

# HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

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City and County of San Francisco

## ***SAN FRANCISCO HUMAN RIGHTS DIVISION*** ***Draft Meeting Minutes*** **July 14, 2022 5:00 PM**

### **ROSTER OF COMMISSIONERS**

Karen Clopton, Chairperson  
Joseph Sweiss, Vice-Chairperson  
Vanessa R. Aquino, Commissioner  
Hala Hijazi, Commissioner  
Mark Kelleher, Commissioner  
Jason Pellegrini, Commissioner  
Leah Pimentel, Commissioner  
Irene Yee Riley, Commissioner  
Ann Champion Shaw, Commissioner  
Michael Sweet, Commissioner

Sheryl Evans Davis, EdD  
Executive Director

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Agenda and other information are available on the HRC website: [www.sfgov.org/sfhumanrights](http://www.sfgov.org/sfhumanrights)

**Meeting was called to order at 5:04pm.**

Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement – Commissioner.

**1. 2:48 CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Present:** Vanessa R. Aquino, Karen Clopton, Ann Champion Shaw, Hala Hijazi, Jason Pellegrini, Irene Yee Riley, Joseph Sweiss, Leah Pimentel (arrived at 4 minutes)

**Absent:** Mark Kelleher, Michael Sweet

Meeting was called to order with 6 Commissioners present.

**2. 7:36 FINDINGS TO ALLOW TELECONFERENCED MEETINGS UNDER CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e) (Action Item)**

The Commission will discuss and possibly adopt a Resolution setting forth findings necessary to authorize the Commission to hold meetings remotely under the modified Brown Act provisions in Assembly Bill 361.

**Presentation:** Cathy Mulkey Meyer, San Francisco Human Rights Commission

**Public Comment**

Motion to allow teleconferenced meetings under California government code section 54953(e). 1<sup>st</sup> Commissioner Sweiss, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Aquino.

**Motion carried by acclamation:** Vanessa R. Aquino, Ann Champion Shaw, Karen Clopton, Hala Hijazi, Jason Pellegrini, Leah Pimentel, Irene Yee Riley, Joseph Sweiss

**Absent:** Mark Kelleher, Michael Sweet

**3. 9:25 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (Discussion Item)**

Members of the public may address the Commission on matters that are within the Commission's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda.

**Vince Crisostomo:** Vince spoke about the Department of Public Health Monkeypox toolkit available in Spanish, Filipino, Chinese, and English. He met with the Vietnamese community and they would like materials for Monkeypox be translated into Vietnamese, at minimum. The information about the disease needs to be made available to anyone in whatever language is needed. More language access and outreach needs to happen within the Spanish speaking Trans community, Vince met with a group Transfolks who identified as Latinx and they were unable to clearly communicate risk factors.

**Commissioner Kelleher logged on remotely at approximately the 9:30 mark.**

**4. 11:41 ADOPTION OF THE JUNE 23, 2022 MEETING MINUTES (Action Item)**

Review and anticipated adoption of minutes from the Commission's June 23, 2022 meeting minutes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment on this item.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENT**

There was no commissioner comment on this item.

Motion to accept the June 23, 2022 minutes with one amendment, Item 6 there is a typo and should read 2023 not 2302. 1<sup>st</sup> Commissioner Irene Yee Riley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Leah Pimentel.

**Motion carried by acclamation:** Vanessa R. Aquino, Ann Champion Shaw, Karen Clopton, Hala Hijazi, Mark Kelleher, Jason Pellegrini, Leah Pimentel, Irene Yee Riley, Joseph Sweiss

**Absent:** Michael Sweet

**5. 14:27 STAND TOGETHER SF UPDATES (Discussion Item)**

The San Francisco Human Rights Commission will present updates about the Stand Together SF program, in solidarity with community efforts to address Anti-Asian Hate and advance community centered public safety initiatives.

Presentation: John McKnight, Senior Community Engagement Manager, San Francisco Human Rights Commission. Cathy Mulkey Meyer, Commission Secretary, San Francisco Human Rights Commission

**Public Comment**

John McKnight presented a slide show detailing the history of the Stand Together SF initiative and how the program has evolved over the past two years. [File Link](#)

**PUBLIC COMMENT** There was no public comment on this item.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENT**

**Hala Hijazi** Would like to work with Commissioner Riley, Claudine Cheng and John McKnight to review the Stand Together SF Website to ensure it is up to date and reflects all the good work that has been accomplished.

**6. 28:10 LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER, INTERSEX + ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE (Discussion Item)**

The San Francisco Human Rights Commission will present a brief update focusing on 2022-2023 budget updates related to LGBTQI+ initiatives, review the timeline for updating the Human Rights Commission Administrative Code, Chapters 12A, 12B, and 12C, and announcing the next quarterly convening of the Advisory Committee.

Presentation: Joseph Sweiss, Vice Chair, San Francisco Human Rights Commission

**Public Comment**

Vice Chair Joseph Sweiss presented on the 2022-2023 budget adopted by the City and County of San Francisco and how that supported advocacy efforts.

He also provided an update on the legislation amending protected classes in the city's administrative code. The legislation will be scheduled in the Rules Committee sometime after the Board of Supervisors recess is over and then work its way to the Board of Supervisors for adoption and the Mayor's office to be signed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Vince Crisostomo:** Thanked Vice Chair Sweiss, Cathy Mulkey Meyer, and Jude Diebold for their support to the LGBTQI+ Advisory Committee. Is very happy that their efforts resulted in funding for LGBTQI+ initiatives. He is also grateful for the funding that will support the HIV community and looks forward to more advocacy.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENT** There was no commissioner comment on this item.

**7. 35:36 COMMISSIONER ACTIVITIES IN THE COMMUNITY (Discussion Item)**

Commissioners update the public on activities they have participated in and any upcoming events.

**Public Comment**

**COMMISSIONER COMMENT**

**Commissioner Plmentel** I attended the PRIDE Foundation and the PRIDE parade. It was just so nice to see so many people celebrate the LGBT community and diversity. Everyone coming together in person after so long to advocate and share a passion and camaraderie.

**Commissioner Riley** attended the Campaign for Solidarity and Stand Together SF events.

**Commissioner Aquino** participated in the PRIDE breakfast for the first time and was very moved by the speakers. Also attended the event announcing the appointment of the new District Attorney Brooke Jenkins.

**Chair Karen Clopton**

The San Francisco Human Rights Commission was well represented at the Alice B Toklas breakfasts on Pride Parade morning; Vice Chair Sweiss, Commissioner Pellegrini, Commissioner Pimentel, Commissioner Aquino, and Commissioner Hijazi. The speakers were amazing, Senator Booker was inspirational as well as state Senator Scott Weiner. Nancy Pelosi led the parade once again.

During June, there were Juneteenth activities throughout the city, including at the Ferry Building, in Bayview, and on Fillmore in the Western Addition.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment on this item.

8. **42:48 ADJOURNMENT** Meeting adjourned at 5:48pm.

Transcription of the meeting minutes are available upon request to the Commission Secretary, [cathy.mulkeymeyer@sfgov.org](mailto:cathy.mulkeymeyer@sfgov.org).