

**HUMBOLDT COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes – APPROVED AS PRESENTED**  
June 6, 2019

**I. Call to order: 5:01 pm**

**II. ROLL CALL:**

*Present:* Glover, DuBois, Lochtie, Loreus, Lyons, Miller, Rowe, Vanlandingham, Wilson

*Late:* Lyons

*Absent:* Heise, Larsen, Rush, Anzada

**III. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: May 2, 2019.**

After several notes by Commissioner Lochtie, it was moved and seconded to approve the minutes as amended.

*Approved:* 8

*Opposed:* 0

*Abstained:* 1

**IV. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS:**

None

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

One public comment on a non-agenda item was received from Nezzie Wade. Ms. Wade expressed concern that she believed a communication shared with the Commission through a bcc to all Commissioners constituted an action on the part of the Chair that she objected to, implying that this was an example of why the homeless community might not have confidence or trust in the Commission. She distributed some documents to all present. It was recommended that this subject be added to the next monthly agenda.

**VI. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS:**

**a) Emails, Regular Mail, Phone Calls:**

Email communication received from the ACLU. The chair shared the contents in a later ad hoc committee report.

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

**c) Message Line:**

Commissioner Lyons related a few of her calls, which centered primarily on inmate access to phones and their ability to reach the Commission. Chair Glover indicated that steps had been taken to improve the situation since those calls were received, but he would meet with Captain Christian to discuss the matter in greater detail. Anzada had no report due to his absence.

June 1-15 \_\_\_\_\_ Lyons \_\_\_\_\_

June 16-30 \_\_\_\_\_ Miller \_\_\_\_\_

July 1-15 \_\_\_\_\_ Loreus \_\_\_\_\_

July 16-31 \_\_\_\_\_ Vanlandingham \_\_\_\_\_

**VII. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer Lochtie reported a balance of \$498.53 in our account.

**VIII. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**a) Discussion Item: HUMAN TRAFFICKING FUND COMMITTEE**

DuBois reported on recent efforts to prepare for a new request for funds from the Board of Supervisors. She noted community momentum and discussion had resulted from the first funding effort. Glover added that he and DuBois had engaged a variety of department heads encouraging their involvement and support for our efforts.

**b) Discussion Item: SANCTUARY ORDINANCE COMMITTEE**

Glover noted there had been no complaints received since our last meeting and thus no action was required by the Commission. Wilson questioned if there had been a complaint received regarding ICE activities in the County. Glover reported nothing had been received thus far.

**IX. AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**a) Discussion Item: HOMELESS CRIMINALIZATION AD HOC COMMITTEE**

Chair Glover read the latest communication from the ACLU. It appeared someone might be able to travel to Eureka to take testimony. The message included a request for the most up to date information on issues in the local area, with examples to illustrate improper enforcement practices versus stated policies. There was also discussion of how to

broaden out the input from community members. Glover pointed out that he had no objection to doing that, but in fact that was the original reason that Ms. Wade had been contacted in the first place. He believes the long struggle to get ACLU attention made it reasonable to restrict direct access from those who had information and thus not inundating legal staff with unrelated issues. Jim asked the committee to meet in the near future. There seemed to be agreement that including Ms. Wade was necessary. A representative of True North Organizing introduced himself and agreed there might be ways to cooperatively work together.

**b) Discussion Item: HATE SPEECH, BULLYING, VIOLENT THREATS  
AD HOC COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Wilson agreed in general with a statement crafted by Glover for presentation to LECA to encourage their engagement. She thought the statement could be stronger and offered to submit her suggestions for the document, noting as currently written, the emphasis was more on social media and not enough related to intolerance of all sides. Lyons wants the timeline reference to artwork for the public relations angle to be moved up. Glover agreed to make this a separate agenda item at the next meeting. Glover thanked out-going Commissioner Wilson for all her hard work on this subject.

**X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**a) Discussion Item: REMOTE COMMISSIONER PARTICIPATION.**

Glover reported on discussions with County Counsel in which it was agreed that there was no inherent prohibition for Commissioners to participate remotely in our regular meetings. However, ADA compliance at the site of the incoming member is required as well as posting of agendas and availability for public comment to the Commission.

**b) Discussion Item: JAIL INMATE ACCESS TO MESSAGELINE**

Discussed above in message line reports.

**c) Discussion Item: RACE AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLE**

It was recognized that this committee has had difficulty meeting, but it was agreed they would meet on Thursday, June 7 to make an initial start including naming a chair. The committee purpose was revised to reflect a Values Statement versus a Mission Statement.

**d) Discussion Item: REVAMP OF OUR BROCHURE**

A proof-copy of recommended changes was presented by the Chair who will now order a new printing from The Copy Center.is to get an updated proof and submit to the Commission at their next regular meeting.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS: 6:45 pm (10 min)**

a) Toby Vanlandingham was offered a new opportunity to introduce himself to the Commission.

**b) Discussion Item: ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Although a paper ballot was distributed and Commissioners submitted their choices, Brandie offered a nomination of Rowe to be Chair. Rowe declined, but was subsequently elected Vice Chair. Glover was reelected to his final term as Chair, Anzada was reelected Secretary, and Lyons was elected Treasurer.

**XII. FUTURE AGENDAS:**

**a) Proposed agenda items for July**

- Communication Protocols
- Local ADA interpretations
- Art Promotional Effort
- Reestablishing Police Liaisons

Due to the Independence Holiday on Thursday, July 4 consensus was received that we should cancel the July meeting, but committee meetings will continue during this period. Next regular meeting will be August 1, 2019.

**XIII. Adjournment: 6:50 PM**