the work that they do in Sonoma County. The Committee started to enforce the implementation of Measure P and continue to do so. They create educational forums and webinars for the community on different topics. They continue to ensure oversight of all law enforcement, transparency, and accountability. CLEAN's mission aligns with the Commission's mission, however, the Commission can't endorse CLEAN.
2. Commissioner Warwick read the letter to West County High School District addressing the 16 cases of deadnaming that occurred in the 2022-2023 Analy High School Yearbook. No discussion occurred. The Commission voted on the letter to support the LGBTQIA2S+ students at Analy High School. Motion to approve the letter.

No Public Comment.

Motion: Vice Chair Escalante

Ayes: 8

Noes: 0

Second: Commissioner Merrell

Absent:3

Abstained: 1

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

3. Commissioner Kerlow presented on her proposed Sonoma County Collective Care Response Team Ad Hoc. This ad hoc focuses on round table community forums via Zoom to re-envision community response to the intersection of domestic violence, post separation abuse, and child custody. The ad hoc asked for \$400 for pamphlets, brochures, and other printed materials. Motion to pass the workplan and budget.

No Public Comment.

Motion: Commissioner Warwick

Ayes: 8

Noes: 0

Second: Commissioner Cruz Reyes

Absent:3

Abstained: 1

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

