
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

City and County of San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Draft Meeting Minutes

MARCH 9, 2023 5:00 PM

ROSTER OF COMMISSIONERS

Karen Clopton, Chairperson
Joseph Sweiss, Vice-Chairperson
Vanessa R. Aquino, Commissioner
Jayson Johnson, 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

For more information, contact the Commission Secretary at 415-252-2500
Agenda and other information are available on the HRC website: www.sfgov.org/sfhumanrights

Meeting was called to order at 5:05pm.

Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement – **Commissioner Johnson.**

1. 0:04 CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS

Present: Karen Clopton, Ann Champion Shaw, Mark Kelleher, Jason Pellegrini, Michael Sweet, Irene Yee Riley, Vanessa R. Aquino, Jayson Johnson, Leah Pimentel

Absent: Joseph Sweiss

Meeting was called to order with 9 Commissioners present. Chair Clopton recognized the service of Angelique Mahan who is departing the HRC and, on behalf of the Commission, wished her the best.

2. 4:07 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. 9:32 ADOPTION OF THE FEBRUARY 23, 2023 RETREAT AND MEETING MINUTES *(Discussion and Possible Action Item)*

Review and anticipated adoption of minutes from the Commission’s February 9, 2023 meeting.

Public Comment

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment on this item.

Motion to adopt February 23, 2023 Retreat and Meeting minutes as submitted: 1st Commissioner Sweet, 2nd Vice Chair Shaw. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

4. 11:49 CEDAW UPDATE *(Discussion Item)*

Update from the Department on the Status of Women’s work and mission

Presentation:

Nazneen Rydan-Foster (Program Manager), Department on the Status of Women
Allison Cardenas, Public Service Trainee, Department on the Status of Women

Public Comment

Allison presented on the Department on the status of women that has been tasked with helping to transform San Francisco into a fully gender equitable City through core service areas health and safety, economic security, political empowerment and civic engagement. She introduced an upcoming policy summit in April “Shift Happens”: the summit will bring together in community and conversation, some of the leading voices on gender equitable frameworks, practices and legislation. The Department’s goals programmatically, include launching mental health pop ups for our health and safety program area. Noted focus on shifting funding to support young people as most existing funding and programs are directed at adults.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment on this item.

Vice Chair Shaw: Asked about programming and the increase in the number of women in prison: “... are there any resources out there to help decrease these numbers of women being (held) behind bars and is there anything that your particular organization is doing to, to help in that particular area?”

Allison Cardenas: The Department are looking to expand programming as it pertains to the economic security programming in terms of supporting those who have been incarcerated. They have one grantee Cameo House that does a lot of work around this and they are looking to kind of expand on that.

Chair Clopton asked if Cameo House was a current grantee and Allison responded yes; Allison will send the Commissioners more information on Cameo House

5. 22:28 ANNUAL REVIEW OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION BYLAWS *(Discussion Item)*

Commissioners review and potentially amend Commission Bylaws

Presentation: Chair, Karen Clopton

Public Comment

Secretary McKnight: Pursuant to Charter Section 4.104, City bodies must hold noticed public hearings (noticed 10 days in advance) when making changes to their Bylaws or Rules and Regulations. A Special Meeting notice will be submitted for the regularly scheduled meeting of the Human Rights Commission on April 13 when we will discuss proposed amendments and possibly adopt changes to the Bylaws of the Commission.

Chair Clopton notified the Commissioners she would reach out to them with assignments for Commissioners to review assigned sections of the By Laws and submit proposed revisions to her and the Secretary; proposed amendments are due by Tuesday April 4th.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment on this item.

6. 27:53 COMMISSIONER ACTIVITIES IN THE COMMUNITY (*Discussion Item*)

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

Public Comment

Commissioner Aquino: Attended lunchtime speaker presentation and gathering with Dr. Pedro Noguera, Dean of USC Rossier School of Education at the Jazz Center. Learned quite a bit about race, equity and education in Los Angeles area and the Bay Area affecting black and brown kids.

Commissioner Riley: Will attend an event on Sunday, “Our Time”, celebrating Asian Women from 2-5pm at the Ferry Building.

Commissioner Johnson: Attended World Pride in Sydney, not in his official capacity, and was appreciative of their recognition of their indigenous people in the parade. Next World Pride will be in the United States, Washington DC in 2025.

Director Davis: Tuesday March 14 at 3pm there is a special hearing at the Board of Supervisors to hear updates on the Dream Keepers Initiative and the Reparations Advisory Committee; this will be for the full Board. Starting at 12pm there is a Reparations Rally on the steps of City Hall, there will break at 1pm and provide lunch and a space for people so they can remain for the 3pm special hearing. Please join. Meeting will be online, and Secretary will share out. If you are unable to attend in person, you can offer your comments remotely at this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment on this item.

7. 35:29 ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 5:44pm.

Motion to Adjourn: 1st Commissioner Riley, 2nd Commissioner Pellegrini

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