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HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

of the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations

April 28, 2026 | 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

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Committee Chair: Commissioner Gay Yuen | **Vice Chair:** Ilan Davidson

Committee Members: Helen Chin, Jeanette Ellis-Royston, Serena Oberstein,
Fredrick Sykes

Staff: Robin Toma, Robert Sowell, Pierre Arreola

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order & Land Acknowledgement (2:00)**
- 2. Review & Approval of Minutes (March 31, 2026)* (2:02)**
- 3. Discussion: Human Rights Monitoring & Advocacy Team Updates (2:05)**
- 4. Discussion: WC26 Human Rights Implementation Framework Update (2:20)**
- 5. Discussion: Election Disruption Prevention and Response Project Update (2:50)**
- 6. Public Comment (3:20)**
- 7. Commissioner & Staff Announcements (3:25)**
- 8. Adjournment (3:30)**

Next Meeting Date – May 26, 2026 at 2:00 PM

Note: The following Commissioners will be participating by virtual conference communication from the following locations: Ilan Davidson (1435 W. 7th St., San Pedro, CA 90732); Jeanette Ellis-Royston (1460 E. Holt Ave., Rm. 6, Pomona, CA 91767); Serena Oberstein (17509 Romar St., Northridge, CA 91325); Fredrick Sykes (3537 Samantha Ave., West Covina, CA 91792). An asterisk () denotes that this agenda packet includes written material regarding this agenda item. Meetings are held in English and accessible to persons with disabilities. If interpretation in other languages or accommodations for persons with disabilities are needed, please contact the Commission on Human Relations at (213) 738-7288 or info@hrc.lacounty.gov at least 3 business days before the meeting.*



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HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 31, 2026 | 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

via Microsoft Teams Video & Audio Conference

PRESENT: Ilan Davidson Fredrick Sykes
 Jeanette Ellis-Royston Serena Zeise-Oberstein

ABSENT: Gay Yuen
 Helen Chin

STAFF: Robin Toma Pierre Arreola
 Robert Sowell

I. Call to Order & Land Acknowledgement

Vice Chair Ilan Davidson called the meeting to order at 2:03 PM with a quorum in attendance. Vice Chair Ilan Davidson then read the land acknowledgement.

II. Review & Approval of Minutes (February 24, 2026)

Vice Chair Ilan Davidson invited a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Fredrick Sykes motioned to approve the minutes of the Human Rights Committee meeting on February 24, 2025, as presented by staff. Commissioner Serena Zeise-Oberstein seconded the motion, and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Sykes

Seconded: Zeise-Oberstein

Ayes: Sykes, Zeise-Oberstein, Ellis-Royston

Nays: None

Abstentions: Davidson (Due to Previous Absence)

Vote: 3 – 0 – 1

The motion was adopted by majority decision.

III. Discussion & Action: Committee Meeting Time and Duration

Vice Chair Ilan Davidson facilitated a discussion on the need to extend the duration of the Human Rights Committee Meeting, noting the breadth and depth of the work shouldered

by the Committee and Human Rights Monitoring & Advocacy Team. Staff Pierre Arreola shared Chair Gay Yuen's proposal to increase the meeting length from 60 minutes to 90 minutes, and her recommendation that the Committee identify a date and time that would allow members to accommodate this change.

Executive Director Robin Toma provided an overview of the new Brown Act rules regarding remote participation and quorum requirements, which are expected to take effect on or around July 1, 2026. The Committee agreed to revisit the discussion at their June Committee meeting, when more clarity on the new rules is available.

Vice Chair Ilan Davidson presented a motion to increase the duration of the Committee meeting to 90 minutes and adjust the meeting time to 2:00 PM – 3:30PM. Commissioner Fredrick Sykes seconded the motion, and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Davidson

Seconded: Sykes

Ayes: Davidson, Ellis-Royston, Sykes, Zeise-Oberstein

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Vote: 4 – 0 – 0

The motion was adopted unanimously.

IV. Discussion: WC26 Human Rights Implementation Framework Update

Executive Director Robin Toma provided a high-level overview of the finalized Commission Letter submitted to the Board of Supervisors regarding the Commission's human rights coordination efforts for the World Cup 2026. He also shared that the LA Host Committee has committed funding and other resources to support these efforts. Staff Pierre Arreola informed the Committee that the LA Host Committee will also be listing the Commission as a key partner on the official LA World Cup website.

In accordance with the previous Committee motion granting delegated authority to the Chair to approve the Commission Letter, and given the absence of Chair Gay Yuen, Vice Chair Ilan Davidson will approve the finalized Commission Letter.

V. Discussion: Board Motion on LA County's Commitment to Human Rights

Staff Pierre Arreola presented the report back submitted in response to the December 9 Board Motion on Affirming Los Angeles County's Commitment to Human Rights. The Committee discussed the recommendations outlined in the report. The Human Rights Monitoring & Advocacy Team, in collaboration with HRC Leadership, is developing next steps to build the institutional capacity needed to implement the proposed work. Staff plan to schedule a meeting with the motion author, Supervisor Holly Mitchell, to review and discuss the report back.

VI. Discussion: Election Disruption Prevention and Response Project Update

Staff Pierre Arreola provided an update on the Election Disruption Prevention and Response Project. He shared that HRC Staff and RR/CC are meeting regularly to develop deployment plans, create program materials, and implement the recommendations highlighted in the listening session report. Staff Pierre Arreola also reviewed the recruitment script and encouraged Committee members to consider serving as Election Resource Liaisons and to refer qualified individuals.

VII. Public Comment

There was no public comment at this meeting.

VIII. Commissioner Announcements

No announcements from Commissioners.

IX. Adjournment

Vice Chair Ilan Davidson presented a motion to adjourn the meeting in the memory of Commissioner Isabelle Gunning, whose legacy will live on through the LA County Commission on Human Relations and the many lives and institutions she touched. Commissioner Fredrick Sykes seconded the motion, and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Davidson

Seconded: Sykes

Ayes: Davidson, Ellis-Royston, Sykes, Zeise-Oberstein

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Vote: 4 – 0 – 0

The motion was adopted unanimously. Seeing no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 2:58 PM.

Next Meeting Date: April 28, 2026, at 2:00 PM