



# Alameda County Human Relations Commission

## Meeting Agenda



**Wednesday, October 27, 2021**

**Regular Meeting: 6:30-8:00 PM**

*The mission of the Alameda County Human Relations Commission is to preserve human rights and work to foster mutual respect for all people who live or work in Alameda County.*

Website: <https://www.alamedacountysocialservices.org/about-us/Government-and-Community-Relations/offices/office-public-affairs/commission-human-relations>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ACHumanRelationsCommission>

MEETING LOCATION	COMMISSION MEMBERS	
<p><b>Due to the COVID-19 emergency, this meeting will be held remotely. Public participation is welcome.</b></p> <p><b>To participate:</b> Please click the link below to join the webinar: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/95992525126">https://zoom.us/j/95992525126</a></p> <p>Or iPhone one-tap : US: +14086380968,,95992525126# or +16699006833,,95992525126# Or Telephone: Dial(for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location): US: +1 408 638 0968 or +1 669 900 6833 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 646 876 9923 or +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799 or 877 853 5257 (Toll Free) or 888 475 4499 (Toll Free) Webinar ID: 959 9252 5126</p> <p>International numbers available: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/95992525126">https://zoom.us/j/95992525126</a></p> <p>For accommodations, please contact staff Kim Fogel at least 72 business hours in advance at (510) 645-9339 or <a href="mailto:krfogel@acgov.org">krfogel@acgov.org</a>.</p> <p>This agenda may also be obtained online at the <a href="https://www.alamedacountysocialservices.org">Alameda County Social Services Agency website</a>.</p>	RocQuel Johnson, Chair	District 4,
	Steven Medeiros, Vice Chair	District 1
	Lee Thomas, Secretary	Conference of Mayors
	Olga Borjon, Treasurer	District 2
	Lara Maxey, Member at Large	District 3
	Vacant	District 1
	Tejinder Dhani	District 1
	Smile Dhir	District 2
	Manjinder "Monty" Sandhu	District 2
	Royl Roberts	District 3
	Vacant	District 3
	Vacant	District 4
	James Walker	District 4
	Cameron Monfared	District 5
	Miguel Dwin	District 5
	Charlotte A. Danielsson-Chang	District 5

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**NOTICE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT DURING REMOTE MEETING:**

The Human Relations Commission welcomes you to its meetings and your interest is appreciated. Public comment is permitted after each item on the agenda and during open public comment for items not on the agenda. If you wish to speak:

- Instructions on joining a meeting by video conference are available at <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-meeting>
- If using a laptop: use the *raise your hand* button. When you are called to speak, please unmute your speaker.
- If calling in: dial \*9 to raise your hand to speak. When you are called to speak, the host will unmute you to enable you to speak. If you decide not speak, you may hang up and dial back into the meeting or simply notify the host you do not wish to speak when you are unmuted and asked to speak. When addressing the Commission, please give your name for the record before your presentation. If you wish to speak on a matter not on the agenda, please wait until the Chair calls for public input at the end of the Regular Calendar. NOTE: Only matters within the Commission’s jurisdiction may be addressed. Time limitations shall be at the discretion of the Chair.

Item No.	Topics	Presenters	Objective and Time
1.	<b>Call to Order, Welcome, Roll Call/Introductions</b>	Chair Johnson	Information (6:30-6:40 PM)
2.	<b>Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting</b>	Commissioners	Information/Action (6:40-6:45 PM)
3.	<b>Chair’s Report</b>	Chair Johnson	Information/Action (6:45-6:50 PM)
4.	<p><b>Action to continue remote meetings</b> Discussion and vote to continue remote meetings during the state of emergency, Alameda County, Human Relations Commission (please see attached copy of the 9/23 letter from HCSA):</p> <p>Findings by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors to Continue Meeting by Teleconference. Staff Recommendation: Find that 1) the <u>Human Relations Commission</u> has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency, and 2) state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing. This recommendation follows the 09/28/2021 County Board of Supervisors’ adoption of the Health Care Services Agency Director’s recommendation that the Board implement social distancing for its meetings. For the same reasons, the same rationale applies for the meetings of the <u>Human Relations Commission</u> and its committees.</p>	Commissioners	Information/Action (6:50-7:00 PM)
5.	<p><b><u>Alameda County Workforce Development Board</u></b></p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. Welcome b. Presentation c. Questions</p>	Rhonda Boykin, Interim Director	Information/Action (7:00-7:30 PM)

