Voting members of any committee, commission or board must meet in person in an open meeting. You may allow public comment or participation from remote locations, but the voting members must be in person.

Just Cause:
• Can only be used two times per calendar year.
• Member notifies the legislative body at the earliest opportunity, including at the start of a regular meeting, of their need to participate remotely for just cause, including a general description of the circumstances related to their need to appear remotely. (No action of legislative body needed.)
• “Just cause” means any of the following:
  (A) A childcare or caregiving need of a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner that requires them to participate remotely. “Child,” “parent,” “grandparent,” “grandchild,” and “sibling” have the same meaning as those terms do in Section 12945.2.
  (B) A contagious illness that prevents a member from attending in person.
  (C) A need related to a physical or mental disability as defined in Sections 12926 and 12926.1 not otherwise accommodated by subdivision (g).
  (D) Travel while on official business of the legislative body or another state or local agency.

Emergency Circumstances:
• “Emergency circumstances” means a physical or family medical emergency that prevents a member from attending in person.
• Member must provide a general description regarding the need to appear remotely. This description does not need to exceed 20 words, no medical diagnosis, disability, or personal medical info exempt under the law required to be disclosed.
• Member makes request as soon as possible. Member must make a separate request for
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
May 2, 2024  5:30-7:30 pm

I. Call to Order: (2 min)

As we gather today, we acknowledge that Eureka, California is ancestral territory of the Wiyot people. We honor all Indigenous people, territories, and Sovereign governments that share governance within Humboldt County, California. We gather with respect and gratitude to these Indigenous People.

We thank and honor the Indigenous Caretakers of this land who continue to cherish and protect it. Their elders have instructed the young to consider the seven generations ahead as they continue to protect the rights of the land and all people who live on it.

We encourage all to align with and follow the lead of local Indigenous communities as they steward the land and protect all of its natural resources.

One moment of silence

II. Roll Call: (1 min)

III. Agenda Adjustments: (1 min)

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes: (1 min)
April 4, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

V. Treasurer’s Report: (5 min) Including current County budget balance.

VI. Guest Speaker(s): (15 min)

VII. Public Comment: (10 min)

Public is invited to speak regarding matters not on the agenda. Comments are limited to three minutes. Pursuant to Ralph M. Brown Act, Commission may not act on an item not appearing on the agenda. Comments received by email will be presented by the Chair.

If a member of the public speaks and requests assistance on a non-agenda subject, the Commission may not take any action or propose any solutions, but the citizen(s) may be given a resource card for contact information relevant to their issue, the citizen(s) may be given a complaint intake form for purposes of adding to a future agenda of the next regular HRC meeting, and finally an individual commissioner may speak to the citizen(s) apart from the meeting and recommend steps they might take.
Members of the public will each be allowed to speak on agenda items once during discussion, usually at the end of commissioner comments and prior to any action or vote by the commission. Time to speak will be closely monitored. (3 minutes per person)

To join the meeting Pursuant to the Brown Act.
The commission may not act on an item that does not appear on the agenda. The public will be allowed to address agenda items in these methods:
1. To submit comments to the Commission please email hhr@co.humboldt.ca.us.
2. Join Zoom Meeting Zoom Link
Meeting ID: 838 8752 1140
Passcode: 588420

VIII. Commission Communications: (10 min)

a) Chair notes, Emails, Regular Mail
Facebook will now be reactivated
Nomination of officers in the June meeting.

b) Commissioner announcements

c) Correctional Facilities Liaison Report (5 min)
d) Message Line Report
April 1-15-Jamie
April 16-30-Larry
Future Date Assignments
May 1-15-Jim
May 16-31-Guy
June 1-15
June 16-30

IX. Standing Committee Reports: (10 min)

SANCTUARY ORDINANCE
[Aronoff, Glover]
Discussion / Possible Action
Discussion of Sanctuary Statement

X. Ad hoc Committee Reports: (25 min)

CULTURAL AWARENESS /INDIGENOUS PEOPLE-ending date 12-31-2024
Purpose: Facilitating of cultural awareness and activities in the county
CURRENT ISSUE: Open
Committee Members: (Larsen, Miller, Lochtie, Sundberg)
Discussion/Possible Action

FREE SPEECH VS. HATE SPEECH-ending date 12-31-2024
Purpose: Address civil discourse within our community
CURRENT ISSUE: Deteriorating level of civil discourse over important community issues.
Committee Members (Botzler, Lochtie, Miller, Morton)
Discussion/Possible Action

HOMELESSNESS / BEHAVIORAL HEALTH-ending date: 12-31-2024
Purpose: To monitor actions and issues that will improve housing/shelter options and living situations for all residents.
CURRENT ISSUE: Open
Committee Members: [Aronoff, Larsen, Glover]
Discussion/Possible Action

YOUTH HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION-Committee ending date: 12-31-24
Purpose: To explore and possibly establish high school level participation in the subject of human rights throughout the county.
CURRENT ISSUE: Exploring the options and mechanics of such a project.
Committee Members: [Jensen, Lochtie, Murphy]
Discussion/Possible Action
ADD ONE COMMITTEE MEMBER

XI. Unfinished Business: Discussion/Possible Action (10 min)

PARTICIPATION IN SOHUM PRIDE EVENT

XII. New Business: Discussion/Possible Action (15 min)
Brought by Lance Morton:
It is proposed that the Commission issue a statement on the war in Gaza and/or urging the Board of Supervisors to act on the following issue:
“With the US pushing back on the Gaza war it is time for us to call for an immediate cease fire and for the initiation of a two state solution or for Israel to make Palestinians full citizens of Israel and grant them the right to vote.”

XIV. Future Agenda Items: (1 min)
Proposed agenda items for June 6, 2024

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

As officials appointed by a legislative body (Humboldt County Board of Supervisors),
members of the Humboldt County Human Rights Commission (HCHRC) have an obligation to understand, follow and abide by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Brown Act) and to ensure that everything the HCHRC does is open and available to the public for review. It is important for the HCHRC and all commissioners to follow the intent of the law as well as any legal rulings. To that end, the HCHRC has adopted guidelines for the use of any technology, especially email. The entire email policy is available upon request.