



**ALAMEDA COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

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.

**Wednesday, 2/24/2021**

Full Commission: 6:30PM – 8:00PM

MEETING LOCATION	COMMISSION MEMBERS	
VIA ZOOM	<b>ROCQUEL JOHNSON</b> CHAIR/LIASON COMMISSION (SOW)	DISTRICT 4
	<b>TEJINDER DHAMI</b> VICE CHAIR	DISTRICT 1
	<b>ROYL L. ROBERTS</b> SECRETARY	DISTRICT 3
	<b>MANJINDER "MONTY" SANDHU</b> TREASURER	DISTRICT 2
	<b>LARA MAXEY</b> MEMBER AT LARGE/LIASON COMMISSION (SOW)	DISTRICT 3
	<b>LEE THOMAS</b>	MAYOR'S CONFERENCE
	<b>STEVEN MEDEIROS</b>	DISTRICT 1
	<b>FAHRIA KHAN</b>	DISTRICT 1
	<b>OLGA BORJON</b>	DISTRICT 2
	<b>SMILE DHIR</b>	DISTRICT 2
	<b>HERMY B. ALMONTE</b>	DISTRICT 3
	<b>JAMES D. WALKER</b>	DISTRICT 4
	<b>CAMERON MONFRED</b>	DISTRICT 5
<b>MIGUEL DWIN</b>	DISTRICT 5	
	<b>VACANT</b>	DISTRICT 4
	<b>VACANT</b>	DISTRICT 5

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**Call to Order:** 6:36 pm

**Attendance Role Call:**

Present: **JOHNSON, DHAMI, ROBERTS, SANDHU, MAXEY, THOMAS, MEDEIROS, KHAN, MONFARED, DWIN, BORJON, AND ALMONTE**

Absent: **WALKER AND DHIR**

**Minutes Review and Approval (1/27/21):**

- Motion – Secretary Roberts
- Second – Vice Chair Dhami
- Passed unanimously

**Chair's Report:**

Chair Johnson welcomed new Commissioner Cameron Monfared. Commissioner Monfared gave a brief introduction: UC Berkeley, Representing District 5. Has experiences serving on Human Rights Commission in Oregon. Interested in Human Rights and Civil Rights. Full Commission welcomed the newest Commissioner.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Moved to a later time.

**Announcements/Updates:**

*Hate Crimes Information*

Chair Johnson yielded to floor to Commissioner Almonte. Commissioner Almonte discussed the rise of hate crimes and the importance of everyone having a role. Recommended report assessing current trends, Identify trainings, partnerships and prevention. LA County Model Report.

Commissioner Maxey- Possible Resolution

Commissioner Borjon- Recommend seeing what currently exists

Chair Johnson- University Programs doing studies, Data, partnering to get data

Commissioner Medeiros- Currently in API Organization – Opportunities to support

Commissioner Monfared- NGO Request, possible subcommittee.

Commissioner Khan- Does County policy department have legislation? Share Resolution on Facebook page

Chair Johnson concluded the discussion- Subcommittee would be timely

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#### *Discussion Regarding Name Change:*

Secretary Roberts- Overview of past discussions  
Commissioner Thomas- Need to take a broader look at the Mission. Then look at name.  
Commissioner Monfared- Discussion of Human Relations vs. Human Rights.  
Commissioner Medeiros- Broad vs. Specific, Prioritization, reach out to other Commissions find out how name changes have worked for other Commissions  
Commissioner Khan – other Commissions and CAHRO  
Chair Johnson- additional research, conversation, and may fall within the Policy Committee.

#### Retreat Discussion

Secretary Roberts- Effective and efficient use of time. Zoom considerations  
Vice Chair Dhimi- Reiterated effective use of time.  
Chair Johnson – 9:00- 12:30 on weekend (last retreat)  
Commissioner Thomas- Recommended voting on topics in advance  
Commissioner Borjon- Items from the last retreat consideration  
Chair Johnson- reality that COVID has shifted a lot of the focus, still focus on mental health and housing .  
Commissioner Maxey- Possible facilitator  
Staff Member Fogel mentioned Commissioner Sandhu on the line.  
Commissioner Khan- Priorities from the last retreat- add, change or take away  
Chair Johnson- Reviewed the last planning retreat document and highlighted priorities. Survey/pole will be sent out. Vision from last retreat, Are we producing relevant work?  
Commissioner Monfared- Ability to produce reports.  
Commissioner Thomas- Support part 1 and part 2.

Items to lift up: Does it come with and outcome? How will it benefit others?  
Subcommittee work.

#### **Staff Report:**

- No report- Currently assisting with the Excellence in Human Relations Awards Celebration

#### **Subcommittees Updates:**

Chair Johnson is asking that all subcommittees schedule meetings. A confirmation list will go out for the subcommittee and leadership of the sub-committee.

#### **Community Engagement Subcommittee:**

Chair: Commissioner Khan

Members: Commissioners Roberts, Gooding, Dhimi

Ad Hoc: Commissioner Maxey

Updates: Commissioner Khan provided updates for the upcoming HRC Excellence event.

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Discussion regarding possible watch party, decided not to have. Vote regarding date change of the event.

Motion- Commissioner Maxey

Seconded- Commissioner Monfared

Passed Unanimously.

#### **General Information:**

- Public Comment:

#### **Mission Moments:**

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**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting Adjourned 8:04 PM

**NEXT MEETING:** NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY MARCH 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @6:30 PM