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6.	<b>Election of Human Relations Commission Representative for Commission on Status of Women</b> a. Commissioner Danielsson-Chang	Chair Johnson	Information/Action (7:30-7:35PM)
b.	<b>Committee Updates</b> a. All Commissioners should be connected to at least one committee. b. Reminder to hold at least one meeting a month. Send agenda to Kim at least three days prior to posting deadline, which is 72 hours in advance of the meeting.	Commissioners/Committees	Information/Action (7:35-7:45PM)
c.	<b>Open Public Comment</b> for items not on the agenda	Chair Johnson	Information/Action (7:45 -7:46 PM)
d.	<b>Treasurer’s Report and Budget Update</b> a. Harmony Day (February 5, 2022) We have sponsored this event in the past for \$200	Commissioner Borjon	Information/Action (7:46 -7:56 PM)
e.	<b>Agenda Building for Next Meeting</b> a. <b>Holiday schedule. Fourth Wed in Nov is before Thanksgiving; Fourth Wed in December is 3 days before Christmas.</b> b. to Chair by email any suggested ideas. c. Invite presenters: County Counsel, Board of Supervisors	Commissioners	Information/Action (7:56-7:59 PM)
f.	<b>Adjournment</b>	Commissioners	Information (7:59-8:00 PM)

**NEXT HRC MEETING:**

Regular Meeting: possibly Wed. November 17, 2021, 6:30 PM

**This is to provide an update and direction for continuing remote meetings while the Governor maintains a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic.**

**Background: On September 16, 2021, the governor signed AB361 (attached), which amends the Brown Act teleconference requirements provided certain findings are made by a legislative body. The Alameda County Board of Supervisors (BOS) took action at the September 28, 2021 meeting to continue social distancing at all meetings by the BOS and its committees, as recommended by the attached letter from the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency (HCSA). Per County Counsel, each of the Boards and Commissions created by the BOS should adopt a “resolution” or make similar findings to continue to conduct meetings remotely.**

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## HRC COMMITTEES

### **Policy/Advocacy & Equity Committee:**

**Chair Commissioner Medeiros**

Commissioner Dwin

Chair Commissioner Johnson

### **Community Committee:**

**Chair Commissioner Vacant**

Commissioner Roberts

Commissioner Dhami

Ad Hoc: Commissioner Maxey

### **Social Media and Marketing Committee:**

**Chair Commissioner Maxey**

Commissioner Dhami

Commissioner Lee

Chair Commissioner Johnson

### **Housing & Homelessness Committee:**

**Chair Commissioner Dwin**

Commissioner Borjón

Commissioner Roberts

Chair Commissioner Johnson

### **Health and Safety Committee:**

**Chair Commissioner Monfared**

Commissioner Walker

Commissioner Danielsson-Chang

Chair Commissioner Johnson

### **Ad Hoc Budget Committee:**

**Chair Committee**

Chair Commissioner Johnson

Commissioner Maxey

Commissioner Walker

### **Commission on the Status of Women Committee:**

**Commissioner**

# ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTE ORDER

*The following action was taken by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors on 09/28/2021*

Approved as Recommended  Other

Unanimous  Chan:  Haubert:  Miley:  Valle:  Carson:  -

Vote Key: N=No; A=Abstain; X=Excused

Documents accompanying this matter:

Documents to be signed by Agency/Purchasing Agent:

File No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Item No. 28.1

Copies sent to:

Special Notes:



I certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of a Minute Order adopted by the Board of Supervisors, Alameda County, State of California.

