
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

City and County of San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Draft Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2022 5:00 PM

ROSTER OF COMMISSIONERS

Karen Clopton, Chairperson
Joseph Sweiss, Vice-Chairperson
Vanessa R. Aquino, Commissioner
Mark Kelleher, Commissioner
Jason Pellegrini, Commissioner
Leah Pimentel, Commissioner
Irene Yee Riley, Commissioner
Ann Champion Shaw, Commissioner
Michael Sweet, Commissioner

Sheryl Evans Davis, EdD
Executive Director

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Agenda and other information are available on the HRC website: www.sfgov.org/sfhumanrights

Meeting was called to order at 5:04pm.

Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement – **Vice Chair Joseph Sweiss.**

1. 0:10 CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS

Present: Karen Clopton, Joseph Sweiss, Jason Pellegrini, Irene Yee Riley, Ann Champion Shaw (37:01), Mark Kelleher (50:27)

Absent: Vanessa R. Aquino, Michael Sweet, Leah Pimentel

Meeting was called to order with 4 Commissioners present Commission does not have a quorum as the meeting commences. Items 3 and 4 were moved to the end of the meeting.

2. 3:46 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (*Discussion Item*)

Members of the public may address the Commission on matters that are within the Commission’s jurisdiction and are not on today’s agenda.

There was no public comment on this item.

3. 4:43 STAFF INTRODUCTIONS (*Discussion Item*) – All new staff members should attend a commission meeting and introduce themselves for 2 minutes.

Presentation: Zachary Manuel, Economic Justice Aide, Economic Justice Division, San Francisco Human Rights Commission

Public Comment

Zachary Manuel addressed the commissioners and spoke to his new role at the HRC with the Economic Rights Division.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment on this item.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT

There was no commission comment on this item.

4. 9:07 PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAMMING UPDATE (*Discussion Item*)

This is time for the Human Rights Commission staff and our City and community partners to report out on various Public Safety initiatives and programming supported by the department.

Public Comment

Presentation

10:10 Dr. Sheryl Evans Davis, Executive Director, San Francisco Human Rights Commission – Introduced City and civic partners who are to speak and expressed gratitude and appreciation

for their work in reimagining justice and alignment of public safety efforts. A particular thanks was offered to the Office of Racial Equity team that delivered Police Traffic Pre-Text stop report at the Police Commission the prior night.

13:29 Sarah Tseng, Policy Director, Office of Racial Equity, San Francisco Human Rights Commission – Delivered overview and summary of the Police Pre-Text Traffic Stop Report generated by the HRC

22:24 Jasmine Dawson, Deputy Director of City & Community Partnerships, Department of Children Youth and Their Families – Addressed DCYF’s work with SFUSD and supportive services through the school season and in particular during breaks.

24:20 Arturo Carrillo, Director, Director, Street Violence Intervention Program – Discussed his organizations work in supporting people and communities affected by street violence.

27:43 Janice Li, Director, Coalition for Community Safety and Justice – Introduced this collaborative between Community Youth Center (CYC) Chinese Progressive Association, Chinese for Affirmative Action, and Chinatown Community Development Center (CCDC)

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment on this item.

COMMISSION COMMENT

Chair Clopton: thanked speakers for joining and addressing the Commission. Spoke to root of anti-black racism and the impact systemic racism and white supremacy have on communities, and in particular the rise of “hatred” in SF.

Asked Sarah Tseng to come back up and address the recommendations HRC put forward in response to Pre-Text Traffic stop survey and community listening sessions.

41:04 Dr. Sheryl Evans Davis: Addressed issues raised during the community listening sessions and she spoke to opportunities for HRC to partner with the Department of Police Accountability, and/or others, to offer education to community on new DGO and its’ impact on pre-text stops.

43:30 Sarah Tseng spoke to history of pre-text stops and how this was introduced into Police practices. Changing laws may not impact the way (police) show up in community. It is up to training and accountability.

