# CITY OF LONG BEACH HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2020
MILLER FAMILY HEALTH EDUCATION
CENTER
3820 CHERRY AVENUE, 6:00 PM

Amy Eriksen, Chair Rohida Khan, Vice Chair LaDawn Best, Commissioner Elisa Buchanan, Commissioner Jennifer Chheang, Commissioner



Otis Hogan, Commissioner Shefali Mistry, Commissioner Zoe Nicholson, Commissioner Roman Seano, Commissioner Chanel Smith, Commissioner

### FINISHED AGENDA & DRAFT MINUTES

### 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

At 6:08 PM, Chair Eriksen called the meeting to order.

Commissioners LaDawn Best, Elisa Buchanan, Shefali Mistry, Zoe Nicholson,

Present: Roman Seano, Rohida Khan and Amy Eriksen

**Commissioners** Jennifer Chheang, Otis Hogan and Chanel Smith **Excused:** 

Also present: Teresa Gomez, Human Dignity Program Coordinator; Adam Lara, Office of Equity.

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

19-025HR Recommendation to approve minutes for the Human Relations Commission Regular Meeting of Wednesday, November 6, 2019.

A motion was made by Commissioner Seano, seconded by Commissioner Nicholson, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 5 - Shefali Mistry, Zoe Nicholson, Roman Seano, Rohida Khan and Amy Eriksen

Abstain: 2 - LaDawn Best and Elisa Buchanan

Excused: 3 - Jennifer Chheang, Otis Hogan and Chanel Smith

### 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Tanya Phillips spoke.

### 4. CHAIR REMARKS

Chair Eriksen provided opening remarks.

## 5. OFFICE OF EQUITY UPDATE

Adam Lara, Office of Equity, presented the staff report.

Discussion.

#### 6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

**a.** 19-026HR Commissioner District Updates and Announcements.

Discussion.

This HR-Agenda Item was received and filed.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

a. 19-027HR Presentation on 211 LA - Alana Hitchcock, Public Affairs and

Community Relations Director for 211 LA County.

Discussion.

Desmond Fletcher spoke.

This HR-Agenda Item was received and filed.

**b.** 19-028HR Update on L.A. County Anti-Hate Campaign - Terri Villa McDowell, Sr.

Human Relations Consultant LA County Commission on Human

Relations.

Discussion.

Desmond Fletcher spoke.

This HR-Agenda Item was received and filed, and Commissioners agreed to submit a letter of support to the LA County Commission on Human Relations.

**c.** 19-030HR

Commission Board Elections - Teresa Gomez, Human Dignity Program Coordinator.

Commissioner Nicholson nominated Commissioner Mistry for the position of Chair of the Human Relations Commission.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nicholson, seconded by Commissioner Best, to elect Commissioner Mistry as Chair of the Human Relations Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 7 - LaDawn Best, Elisa Buchanan, Shefali Mistry, Zoe Nicholson, Roman Seano, Rohida Khan and Amy Eriksen

**Excused:** 3 - Jennifer Chheang, Otis Hogan and Chanel Smith

Commissioner Nicholson nominated Commissioner Eriksen for the position of Vice Chair of the Human Relations Commission.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nicholson, seconded by Commissioner Buchanan, to elect Commissioner Eriksen as Vice Chair of the Human Relations Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 7 - LaDawn Best, Elisa Buchanan, Shefali Mistry, Zoe Nicholson, Roman Seano, Rohida Khan and Amy Eriksen

Excused: 3 - Jennifer Chheang, Otis Hogan and Chanel Smith

## 8. OLD BUSINESS

**a.** 19-031HR Discussion on Hate Violence - Amy Eriksen, Chair.

This HR-Agenda Item was laid over to the February 2020 Human Relations Commission meeting.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:22 PM, there being no objection, Chair Eriksen adjourned the meeting.

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