



AGENDA
COUNTY OF SONOMA
COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS – REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

5:30PM

Hybrid

First District: Howard Sapper (Officer-at-Large), Sarah Kerlow

Second District: Yensi Jacobo, Andrew Lemarquand, Sadie Ferguson

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

Fourth District: Trevor Merrell, Irmina Benson

Fifth District: Nichole Warwick (Vice Chair)

***Commissioners Lemarquand and Ferguson will be attending hybrid via Zoom per Gov't. Code Section 54953(b) at this location: 1094 Petaluma Blvd S, Petaluma, CA 94952.**

MEETING INFORMATION:

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Human Resources Large Training Room
575 Administration Drive, Suite 117C, Santa Rosa, CA 95403
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- 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. COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT– PHILLIPS

This month's community spotlight is Jason Windus along with Richard Jump to talk about the warming centers they opened all winter long.

III. YOUTH COMMISSION PRESENTATION- CRUZ REYES & JACOBO

The Youth Commission will be presenting on various topics from their selected ad hocs.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 27, 2024 MINUTES – PHILLIPS

V. OPENINGS & APPOINTMENTS – PHILLIPS

1. Openings - one (1) in the First District, one(1) in the Fourth District, and two (2) in the Fifth District.
2. Welcome Irmina Benson to the Commission and complete her oath of office.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS – PHILLIPS

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

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. Commissioners Jacobo and Cruz Reyes will table at SRJC Petaluma: Free Future Social Justice Conference, May 3rd, 9am-2:30pm

VIII. 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. Visibility Project
2. Just Migration Reform
3. Youth Commission on Human Rights
4. Collective Care Response Team

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

1. **Purchase a single user membership for Los Cien-** Phillips
This will allow Commissioners to attend events that pertain to Human Rights issues.
2. **Google Workplace** - Lemarquand
Discussion and approve purchase of Google Workplace
3. **Disability work in schools-** Sapper & Merrell
Discussion on how to serve the students with disability
4. **Alexei Navaly letter** - Sapper
Discussion on the assassination and determine support from the Commission
5. **Petaluma Veterans Memorial Building Meeting Hub-** Lemarquand
Request to have an alternate meeting site

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

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

5:30PM

Hybrid

Commissioners Present:

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

Second District: Yensi Jacobo, Andrew Lemarquand*, Sadie Ferguson

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

Fifth District: Nichole Warwick (Vice Chair) *

Staff: Meira Bowcut

Commissioners Absent:

First District: Sarah Kerlow

Fourth District: Trevor Merrell

***Commissioner Sapper attended via Zoom per AB2449 excuse.**

***Commissioner Lemarquand attended via Zoom per Gov't. Code Section 54953(b) at this location: 1094 Petaluma Blvd S, Petaluma, CA 94952.**

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

***Commissioner Warwick arrived late at approximately at 5:44PM**

Meeting held virtually and in person.

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

Meeting called to order by Chair Phillips at 5:38 PM. Chair Phillips read the mission statement. Roll call taken by Staff.

II. COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT—PHILLIPS

Chair Phillips introduced D'mitra Smith, Kirstyne Lange from NAACP along with Professor Amy Kittlestrom from Sonoma State University. Kirstyne Lange introduced the Sonoma County Slavery Historical Research Project by providing an overview of it. This project came from lived experience of racism and anti-blackness in Sonoma County that D'mitra Smith experienced. She started researching the history of slavery in California and in Sonoma County. She discovered that there were slaveholding individuals who were the founding members of the County. The project's focus is mainly on people that were enslaved in Sonoma County and their stories to determine their slavery status because their findings suggested to rethink the definition of slavery in Sonoma County. Once the project is finalized, they will share the results with the Commission.

III. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 23, 2024 MINUTES – PHILLIPS

Motion to approve the January 23, 2024 Minutes.

and the new mental health court program. They will be attending the TEDxSonoma County on Saturday, March 2, 2024. Recruitment for the next cohort will start next month. They are hoping to present during April's meeting.

4. Collective Care Response Team didn't report out due to Commissioner Kerlow's absence.

IX. REGULAR CALENDAR

1. Chair Phillips led the discussion to purchase a membership for Los Cien to allow Commissioners to attend events that pertain to Human Rights issues. Chair Phillips will investigate paying for a single membership but shared with everyone. No action was taken.
2. Commissioner Lemarquand led the discussion to have a Google Workplace account to have consistent emails for Commissioners to use in-lieu of personal emails. Commissioner Lemarquand will provide prices for Google Workplace and will provide more information on the logistics of the functions of the account next meeting. No action was taken.
3. Commissioner Lemarquand also led the discussion of having a website for the Commission. Chair Phillips clarified that the Commission already has a website. Staff recommended to have Commissioners help her revamp the website. Commissioners Ferguson, Lemarquand, and Cruz-Reyes will help Staff update the website. No action was taken.
4. The Commission tested the OWL technology during their special meeting, and they decided to keep the current technology. No action was taken.
5. Commissioners Jacobo and Cruz Reyes reviewed the revised Youth Commission project budget. Some of the changes consist of adding T-shirts, speaker fees, food material purchase, and increased their ad hoc budgets for the Youth.

No Public Comment.

Motion: Commissioner Warwick

Ayes: 6

Noes: 0

Second: Commissioner Ferguson

Absent: 3

Abstained: 1

Commissioner Ferguson and Kerlow were absent. Commissioner Lopez left early. Chair Phillips abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

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

1. Youth Commission presentations
2. The assassination of Alexei Navalny letter
3. Update on the West County letter

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

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