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**COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS**

Regular Meeting Minutes  
June 9, 2022

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Commission Chair Leslie Ivie called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. along with Commissioners Keith Parker, Natalie Samarjian and Abigail Zelenski in attendance. Commissioner Aziza Hasan joined the meeting at approximately 2:09 p.m. Vice Chair Helena Marissa Montes joined at 2:40 p.m.

Commissioner Kandee Lewis was absent.

Capri Maddox, General Manager; Claudia Luna, Assistant General Manager; Heather Aubry, Special Assistant City Attorney; Nicole Bryant, Chief Operating Officer; Joumana Silyan-Saba, Director of Policy & Discrimination Enforcement; and James K. Williams, Commission Executive Assistant II were also in attendance.

A quorum was established and the meeting proceeded.

Commissioner Ivie took a moment of privilege to acknowledge the celebrations of Asian-American-Pacific Islander, Jewish-American and Muslim-American heritage in the Month of May (when there was no regular meeting of the Commission on Civil Rights). She noted that Mental Health Awareness was also highlighted in May. She then recognized LGBTQIA+ Pride Month.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

The public comment period was opened but there were no speakers to address the Commission, therefore public comment was closed.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Commission reviewed and discussed the approval of the minutes of the April 14, 2022 and May 12, 2022 meetings.

Commissioner Hasan made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Parker seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Hasan  
Seconded: Parker  
Ayes: Ivie, Samarjian  
Abstain: Zelenski  
Absent: Lewis, Montes  
Vote: 5 - 0

The motion passed.

**4. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT:**

Capri Maddox, LA Civil + Human Rights and Equity Department shared an update on the Department's recent activities. The Director's June 2022 Overview Deck can be seen on the Civil Rights Department website at [civilandhumanrights.com](http://civilandhumanrights.com). She noted the Stand Up Against Hate Campaign and spoke out against the violence in Texas. Director Maddox introduced two new hires in the Civil Rights Department Tristen Marler, Project Coordinator and Jaylah Wilson, USC Agents of Change Policy Fellow.

**5. DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS:**

The reconsideration and determination to continue holding the Commission on Civil Rights meetings via teleconference pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 (AB-361) was discussed by the Commission.

Commissioner Hasan made a motion to continue holding commission meetings via teleconference. Commissioner Zelenski seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Hasan  
Seconded: Zelenski  
Ayes: Ivie, Parker, Samarjian  
Absent: Lewis, Montes  
Vote: 5 - 0

The motion passed.

The Commission's updated bylaws were reviewed and discussed.

Commissioner Zelenski made a motion to adopt the updated Commission bylaws. Commissioner Hasan seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Zelenski  
Seconded: Hasan  
Ayes: Ivie, Parker, Samarjian  
Absent: Lewis, Montes  
  
Vote: 5 - 0

The motion passed.

Joumana Silyan-Saba, Director of Policy & Discrimination Policy gave an update on the progress of the Discrimination Enforcement section.

**6. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

There were no announcements.

*Upon request, Item No. 3 was reopened to ensure the inclusion of the Minutes of May 12, 2022.*

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Commissioner Hasan made a motion to approve the minutes of April 14, 2022 and May 12, 2022. Commissioner Parker seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Hasan  
Seconded: Parker  
Ayes: Ivie, Montes, Zelenski  
Abstain: Samarjian  
Absent: Lewis  
  
Vote: 6 - 0

The motion passed.

**7. ADJOURNMENT:**

Seeing no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

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