

**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
EQUITY AND HUMAN  
RELATIONS COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023  
1321 E. ANAHEIM STREET  
MACARTHUR PARK  
COMMUNITY CENTER, 6:00 PM**

Alyssa Gutierrez, Chair  
Amy Eriksen, Vice Chair  
Cory Allen, Commissioner  
Dr. Sharifa Batts, Commissioner  
Robbie Butler, Commissioner  
Trace Camacho, Commissioner  
Christopher Covington, Commissioner



M. Lissette Flores, Commissioner  
Jessica Gillette, Commissioner  
Dr. Eduardo Lara, Commissioner  
Keyona Montgomery, Commissioner  
Zoe Nicholson, Commissioner  
Jon Schultz, Commissioner

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**FINISHED AGENDA & DRAFT MINUTES**

The Equity and Human Relations Commission minutes are prepared and ordered to correspond to the Agenda. Agenda Items can be taken out of order during the meeting. Please consult the video time stamps to determine the order in which business was addressed.

**CALL TO ORDER (6:07 PM)**

At 6:07 PM, Chair Gutierrez called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL (6:07 PM)**

**Commissioners** Cory Allen, Sharifa Batts, Robbie Butler, Trace Camacho,  
**Present:** Christopher Covington, Lissette Flores, Jessica Gillette, Keyona  
Montgomery, Eduardo Lara, Zoe Nicholson, Jon Schultz, Amy  
Eriksen and Alyssa Gutierrez

Also Present: Tony Viramontes, Equity and Community Engagement Program Specialist;  
Alanah Grant, Equity Officer; Teresa Chandler, Deputy City Manager; Taylor Anderson,  
Deputy City Attorney; Alyssa Campos, City Clerk Specialist.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (6:08 PM)**

Chris spoke.

Josh de Leon spoke.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES (6:15 PM)**

1. 23-014HR Recommendation to approve minutes for the Equity and Human Relations Commission Meeting of Wednesday, April 5, 2023.

Chair Gutierrez spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Camacho, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 9 - Cory Allen, Trace Camacho, Lissette Flores, Keyona Montgomery, Eduardo Lara, Zoe Nicholson, Jon Schultz, Amy Eriksen and Alyssa Gutierrez

**Abstain:** 3 - Sharifa Batts, Christopher Covington and Jessica Gillette

**Absent:** 1 - Robbie Butler

**NEW BUSINESS (6:17 PM)**

2. 23-015HR Recommendation to receive and file a presentation from Shirin Senegal, Executive Director at Ronnies House on Comprehensive Reentry Solutions: Enhancing Mental Health, Employment and Housing Opportunities to reduce recidivism.

Shirin Senegal, Executive Director, Ronnie's House, spoke; and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Commissioner Butler joined the meeting.

Xavier Adams, Director of Reentry, Ronnie's House, spoke; and continued the PowerPoint presentation.

Kenneth Grundy spoke.

Marvin Deramus spoke.

Treyvon Loud spoke.

Chair Gutierrez spoke.

Commissioner Batts spoke.

Commissioner Allen spoke.

Shirin Senegal, Executive Director, Ronnie's House, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Allen and Shirin Senegal, Executive Director, Ronnie's House.

Commissioner Nicholson spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Chair Eriksen spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Eriksen and Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney.

Commissioner Covington spoke.

Shirin Senegal, Executive Director, Ronnie's House, spoke.

Vice Chair Eriksen spoke.

Chair Gutierrez spoke.

Commissioner Butler spoke.

Shirin Senegal, Executive Director, Ronnie's House, spoke.

Commissioner Gillette spoke.

Shirin Senegal, Executive Director, Ronnie's House, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Gillette and Shirin Senegal,

Executive Director, Ronnie's House.

Commissioner Lara spoke.

Shirin Senegal, Executive Director, Ronnie's House, spoke.

Chair Gutierrez spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Gutierrez and Shirin Senegal, Executive Director, Ronnie's House.

Vice Chair Eriksen spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Chair Eriksen spoke.

Chair Gutierrez spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Gutierrez and Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney.

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Eriksen, seconded by Commissioner Allen, to approve recommendation, as amended, to receive and file the presentation from Shirin Senegal, Executive Director at Ronnie's House on Comprehensive Reentry Solutions: Enhancing Mental Health, Employment and Housing Opportunities to reduce recidivism, create an ad-hoc committee with the limited purpose of creating recommendations to City Council related to reducing recidivism in the City of Long Beach, and as part of the ad-hoc committee duties, create a letter with those recommendations that will return to the Equity and Human Relations Commission for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 13 - Cory Allen, Sharifa Batts, Robbie Butler, Trace Camacho, Christopher Covington, Lissette Flores, Jessica Gillette, Keyona Montgomery, Eduardo Lara, Zoe Nicholson, Jon Schultz, Amy Eriksen and Alyssa Gutierrez

3. 23-016HR Recommendation to discuss future meeting locations for the Equity and Human Relations Commission.

Chair Gutierrez spoke.

Commissioner Nicholson spoke.

Vice Chair Eriksen spoke.

Commissioner Batts spoke.

Commissioner Covington spoke.

Chair Gutierrez spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Allen spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Allen and Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney.

