

HUMBOLDT COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

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Admission to the meeting is monitored by the chair. Only at appropriate times during the agenda, will the public be allowed to speak or contribute to the discourse. When the public is offered this opportunity, please raise your hand (emoji) for acknowledgement. Anyone being disruptive may be muted and/or removed from the meeting.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

September 4 , 2025 5:30-7:30 pm

I. Call to Order/ Attendance: (1 min)

II. Land Acknowledgement: (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

III. Agenda Adjustments: (1 min)

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes: (1 min)

August 7, 2025, Regular Meeting

V. Treasurer's Report: Including current County budget balance. (1min)

VI. Guest Speaker(s): None scheduled.

October: Avenue m
(10 min)

VII. Commission Communications: (5 min)

Chair notes: Updated policy: Zoom participants may only join during designated public comment periods and must use the "raised hand" feature for recognition. Disruptions (profanity/inappropriate content) will result in removal.

Larry Miller

Email::

Regular Mail:

Commissioner announcements:

VIII. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: (10 min)

ALL ZOOM CALLERS ARE MUTED UNTIL THE APPROPRIATE TIME.

*The Public is invited to speak regarding matters not on the agenda. Comments are limited to three minutes (two minutes if there are numerous commenters). 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. **In the event of hateful, threatening, or unnecessarily negative comments, the chair will admonish, mute, or remove individuals who persist in such actions. Visual displays of hatred and bigotry will be deleted immediately.**The purpose of the Commission is to heal wounds and create solutions, not be a platform for those who may have another agenda. 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.*

IX. Public Comment on Agenda Items:

*Members of the public will each be allowed to speak on agenda items once during discussion, at the end of commissioner comments and prior to any action or vote by the commission. **In the event of hateful, threatening, or unnecessarily negative comments, the chair will mute and admonish one or all***

commenters that they may be further muted if they persist in such actions. 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](#)

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X. Correctional Facilities Liaison Report (5 min)

XI. Message Line Report (5min)

Aug 1-15 _____ Ellen

Aug 16-31 _____ Rick

Future Date Assignments

Sept 1-15 _____ Guy

Sept 16-30 _____ Carol

October 1-15 _____

October 16-31 _____

XII. Committee Reports: (20 min)

SANCTUARY ORDINANCE-Standing Committee

[Aronoff, Glover] Discussion / Possible Action

Any activity updates?

RAPID RESPONSE Committee

Purpose: Improve responses to volatile community issues.

CURRENT ISSUE: Open

Committee Members: (Miller, Glover, Jensen)

YOUTH HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION-Committee ending date: 12-31-2025

Purpose: To explore and possibly establish high school level participation in the subject of human rights throughout the county.

CURRENT ISSUE: Helping interested student age residents develop their own organization.

Committee Members: [Jensen, Lochtie, Murphy]

Discussion/Possible Action

Change of focus?

CULTURAL AWARENESS /INDIGENOUS PEOPLE-ending: 12-31-2025

Purpose: Facilitating of cultural awareness and activities in the county

CURRENT ISSUE: Open

Committee Members: (Larsen, Miller, Lochtie)

Discussion/Possible Action

Progress Report: letter urging adoption of the concept of a tribal liaison for the County. Status? Next steps?

TECHNOLOGY-COMMUNICATIONS-ending 12-31-2025

Purpose: To revitalize Commission presence in the community by use of electronic/digital media and other means.

CURRENT ISSUE: FaceBook

Committee Members:(**Glover**, Aronoff)

Discussion/Possible Action

CONSTRUCTIVE CONVERSATIONS-ending: 12-31-2025

Purpose: Address civil discourse within our community

CURRENT ISSUE: Deteriorating level of civil discourse in community issues.

Committee Members (**Botzler**, Lochtie, Miller, Larsen)

Discussion/Possible Action

COMMUNITY OUTREACH / ENGAGEMENT-ending 12-31-2025

Purpose: To build on conversations regarding Commission structure.

CURRENT ISSUE: Outreach and engagement by the commission.

Committee Members (**Pennekamp**, Lochtie, Glover)

HOMELESSNESS / BEHAVIORAL HEALTH-ending 12-31-2025

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
Letter delivered to BOS.

