

**HUMBOLDT COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
825 Fifth Street, Room 1A Eureka, California 95501**

Regular Meeting Agenda
October 3, 2019 5:00 pm -7:00 pm

I. Call to order: 5 pm

II. ROLL CALL: 5:01 pm 3 min)

Anzada, DuBois, Glover, Larsen, Lochtie, Loreus, Lyons, Miller, Morgan, Rowe, Rush, Vanlandingham

III. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: 5:04 pm (3 min)

September 5, 2019.

IV. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS 5:07 pm (1 min)

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS: 5:08 pm (12 min)

*Recognition and introduction of guests and visitors. Public is invited to speak regarding matters **not** on the agenda. Comments will be limited to **three minutes**. Pursuant to Ralph M. Brown Act, Commission may not act on an item not appearing on the 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.

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)

VI. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS: 5:20 pm (16 min)

a) Emails, Regular Mail, Phone Calls: (2 min)

Report on emails, regular mail, and phone calls received by Commission.

b) All other announcements and communications: (10 min)

Items should be brief and/or submitted to Secretary for inclusion in agenda.

c) Message Line: (4 min)

Current monitoring report **(Loreus and Vanlandingham)**

September 1-15_____Rowe_____

September 16-30_____Glover_____

October 1-15_____Miller_____

October 16-31_____Lyons_____

Volunteers to represent the HRC upon inmate requests to listen to their complaints / issues and to respond with appropriate actions or recommendations. They should be able to visit the jail shortly after notification from message line monitor notification.

VII. TREASURER'S REPORT 5:36 pm (2 min)

Checking account balance and other relevant financial reporting.
Signatories have been updated on account. Balance is \$1,398.35.
(Lyons)

VIII. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS: 5:40 pm (15 min)

a) Discussion Item: Possible Action Item (10 min)

HUMAN TRAFFICKING FUND COMMITTEE

Status report on application availability, receipt of any applications, next steps in process?

(DuBois)

b) Discussion Item: Possible Action Item (5 min)

SANCTUARY ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Status of reporting incidents. Reminder that committee members are the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary who would meet upon receipt of a complaint. We check two-three times weekly in BOS office for complaints.

(Glover)

IX. AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS: 5:55 pm (15 min)

a) Discussion Item: Possible Action Item (5 min)

HOMELESS CRIMINALIZATION AD HOC COMMITTEE

Status report on where the committee goes from here. Status of litigation against City of Eureka.

(Miller / Rowe/ Glover)

b) Discussion Item: Possible Action Item (5 min)

**HATE SPEECH, BULLYING, VIOLENT THREATS AD HOC
COMMITTEE**

Preparation for proclamation efforts in December. Possibility of incorporating Cultural Awareness activities into 2020 schedule of events. Possible collaboration with True North Organizing Network.
(DuBois)

c) Discussion Item: Possible Action Item (5 min)

CULTURAL AWARENESS AD HOC COMMITTEE

Report on August 30 meeting. This meeting did not really occur. Byrd and Jim can share their discussion and possible next steps?

(Vanlandingham)

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS : 6:10 pm (20 min)

a) Discussion and Possible Action Item (5 min)

LatinX WELCOMING EVENT

Due to unforeseen events, we were unable to participate in this event. Any knowledge of how it went?

(Lochtie)

b) Discussion and Possible Action Item (5 min)

REPORT ON BOS ANNUAL REPORT

Rowe presented on behalf of the Commission and Lochtie also spoke. Any significant comments from Supervisors? Comments on providing remote access license?

(Rowe)

c) Discussion and Possible Action Item (5 min)

WELCOME SIGN REVISIONS OR PLANS

Rowe and Lochtie were to plan our next steps.

(Rowe / Lochtie)

d) Discussion and Possible Action Item (5 min)

MAJOR NEWS STORY IN TIMES-STANDARD

Our support of the recent Grand Jury reports on housing and homelessness was covered in a major article shortly after the Commission agreed to pursue this.

<https://www.times-standard.com/2019/09/09/human-rights-commission-urges-action-on-homelessness/>

(Glover)

XI. NEW BUSINESS: 6:30 pm (15 min)

d) Discussion and Possible Action Item (15 min)

PROPOSED UPDATE TO COMMISSION BYLAWS TO INCLUDE POSSIBLE REMOTE PARTICIPATION IN OUR MEETINGS BY COMMISSIONERS

Shall language be added to our bylaws that addresses the use of remote communication by commissioners in attendance of HRC meetings?

See this and other proposed language amendments in attachments.

(Rowe / Morgan)

XII. FUTURE AGENDAS: 6:45 pm

a) Proposed agenda items for November (1 min)

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XIII. Adjournment: 7:00 pm

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