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Regular Meeting Minutes
Commission Retreat
October 26, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commission President Anthony Mack called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. along with 2nd Vice President Angelica Solis-Montero and Commissioners, Courtney Morgan-Greene, Ysabel Jurado, Nirinjan Singh Khalsa, Rosa Russell, Irene Tovar and Brooke Wirtschafter in attendance. Commissioner Melany De La Cruz Viesca joined the meeting at 12:12 p.m. Commissioner Jurado left the meeting later at 1:30 p.m.

Commissioners Herpsima Khatchadorian and Stacy Twilley were absent.

Those also in attendance included Capri Maddox, General Manager; Claudia Luna, Assistant General Manager; Barak Vaughn, Deputy City Attorney; Mayra Medel, Executive Officer; Francisco Ortega, Senior Project Coordinator; Sheldon Cruz, Senior Human Relations Advocate; and James K. Williams, Commission Executive Assistant II.

A quorum was established and the meeting proceeded.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

The public comment period was opened. There were no speakers to address the Commission, so the public comment period was closed.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The review and approval of the Minutes of the September 28, 2022, Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Tovar moved to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2022 Commission Meeting. Commissioner Russell seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Tovar
Seconded: Russell
Ayes: Greene, Jurado, Khalsa, Mack, Solis-Montero, Wirschafter
Absent: Khatchadorian, De La Cruz-Viesca, Twilley

Vote: 8 - 0

The motion passed.

4. DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS PURSUANT TO AB-361

The continuation of teleconference meetings pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 (AB-361) was discussed by the Commission.

Commissioner Khalsa made a motion to continue holding Commission meetings via teleconference pursuant to AB-361. Commissioner Wirschafter seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Khalsa
Seconded: Wirschafter
Ayes: Greene, Jurado, Mack, Solis-Montero, Russell, Tovar, De La Cruz Viesca
Absent: Khatchadorian, Twilley

Vote: 9 - 0

The motion passed.

5. DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Capri Maddox, General Manager, Civil + Human Rights and Equity Department, gave an update on the Department's activities and goals. Director Maddox shared the LA Civil Rights Overview Deck for October 2022. This presentation can be viewed at civilandhumanrights.lacity.org. GM Maddox spoke about the recorded comments and hate speech by certain City Council Members and the Civil Rights Department's initial responses to the incident. She announced the training for the opening of LA for All Healing Circles.

6. DISCUSSION – The Human Relations Commission Annual Strategic Planning Retreat to develop strategic framework for the HRC's 2023 and 2024 Commission priorities. Aziza Hasan was introduced as the facilitator. AGM Claudia Luna shared a report.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

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