Erik Maitland, Communications Specialist, Technology and Innovation, spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Allen spoke.

Commissioner Schultz spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Schultz and Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney.

Chair Gutierrez spoke.

Commissioner Schultz spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Gutierrez and Commissioner Schultz.

Commissioner Camacho spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Schultz spoke.

Commissioner Lara spoke.

Chair Gutierrez spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Lara, to approve recommendation, as amended, to suspend the discussion. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 13 - Cory Allen, Sharifa Batts, Robbie Butler, Trace Camacho, Christopher Covington, Lissette Flores, Jessica Gillette, Keyona Montgomery, Eduardo Lara, Zoe Nicholson, Jon Schultz, Amy Eriksen and Alyssa Gutierrez

Chair Gutierrez spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Gutierrez and Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney.

Vice Chair Eriksen spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Chair Gutierrez spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Gutierrez and Taylor Anderson, Deputy

City Attorney.

Commissioner Schultz spoke.

Commissioner Covington spoke.

Chair Gutierrez spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Schultz spoke.

Chair Gutierrez spoke.

A dialogue ensued among Chair Gutierrez, Commissioner Schultz and Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney.

Vice Chair Eriksen spoke.

Chair Gutierrez spoke.

**A motion was made by Chair Gutierrez, seconded by Vice Chair Eriksen, that Items 3, 4, 6 be laid over to the next Equity and Human Relations Commission regular meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 10 - Cory Allen, Sharifa Batts, Robbie Butler, Trace Camacho, Christopher Covington, Lissette Flores, Jessica Gillette, Eduardo Lara, Amy Eriksen and Alyssa Gutierrez

**No:** 3 - Keyona Montgomery, Zoe Nicholson and Jon Schultz

4. 23-017HR Recommendation to request City Attorney to prepare a draft of Equity and Human Relations Commission bylaws.

**A motion was made by Chair Gutierrez, seconded by Vice Chair Eriksen, that Items 3, 4, 6 be laid over to the next Equity and Human Relations Commission regular meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 10 - Cory Allen, Sharifa Batts, Robbie Butler, Trace Camacho, Christopher Covington, Lissette Flores, Jessica Gillette, Eduardo Lara, Amy Eriksen and Alyssa Gutierrez

**No:** 3 - Keyona Montgomery, Zoe Nicholson and Jon Schultz

Commissioner Allen left the meeting.

5. 23-018HR Recommendation to receive and file report from the 2023 Roadmap Ad Hoc Committee; and if appropriate, dissolve the 2023 Roadmap Ad Hoc Committee.

Chair Gutierrez spoke; and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Commissioner Covington spoke; and continued the PowerPoint presentation.

Chair Gutierrez spoke; and continued the PowerPoint presentation.

Commissioner Lara spoke.

Commissioner Covington spoke.

Chair Gutierrez spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Camacho spoke.

Chair Gutierrez spoke.

Vice Chair Eriksen spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Gutierrez and Vice Chair Eriksen.

Commissioner Lara spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Chair Gutierrez spoke.



A dialogue ensued between Chair Gutierrez and Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney.

Commissioner Covington spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Flores spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Flores and Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney.

Commissioner Nicholson spoke.

Chair Gutierrez spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Schultz, seconded by Commissioner Covington, to approve recommendation, as amended, to receive and file report from the 2023 Roadmap Ad Hoc Committee and ensure brainstorming projects/ research agenda items that speak to the 2023 Roadmap are heard by the Equity and Human Relations Commission as opposed to the 2023 Roadmap Ad Hoc Committee; and, continue the 2023 Roadmap Ad Hoc Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 12 - Sharifa Batts, Robbie Butler, Trace Camacho, Christopher Covington, Lissette Flores, Jessica Gillette, Keyona Montgomery, Eduardo Lara, Zoe Nicholson, Jon Schultz, Amy Eriksen and Alyssa Gutierrez

**Absent:** 1 - Cory Allen

6. 23-019HR Recommendation to receive and file a monthly update from the Office of Equity.

**A motion was made by Chair Gutierrez, seconded by Vice Chair Eriksen, that Items 3, 4, 6 be laid over to the next Equity and Human Relations Commission regular meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 10 - Cory Allen, Sharifa Batts, Robbie Butler, Trace Camacho, Christopher Covington, Lissette Flores, Jessica Gillette, Eduardo Lara, Amy Eriksen and Alyssa Gutierrez

**No:** 3 - Keyona Montgomery, Zoe Nicholson and Jon Schultz

**PUBLIC COMMENT (7:42 PM)**

Jamilet spoke.

Chair Gutierrez spoke.

Eric spoke.

Caitlin Bellis spoke.

Johanna Diaz spoke.

**CHAIR REMARKS (6:11 PM)**

Chair Gutierrez spoke.

Commissioner Flore spoke.

Chair Gutierrez provided opening remarks.

Commissioner Gillette spoke.

**COMMISSIONER REMARKS (8:32 PM)**

Chair Gutierrez spoke.

Commissioner Covington spoke.

**ADJOURNMENT (8:33 PM)**

At 8:33 PM, there being no objection, Chair Gutierrez adjourned the meeting.

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