ATTEST:  
Clerk of the Board  
Board of Supervisors

By: *Awika Campbell-Beltis*  
Deputy



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September 23, 2021

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
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Oakland, CA 94612

**SUBJECT: RECEIVE AND ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE HEALTH CARE SERVICES AGENCY  
DIRECTOR FOR CONTINUED SOCIAL DISTANCING AT ALL BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MEETINGS AND BOARD COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Dear Board Members:

**RECOMMENDATION**

Receive and accept the recommendation of the Health Care Services Agency Director for continued social distancing at all meetings of the full Board of Supervisors and at all Board of Supervisors Committee meetings.

**DISCUSSION/SUMMARY**

In light of the continued state of emergency related to COVID-19, the Health Care Services Agency (HCSA) Director recommends that your Board continue to impose the social distancing measures that were initially adopted in March 2020 for all meetings of the Board of Supervisors and Board Committee meetings, until your Board – in consultation with the HCSA Director – concludes that such measures are no longer necessary. The HCSA Director makes this recommendation to comply with newly enacted urgency legislation establishing new requirements for teleconferenced (remote) meetings under the Ralph M. Brown Act.

This recommendation is based on the continued threat of COVID-19 to the community, the unique characteristics of public governmental meetings (such as the increased mixing associated with bringing together people from across the community, the need to enable those who are immunocompromised or unvaccinated to be able to safely continue to fully participate in public governmental meetings, and the challenges with fully ascertaining and ensuring compliance with vaccination and other safety recommendations at such meetings), and the continued increased safety protection that social distancing provides as one method to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

**BACKGROUND**

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued an Executive Order proclaiming a state of emergency in California as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. This emergency declaration remains in effect. On March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20, which allowed local agencies subject to the Brown Act to hold their meetings remotely, without providing a physical location for

members of the public to gather and participate, so long as there were telephonic means to allow public participation and protect citizens' statutory and constitutional rights. Your Board held its first telephonic meeting with no in-person public participation on April 21, 2020 and has continued the practice since. On June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-08-21 which similarly governed the convening of public meetings and modified the permissions of Executive Order N-29-20 to allow for continued use of teleconferenced meetings by local agencies subject to the Brown Act.

On September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361, Chapter 165, Statutes of 2021), which amended the Brown Act to allow for continued use of teleconferenced meetings by Brown Act bodies without providing a physical meeting location for the public through January 31, 2024, under certain conditions. The permitting conditions include factors such as a continued declaration of emergency, and a local official recommending measures for social distancing.

As HCSA and the Health Officer have reported to your Board, the highly transmissible SARS-CoV-2 B.1.617.2 (Delta) variant has been circulating in the County of Alameda since April 2021. While the risk for COVID-19 infection is highest among unvaccinated residents (and the vaccination rates in our County are relatively high) over one-third of COVID-19 infections are among fully vaccinated persons. Among vaccinated persons, older adults are at the highest risk for severe illness resulting from COVID-19 infection.

Accordingly, the HCSA Director recommends that social distancing measures adopted in the early days of the pandemic remain in place for meetings of your Board and Board Committees. This recommendation is consistent with the Division of Occupational Safety and Health of California's (Cal/OSHA) Emergency Temporary Standards, which require employers to train and instruct employees that the use of social distancing helps combat the spread of COVID-19 (8 Cal. Code Regs. 3205(c)(5)(D)). Under the requirements of AB 361, no later than 30 days after the September 28 meeting, and again every 30 days thereafter for as long as this recommendation remains in place, your Board will need to reconsider the state of emergency, and whether (a) the emergency directly impacts the ability of members to safely meet in person; or (b) social distancing measures are still recommended at Board and Board Committee meetings.

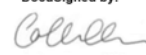
## **FINANCING**

Acceptance of this recommendation will have no impact on net County cost.

## **VISION 2026 GOAL**

Acceptance of this recommendation will prevent potential spread of COVID-19 in the Board's public meetings, and thus advances the 10X Vision 2026 Goal pathway of **Accessible Infrastructure** in support of our shared visions of a **Thriving & Resilient Population** and **Safe & Livable Communities**.

Sincerely,

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Colleen Chawla, Director  
Health Care Services Agency