

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

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019  
MILLER FAMILY HEALTH EDUCATION  
CENTER  
3820 CHERRY AVENUE  
LONG BEACH, CA 90807, 6:00 PM**

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



Giovanna Ferraro, Commissioner  
Otis Hogan, Commissioner  
Kimberly Maniquis, Commissioner  
Miles McNeeley, Commissioner  
Shefali Mistry, Commissioner  
Zoe Nicholson, Commissioner  
Roman Seano, Commissioner

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**FINISHED AGENDA & MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

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

**Commissioners** Elaine Bernal, LaDawn Best, Otis Hogan, Miles McNeeley,

**Present:** Shefali Mistry, Zoe Nicholson, Roman Seano, Rohida Khan and  
Amy Eriksen

**Commissioners** Elisa Buchanan, Jennifer Chheang, Giovanna Ferraro and

**Excused:** Kimberly Maniquis

Also present: Teresa Gomez, Human Dignity Program Coordinator; Katie Balderas, Office of Equity.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

[18-040HR](#)

Recommendation to approve minutes for the Human Relations  
Commission meeting held Wednesday, December 5, 2018.

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

**Yes:** 9 - Elaine Bernal, LaDawn Best, Otis Hogan, Miles McNeeley, Shefali Mistry, Zoe Nicholson, Roman Seano, Rohida Khan and Amy Eriksen

**Excused:** 4 - Elisa Buchanan, Jennifer Chheang, Giovanna Ferraro and Kimberly Maniquis

### 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ann Burdette spoke.

### 4. CHAIR REMARKS

Chair Eriksen provided opening remarks.

### 5. OFFICE OF EQUITY UPDATE

Katie Balderas, Office of Equity, presented the staff report.

Discussion.

### 6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. [18-041HR](#) Commissioner District Updates and Announcements.

Discussion.

**This HR-Agenda Item was received and filed.**

### 7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. [18-042HR](#) Presentation and Discussion on Endorsing the 2020 Centennial Celebration of the 19th Amendment - Amy Eriksen, Chair and Commissioner Zoe Nicholson.

Discussion.

Ann Burdette spoke.

**A motion was made by Chair Eriksen, seconded by Commissioner Seano, to endorse the 2020 Centennial Celebration of the 19th Amendment. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 9 - Elaine Bernal, LaDawn Best, Otis Hogan, Miles McNeeley, Shefali Mistry, Zoe Nicholson, Roman Seano, Rohida Khan and Amy Eriksen

**Excused:** 4 - Elisa Buchanan, Jennifer Chheang, Giovanna Ferraro and Kimberly Maniquis

b. [18-044HR](#)

Commission to nominate a Commissioner to work with Office of Equity on the Justice Fund request for proposal (RFP) review process and the qualifications of a legal service provider - Katie Balderas, Office of Equity.

Discussion.

Ann Burdette spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Bernal, seconded by Commissioner McNeeley, to nominate Commissioner Nicholson to work with Office of Equity on the Justice Fund request for proposal (RFP) review process and the qualifications of a legal service provider. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 9 - Elaine Bernal, LaDawn Best, Otis Hogan, Miles McNeeley, Shefali Mistry, Zoe Nicholson, Roman Seano, Rohida Khan and Amy Eriksen

**Excused:** 4 - Elisa Buchanan, Jennifer Chheang, Giovanna Ferraro and Kimberly Maniquis

8. OLD BUSINESS

- a. [18-039HR](#) Continue discussion and planning of the 2019 Human Relations Commission Retreat/meeting - Teresa Gomez, Human Dignity Program Coordinator.

Discussion.

**This HR-Agenda Item was received and filed.**

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:58 PM, there being no objection, Chair Eriksen adjourned the meeting.

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