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**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
April 22, 2026  
12:00 p.m.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Commission President Pierre Arreola called the meeting to order at 12:13 p.m. Commissioners De la Cruz, Grant, Morgan-Greene, Reed, Russell, and Thatch were present at the roll call.

Commissioners Reynoso, Roman-Taylorson, and Solis were absent.

Also in attendance were Capri Maddox, General Manager, LA Civil Rights Department; Claudia Luna, Assistant General Manager; Heather Aubry, Assistant City Attorney; Scott Lee, Legislative and Community Affairs Director; 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:	Grant
Ayes:	Arreola, De la Cruz, Reed, Thatch
Abstain:	Morgan-Greene
Absent:	Reynoso, Roman-Taylorson, Solis

Vote: 7 - 0

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

- a. Kenneth Ahn, Deputy Director of International Events, was unable to attend the meeting. Commissioner Arreola notified the board and the public that the presentation will be continued for the next meeting.

**5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

- a. The board deliberated on Council File 26-0430, specifically focusing on the Commission’s role in facilitating community engagement. President Arreola noted that the HRC is regarded as a specialist in organizing and hosting forums for residents, a skill set the City Council intends to utilize for sensitive public matters. To facilitate this work, President Arreola proposed forming an ad hoc committee. A motion to establish the committee was made by Commissioner Morgan-Greene and seconded by Commissioner De la Cruz, leading to the following vote:

Moved: Morgan-Greene  
Seconded: De la Cruz  
Ayes: Arreola, Grant, Reed, Russell, Thatch  
Abstain:  
Absent: Reynoso, Roman-Taylorson, Solis  
  
Vote: 7-0

Interest in joining the Ad Hoc committee was expressed by Commissioners Thatch, Morgan-Greene, De la Cruz, Russell, and Reed. President Arreola noted that once guidance is received from the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), staff will begin coordination to populate the committee. He further advised that the budget season might delay the expected timeframe. Additionally, the President mentioned that the County is providing support to agencies involved in work related to Cesar Chavez. During the discussion, Commissioner Morgan-Greene recommended Nicole Hoegl as an expert facilitator for the group.

- b. During the meeting, President Arreola shared several updates with the board, noting that procedural guidelines for joint commission work are currently awaiting a response. Regarding the intergroup conflict at the Alicia Broadous-Duncan Multipurpose Senior Center, no new developments were reported. He also pointed out that Council File 25-1223-S2 has yet to be scheduled for a hearing by the City Council’s Public Safety Committee. To assist future discussions on updating the Commission’s Strategic Priorities, the President encouraged all commissioners to complete the distributed surveys. The board discussed the significance of May as Mental Health Awareness Month, as well as AAPI and Jewish Heritage Month. President Arreola asked for ideas on relevant themes for the upcoming month. In response, Commissioner Morgan-Greene raised concerns regarding the hostility faced by these groups and proposed a presentation focused on the mental health consequences of such hate. Additionally, Commissioner Grant announced she would be resigning, with the April meeting serving as her final meeting on the board.

**6. DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

Capri Maddox, General Manager, shared news regarding the Department’s recent endeavors, noting that the 2027 National Urban League conference is scheduled to take place in Los Angeles. She further mentioned that the LA Urban League was selected as a beneficiary of the

LA REPAIR initiative. Additionally, GM Maddox updated the board on staffing shifts that may lead to the conclusion of the successful Law Day webinar series. President Arreola asked that future reports include specific details on relevant council actions or motions that impact the Department.

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Arreola shared details regarding the County's Election Resource Liaisons (ERLs) initiative, noting it as a four-day paid engagement. He urged Commissioners to take part and extend the invitation to their professional circles. Additionally, Commissioner Reed highlighted the upcoming May Day observance on May 1st, noting that nationwide rallies are expected. She invited Commissioners to attend the local rally in Los Angeles and promised to provide further details. Vice President Russell also noted that she and Commissioner Reed are being recognized by the Democratic Club, with an informational flyer to be provided to the board.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 1:51 p.m., as no other business remained. The adjournment was held in memory of Professor Isabelle R. Gunning. She served on the LA County Commission on Human Relations for 11 years, where she led the Commission's Police-Community Relations and Transformative Justice work. She was the first African-American woman to serve as president of the ACLU of Southern California, a distinction that speaks not only to her excellence but to the barriers she broke on behalf of everyone who came after her.