

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

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

5:30PM

Virtual

Commissioners Present:

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

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

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

Fourth District: Trevor Merrell*

Fifth District: Nichole Warwick,

Staff: Meira Bowcut

Commissioners Absent:

Second District: Yensi Jacobo

Fifth District: D’Ayona Jerome, Lyndsey Burcina

***Chair Phillips attended via zoom; excuse valid under AB 361**

***Commissioner Merrell arrived late at approximately at 5:40pm**

Meeting held virtually and in person

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

Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Escalante at 5:34 PM. Vice Chair read the mission statement. Roll call was taken by staff.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 28, 2023 MINUTES – ESCALANTE

Vice Chair asked for a motion to approve the minutes of March 28, 2023. However, there was an error on the date. Minutes were for February 28, 2023.

No Public Comment

Motion: Commissioner Sapper

Ayes: 6

Noes: 0

Second: Commissioner Cruz Reyes

Absent:4

Abstained: 1

Commissioner Jerome, Burcina, and Jacobo were absent. Commissioner Merrell arrived late. Vice Chair Escalante abstained due to leading the meeting. Motion passed.

III. OPENINGS & APPOINTMENTS – PHILLIPS

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

next cohort and the deadline is April 21, 2023.

5.LGBTQIA+ Ad Hoc Committee had no updates to report.

6.People with Disabilities Ad Hoc Committee invited new Commissioners to join. Commissioner Sapper is exploring the link between homelessness and disabilities. He continues to communicate with the BOS on the SDC issues. Vice Chair Escalante brought up the partnership with Celeste Winders to draft a resolution declaring reading as a human right.

7.Visibility Project reported that Commissioner Madrigal will continue to be the Chair of this ad hoc.

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

1. Draft a resolution on condemning the use of SROs on school campuses -the implementation of officers
2. Nominations and elections
3. Pesticides Presentation by Nichole Warwick
4. Omar Gallardo – LandPaths for Community Spotlight

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.