

HUMBOLDT COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

November 7, 2024 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)

October 3, Regular Meeting

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

VI. Guest Speaker(s): (30 min)

None this evening

VII. Commission Communications: (10 min)

Chair notes: "Talking the talk and walking the walk" Two recent resignations

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 mute and admonish commenters that they may be further muted if they 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. Standing Committee Reports

Correctional Facilities Liaison Report (5 min)

Message Line Report

October 1-15-Jamie
October 16-31-Carol
November 1-15-Byrd

Future Date Assignments

November 16-30
December 1-15
December 16-31

SANCTUARY ORDINANCE (10 min)

[Aronoff, Glover]

Discussion / Possible Action

XI. Ad hoc Committee Reports: (25 min)

Adjust as needed, the ending dates for each of the ad hoc committees.

MESSAGELINE

a. Correctional Facilities Liaison Report (5 min)

b. Incoming Calls Report

October 1-15-Jamie
October 16-31-Carol
November 1-15-Byrd

c. Future Date Assignments

November 16-30
December 1-15
December 16-31

CULTURAL AWARENESS /INDIGENOUS PEOPLE-ending: 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

TECHNOLOGY-COMMUNICATIONS-ending 2-31-2025

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

CURRENT ISSUE: FaceBook

Committee Members:(**Zsanto**, Glover, Kaiser)

Discussion/Possible Action

FREE SPEECH VS. HATE CRIMES-ending: 12-31-2024

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

HOMELESSNESS / BEHAVIORAL HEALTH-ending: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: 7-31-2025

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

NEUTRAL OBSERVERS-Committee ending date:12-31-2025

Purpose: Have neutral observers willing and ready to use in responding to volatile community issues

CURRENT ISSUE: Develop a program of knowledgeable, trained Neutral Observers who can be available to help defuse volatile situations.

Committee Members: (Miller, Glover, Jensen)

RAPID RESPONSE-Committee ending date 12-31-2024

Purpose: Improve responses to volatile community issues.

CURRENT ISSUE: Integrate the use of Neutral Observers in to the Rapid Response protocol we currently have in place.

Committee Members: (Miller, Glover, Jensen)

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

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

Officer Vacancy: Wren has resigned. Below is the bylaw statement in such a situation:

“Any vacancy occurring among any of the officers by reason of death, resignation or removal of any officer shall be filled by a vote of the members of the Commission at the next regular meeting.”

Seek to fill vacancy created by Wren’s resignation.

Seek to address improvement in DEI awareness and responsiveness on the part of the Human Rights Commission. Possible training available from HAF and others.

XIV. Future Agenda Items: (1 min)

Proposed agenda items for December 5, 2024

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. 120/120

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.
 - o 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 each meeting they intend to appear remotely.

