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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Special Meeting Minutes

August 4, 2022

**Corrected Copy*

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Commission Chair Leslie Ivie called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m. along with Vice President Helena Marissa Montes and Commissioners Kandee Lewis, Natalie Samarjian and Abigail Zelenski in attendance.

Commissioners Aziza Hasan and Keith Parker were absent.

Heather Aubry, Special Assistant City Attorney; 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.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

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

Moved: Zelenski
Seconded: Lewis
Ayes: Ivie, Montes, Samarjian
Absent: Hasan, Parker

Vote: 5 - 0

The motion passed.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Commissioner Lewis announced that she would be speaking at the Baldwin Hills Mall on behalf of the Urban League Young Professionals (Saturday, August 6, 2022). She also announced the Promoting Healthy Manhood Conference on Saturday, November 12, 2022, at Cal-State Dominguez Hills.
- **Joumana Silyan-Saba announced the hiring of the Department's first Special Investigator Thomas Scott for the discrimination enforcement section. She noted that he will be formally introduced at future commission meeting.*
- Commissioner Ivie noted that the August 11, 2022, regular meeting is canceled.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

Seeing no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

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