

County of El Dorado

DRAFT MINUTES

Human Rights Commission

*Sue Novasel, Board of Supervisors
Lori Parlin, Board of Supervisors
Allen Stansbury, Chair, District 1
Matthew Cardozo, Secretary, District 2
Lara Gularte, Vice-Chair, District 3
Susan Simpkin, District 4
Bill Martinez, District 5*

Monday, August 03, 2020

4:00 PM

Meeting Location(s):

Via ZOOM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84608881294>

By phone: 520-621-7603 or 530-621-7610

Meeting ID: 846 0888 1294

The purpose of the Human Rights Commission is to promote tolerance and mutual respect among all persons, and to foster peaceful relations in the interest of preserving the public peace among residents of different races, religions, national origins, and the other characteristics listed in Government Code section 11135.

4:00 PM - CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 4:00 PM

Present: 6 - Novasel, Stansbury, Cardozo, Gularte, Simpkin, Martinez

Absent: 1 - Parlin

Staff: Wiley, MacFarland, Don Ashton - Chief Administrative Officer

Paula Frantz – Sr. Deputy County Counsel

Tameka Usher - Human Resources Director

Jennifer Franich – Principal Management Analyst

PUBLIC COMMENT (Limited to 3 minutes per speaker on items not on the agenda and within the subject matter jurisdiction of the commission).

Public comment: Benjamin Xie Requested information on how the commission can help improve accountability and transparency for police relations and performance within the county.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Supervisor Novasel, seconded by Commissioner Martinez to adopt the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of the March 09, 2020 and May 11, 2020 Human Rights Commission minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Stansbury to approve the minutes of March 09, 2020 and May 11, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Receive training on the Brown Act from County Counsel and discuss protocols for running Commission meetings, including consideration of Rosenberg's Rules of Order.

Commissioner Stansbury noted we are not currently operating under Rosenberg's Rules of Order. Commissioner Cardozo asked for clarification on public comment for agenda items. County Counsel Frantz discussed requirements and standards for encouraging and handling relevant comments from the public. County Counsel also discussed what constitutes a serial meeting and how to avoid them. Conversations outside agenda meetings should be limited to procedures. Item was tentatively continued to a future meeting.

3. Discuss and formalize the Human Rights Commission's role in the County regarding human rights violations and incidents, including any changes to the bylaws.

Commissioner Stansbury delivered a brief background on the June 30, 2020 motion from the County Board of Supervisors. The Human Rights Commission is due to propose a formal process for intake of information from the public. The process will be influenced by agreed upon Role / Direction of the commission. County Counsel interjected regarding Brown Act implications of public comment in Zoom chat. Commissioners should not participate in the chat feature. Commissioners Simpkin and Gularte will submit a draft strategic plan to the CAO and Commission Chair for addition to next meeting's agenda for discussion. Item continued to next meeting.

Public comment: Benjamin Xie raised concerns over publicly available data regarding policing in El Dorado County.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Discuss the process to be used to identify an external subject matter expert to facilitate conversations and education of County staff and stakeholders, as directed by the Board of Supervisors.

CAO Don Ashton delivered background regarding a subject matter expert for facilitating conversations between the public, the Human Rights Commission, County Government staff, and law enforcement. The CAO is tasked with identifying and engaging an outside facilitator. Supervisor Novasel explained her intention in raising the proposal to the Board of Supervisors. Tameka Usher from the County Human Resources department provided a perspective for county staff. CAO will work with Human Resources to identify possible facilitators and report to the Human Rights Commission and the Board of Supervisors. Item continued to next meeting.

5. Preparation for Board of Supervisors annual report.

Supervisor Novasel proposed requesting a delay in delivering the annual report to the end of the calendar year. Commissioner Simpkin noted existing report on the Public Forum should be included in any future report to the Board. County Counsel noted Brown Act considerations that any report to the Board be approved by the entire Commission.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Supervisor Novasel commented on Black Lives Matter coordinating an event in South Lake Tahoe.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Monday, August 17, 2020 @ 4:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT at 5:55 PM