51:00 Commissioner Pellegrini: noted it was great to see number of community engagement meetings (24) and how many persons (224) who filled out the online survey.

52:04 Chair Clopton: Spoke to personal impact of pre-text stops.

5. **53:53 ADOPTION OF THE OCTOBER 27, 2022 MEETING MINUTES** (*Discussion and Possible Action Item*)

Originally item 3. Review and anticipated adoption of minutes from the Commission's October 27, 2022 meeting.

Public Comment

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment on this item.

54:55 Commissioner Pellegrini: Noted motion to allow teleconferencing meeting was moved by Vice Chair Sweiss; believed he was absent. Minutes will be reviewed for correctness.

Motion approved as amended October 27, 2022 meeting minutes: 1st Commissioner Irene Riley, 2nd Commissioner Jason Pellegrini. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

6. **56:44 ADOPTION OF THE NOVEMBER 10, 2022 MEETING MINUTES** (*Discussion and Possible Action Item*)

Originally item 4. Review and anticipated adoption of minutes from the Commission's November 10, 2022 meeting minutes. The minutes were revised based on Robert's Rules of Order and comments that were made at the November 10.

Public Comment

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment on this item.

58:05 Commissioner Pellegrini: Correctness of attendance at item 1 was called addressed. Vice Chair Sweiss was absent.

Motion to approve as amended November 10, 2022 meeting minutes: 1st Commissioner Irene Riley, 2nd Commissioner Jason Pellegrini. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

7. **59:53 LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER, INTERSEX + ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE** (*Discussion Item*)

This is an update on the activities and planning for 2023 following the quarterly meeting of the LGBTQI+ Advisory Committee.

Presentation: Joseph Sweiss, Vice Chair, San Francisco Human Rights Commission

Mark Kelleher, Commissioner, San Francisco Human Rights Commission

Public Comment

Vice Chair Sweiss provided update on LGBTQI Advisory Committee (AC) work noting Drag Laureate applications are now available. Thanks Co-Chairs and Commission Secretary for their work.

Commission Secretary Mulkey-Meyer addressed resources and marketing and distribution plan for materials notifying people of the program and how to apply. 5 applications have been received so far.

Vice Chair Joseph Sweiss noted this position has a stipend and that the person will have a lot of work to do being the first. Our city is the first in the nation to announce that we have a Drag Laureate position.

Chair Clopton noted challenges to safety and security citing New York Times article. The importance of protecting vulnerable populations.

Commissioner Kelleher recent meeting of AC focused on issues of safety, in particular vulnerable youth who are dealing with trauma. Spoke to challenges LYRIC has been experiencing (personal and bomb threats) as of recent. Discussion of City funding to aid in enacting security protocols.

Vice Chair Joseph Sweiss Elevated the work of supervisor Rafael Mandelman and his Public Safety Liaison, David Burke that's regularly meeting to help Lyric navigate all the issues that come with a threat like that as well as funding discussions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment on this item.

8. **1:16:48 COMMISSIONER ACTIVITIES IN THE COMMUNITY** (*Discussion Item*)

Commissioners update the public on activities they have participated in and any upcoming events.

Public Comment

Commissioner Riley (Chair Clopton reporting on Commissioner Riley's behalf):

On November 27 Commissioner Riley attended the Asian Black Cookout at "The Crossing at Eastcut." Event managed by Both Sides of the Conversation and Asians are Strong. 600 people attended.

On December 1 Commissioner Riley attended the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development's public hearing. On December 7, she attended the monthly Campaign for Solidarity meeting held by the HRC. Chair Clopton thanked Commissioner Riley for her work in the community.

Chair Clopton noted Saturday December 10 is the 74th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and it is International Human Rights day.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment on this item.

9. **1:22:21 ADJOURNMENT** Meeting adjourned at 6:26pm.

Motion to Adjourn: 1st Vice Chair Joseph Sweiss, 2nd Commissioner Jason Pellegrini

Transcription of the meeting minutes are available upon request to the Commission Secretary, john.mcknight@sfgov.org.