

HUMBOLDT COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Approved Regular Meeting Minutes - August 1, 2019

I. Call to order: 5:04 pm

II. ROLL CALL:

Present: Anzada, DuBois, Glover, Larsen, Lyons, Morgan, Rowe

Absent: Lochtie, Loreus, Miller, Rush, Vanlandingham

Introduction of our newest commissioner, Eddie Morgan.

III. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: June 6, 2019

Motion to approve minutes by Commissioner Rowe with a second from Lyons.

Approve: 6

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 1

IV. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

VI. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS:

a) Emails, Regular Mail, Phone Calls:

Chair Glover reported steady communication with the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California.

b) All other announcements and communications:

c) Message Line:

August 1-15 _____ Glover _____

August 16-31 _____ Larsen _____

September 1-15 _____ Rowe _____

Commissioners Lyons, Rowe, Glover, and Morgan volunteered to represent the HRC upon inmate requests

VII. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Lyons reports \$498 in the account, with a few outstanding bills. Lyons will report back next time when the checkbook is balanced.

VIII. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a) Discussion Item: HUMAN TRAFFICKING FUND COMMITTEE

Commissioner Dubois reported on updates to the Human Trafficking Fund application process with funds approved for next year.

b) Discussion Item: SANCTUARY ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

No current incidents to report on. Chair Glover reminded the commission that committee members are the Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary who would meet upon receipt of a complaint.

IX. AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a) Discussion Item: HOMELESS CRIMINALIZATION AD HOC COMMITTEE

Chair Glover updated commission on collaboration with ACLUnc regarding criminalization of homeless people. Upcoming video-conferencing session is set for August 12 as per the request of Jamie Crook, Senior Staff Attorney. Glover requested recommendations for advocates to help recruit people to tell their story at the event. Committee extended until December 31.

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

Need to reschedule an early meeting due to last-minute cancellation of July 23 meeting. Commissioner Dubois appointed as new chair.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a) Discussion Item: USE OF REMOTE PARTICIPATION IN OUR MEETINGS?

Chair Glover updated commission on remote participation and the Brown Act. Would need to request a Webex license for the room. It is already equipped.

b) Discussion Item: MESSAGE LINE ACCESS LIMITED FOR JAIL INMATES?

Jail liaisons named previously

c) Discussion Item: DISTRIBUTION OF WELCOME SIGNS AND BROCHURES

Commission agreed to offer different language signs when requested.

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Discussion Item: REPORT OF CONTACT WITH RAPE CRISIS TEAM

Vice Chair Rowe reported on meeting with Paula Jones with the Rape Crisis Team. She asked for support in receiving funds. Commission discussed options for support, and requested Paula attend regular meeting to further discuss possibilities.

b) Discussion Item: PROPOSED ANNUAL REPORT TO BOS

Review of draft annual report to forward to the BOS at their September 17 meeting.

c) Discussion Item: BANK SIGNATURES UPDATE RESOLUTION

Motion from Treasurer Lyons with a second from Commissioner Morgan to approve notice of change in signatories on the Commission Umpqua checking account. The change includes the **removal of Lance Morton and Lelehnia Dubois** and the **addition of Erin Rowe and Mary Lyons**.

Approve: 7

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

d) Discussion Item: REVIEW OF BROWN ACT COMPLIANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS IN COMMISSION PROCEDURES AND PROCESS

Following public comments and a request from a citizen, this item is placed on the agenda to allow a discussion by commissioners of their understanding of and compliance with the Brown Act to allow for maximum transparency in our activities. It will also allow for discussion of communication and meeting protocols and procedures as they are understood from the bylaws, policies, and traditions. The following points are listed to stimulate good discussions without focusing on emotional issues.

- *Reminder that the Brown Act is available online and on our shared drive for reference.*
- *Public notification of our regular or standing committee meetings.*
- *Communications between commissioners*
- *Communication and relationship with the Board of Supervisors*
- *Communication between the commission and the public*
- *Suggested improvements in our policies and procedures.*

Commission recommended establishing an ad hoc committee to rewrite bylaws to reflect changes with technology.

XII. FUTURE AGENDAS

XIII. Adjournment: 6:46 pm