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**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
March 25, 2026  
12:00 p.m.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Commission President Pierre Arreola called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m. Commissioners, De la Cruz, Reed, Reynoso, Russell, Solis, and Thatch were present at the roll call.

Commissioners Grant, Morgan-Greene, and Roman Taylorson were absent.

Also in attendance were Claudia Luna, Assistant General Manager, LA Civil Rights Department; Heather Aubry, Assistant City Attorney; Carla Ibarra, LGBTQIA+ Liaison; Liliana Villa, Human Relations Advocate; and Chloe Coventry, Management Assistant.

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 therefore, public comment was closed.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Commission reviewed the minutes of the January 28, 2026 regular meeting. Commissioner Russell motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner De la Cruz seconded the motion, and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved:	Russell
Seconded:	De la Cruz
Ayes:	Arreola, Reed, Thatch
Abstain:	Reynoso, Solis
Absent:	Grant, Morgan-Greene, Roman Taylorson

Vote: 7 - 0

**4. DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

Assistant General Manager Claudia Luna presented updates regarding department initiatives, specifically a motion brought before the Civil Rights, Equity, Immigration, Aging, and Disability (CREIAD) Committee. This motion directs the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) to compile an inventory of all city-managed or owned facilities, assets, and projects bearing the name of Cesar Chavez for the City Council. Furthermore, the CLA is tasked with collaborating with the Civil Rights Department to collect community input and perspectives on potential renaming efforts for these assets. The introduction of [Council File 26-0430](#) followed a [New York Times investigative report](#) uncovering evidence of sexual abuse and grooming of women and girls by Cesar Chavez within the United Farm Workers Movement. AGM Luna noted that while the Human Relations Commission (HRC) was not explicitly named in the motion, the Commission may be called upon to utilize its specialized expertise in reconciliation and convening for this initiative. Other Department updates include the review of contracts for LA REPAIR's 2nd cohort. The Civil Rights Enforcement unit has 79 active cases, 4 notice of violations, and 1 notice of appeal. The Commission on Civil Rights (CCR) is scheduled to make a decision on the Notice of Appeal at their next regular meeting.

## 6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- a. Following Commissioner Candice Cho's resignation, the Commission held a special election to fill the Vice President vacancy. President Arreola submitted a nomination for Commissioner Rosa Russell, and staff opened the floor for further nominations. With no additional candidates proposed, Commissioner Russell accepted the nomination. A motion to appoint Commissioner Russell as Vice President was made by President Arreola and seconded by Commissioner Russell, leading to the vote:

Moved: Arreola  
Seconded: Russell  
Ayes: De la Cruz, Reed, Reynoso, Solis Thatch  
Abstain:  
Absent: Grant, Morgan-Greene, Roman Taylorson

Vote: 7 - 0

- b. President Arreola provided updates on the executive team's activities. They have been working on developing connections with other City departments, and Councilmembers. The team will follow up with the Commission on the Status of Women and implementation of CEDAW in the City of LA. He also notified the commission that they were named in a council motion put forth by councilmember Jurado. Staff will keep track of this motion and provide updates as needed.
- c. President Arreola let commissioners know that future conversations would be had regarding a possible reset to the Commission's strategic priorities. He urged commissioners to fill out a survey that was sent after 1:1 meetings.
- d. President Arreola provided an update on the intergroup conflict at the Alicia Broadous-Duncan Multipurpose Senior Center. President Arreola assisted the Community Investment for Families Department (CIFD) to resolve a potential intergroup conflict. After discussion it was determined that the conflict may not be due to intergroup conflict but other issues on how the center is managed. Should CIFD need further assistance from the commission staff would notify the commission.
- e. Discussion on current affairs, including the conflict in Iran and the investigation by the New York Times, was initiated by President Arreola. Following the report from Assistant

General Manager Luna regarding the city council motion, the Commission explored potential avenues for engaging with community feedback. Commissioners expressed their solidarity and commitment to supporting survivors of sexual assault. Additionally, the achievements of the United Farm Workers (UFW) were recognized, with members highlighting the significant role Cesar Chavez played in the organization's accomplishments.

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 2:06 p.m., as no other business remained. The adjournment was held in memory of Rodolfo "Rudy" Acuña and Reverend Jesse Louis Jackson Sr.. Known as the founding father of Chicano Studies, Dr. Acuña established the department at California State University, Northridge in 1969, growing it into the nation's largest program of its kind. Reverend Jackson was a prominent moral leader in the American civil rights movement who emphasized the necessity of a unified coalition across Black, White, Latino, Asian American, Native American, and LGBTQ communities, all joined by a shared sense of dignity.