XII. Unfinished Business: Discussion/Possible Action (15 min)

Recommended improvements to Brown Act to aid rural counties.

Proposal to Amend the act accordingly:

on page 1 section (C) (3) (A)

add an exception written into the code to allow teleconferencing for all meetings for unpaid county commissions where travel distance/time is in excess of 50 miles or one hour

Additional Brown Act proposals attached.

Government Code Amendment

Chapter 9 Meetings

549532

(2) A member of the legislative body shall only participate in the meeting remotely pursuant to this subdivision, if all of the following requirements are met:

(A) One of the following circumstances applies:

(i) The member notifies the legislative body at the earliest opportunity possible, including at the start of a regular meeting, of their need to participate remotely for just cause, including a general description of the circumstances relating to their need to appear remotely at the given meeting. **The provisions of this clause shall not be used by any member of the legislative body for more than two meetings per calendar year.**

(ii) The member requests the legislative body to allow them to participate in the meeting remotely due to emergency circumstances and the legislative body takes action to approve the request. The legislative body shall request a general description of the circumstances relating to their need to appear remotely at the given meeting. A general description of an item generally need not exceed 20 words and shall not require the member to disclose any medical diagnosis or disability, or any personal medical information that is already exempt under existing law, such as the Confidentiality of Medical Information Act (Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 56) of Part 2.6 of Division 1 of the Civil Code). For the purposes of this clause, the following requirements apply:

(I) A member shall make a request to participate remotely at a meeting pursuant to this clause as soon as possible. The member shall make a separate request for each meeting in which they seek to participate remotely.

(II) The legislative body may take action on a request to participate remotely at the earliest opportunity. If the request does not allow sufficient time to place proposed action

on such a request on the posted agenda for the meeting for which the request is made, the legislative body may take action at the beginning of the meeting in accordance with paragraph (4) of subdivision (b) of Section 54954.2.

(B) The member shall publicly disclose at the meeting before any action is taken, whether any other individuals 18 years of age or older are present in the room at the remote location with the member, and the general nature of the member's relationship with any such individuals.

(C) The member shall participate through both audio and visual technology.

(3) (A) The provisions of this subdivision shall not serve as a means for any member of a legislative body to participate in meetings of the legislative body solely by teleconference from a remote location for more than the following number of meetings, as applicable:

(i) Two meetings per year, if the legislative body regularly meets once per month or less.

(ii) Five meetings per year, if the legislative body regularly meets twice per month.

(iii) Seven meetings per year, if the legislative body regularly meets three or more times per month.

(B) For the purpose of counting meetings attended by teleconference under this paragraph, a "meeting" shall be defined as any number of meetings of the legislative body of a local agency that begin on the same calendar day.

(g) The legislative body shall have and implement a procedure for receiving and swiftly resolving requests for reasonable accommodation for individuals with disabilities, consistent with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12132), and resolving any doubt in favor of accessibility. In each instance in which notice of the time of the meeting is otherwise given or the agenda for the meeting is otherwise posted, the legislative body shall also give notice of the procedure for receiving and resolving requests for accommodation.

(h) The legislative body shall conduct meetings subject to this chapter consistent with applicable civil rights and nondiscrimination laws.

(i) (1) Nothing in this section shall prohibit a legislative body from providing the public with additional teleconference locations.

(2) Nothing in this section shall prohibit a legislative body from providing the public with additional physical locations in which the public may observe and address the legislative body by electronic means.

XIII. New Business: Discussion/Possible Action (15 min)

AB715 before the California Legislature:

An act to amend Sections 212, 212.3, ~~and 244 of 244~~, 262.3, 44225, 51500, and 60151 of, to add Sections 60049, 60050, and 60152 to, to add Article 6.5 (commencing with Section 238) to Chapter 2 of Part 1 of Division 1 of Title 1 of, and to add Article 4 (commencing with Section 33060) to Chapter 1 of Part 20 of Division 2 of Title 2 of, the Education Code, relating to education.

XIV. Future Agenda Items: (1 min)

Proposed agenda items for October 2, 2025

XV. 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. 91/120