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HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commission President Anthony Mack called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. along with Commission Vice President Stacy Twilley and Commissioners, Ysabel Jurado, Nirinjan Singh Khalsa, Rosa Russell, Irene Tovar and Melany De La Cruz-Viesca in attendance. Commissioner Courtney Morgan-Greene joined during the public comment period. Commissioner Wirtshafter joined the meeting at 12:38 p.m. and left around 2:29 p.m.

Commissioners Herpsima Khatchadorian and Angelica Solis-Montero were absent.

Those also in attendance included Capri Maddox, General Manager; Claudia Luna, Assistant General Manager; Barak Vaughn, Deputy City Attorney; Nicole Bryant, Chief Operations Officer; 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 July 27, 2022, Regular Meeting, the August 24, 2022, Special Meeting, and the September 14, 2022, Special Meeting.

Commissioner Russell moved to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2022, August 24, 2022, and September 14, 2022, Commission Meetings. Commissioner Tovar seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

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

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

Vote: 8 - 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 September 2022. This presentation can be viewed at civilandhumanrights.lacity.org. She introduced the department's newest employees, Diamond James, Jackie Fowler and Luz Vargas. Commissioner Mack lauded the Civil Rights Department for the successful completion of two community events last week; the "LA for All" Art Show at Cal-State LA and the "LA is for Everyone" event at Lincoln Park in East LA that featured Mayor Garcetti and the presentation of recognition awards to some of the Department's closest partners.

6. NEW BUSINESS - Latino/a/x Heritage Month Presentations

Assistant Chief Alfred Labrada, LAPD Office of Special Operations along with Commander Ruby Flores and Lieutenant Celina Robles presented "The Changing Face of LAPD";

Quintilia Avila, MPA, California Director of Civic Engagement, NALEO Educational Fund presented "Latino Demographics and the Latino Vote"; and

Luis Javier Rodriguez, Poet, Writer, and Activist presented “The Intersectionality of Art, Activism, and Social Justice in the Latino Community”.

7. Karina Samala, Transgender Advisory Committee President, was not in attendance for the TAC update.

8. AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATES

Commissioner Morgan-Greene gave an update on the activities of the 429 Adhoc Committee. This was followed by a discussion of the formation of a new ad hoc committee to partner with the USC Annenberg School of Communication and Journalism to continue working on six additional podcasts.

Commissioner Morgan-Greene moved to adjourn the 429 Ad Hoc Committee and to establish a new ad hoc committee to partner with the Annenberg School and complete six additional podcasts. Commissioner Khalsa seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 7 - 0

The motion passed.

Commissioner Morgan-Greene noted for the record that Commissioner Twilley is the Executive Producer and will Chair the Committee which will be populated by Commissioners Morgan-Greene, Khalsa, Solis-Montero and De La Cruz-Viesca.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

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