

City of Arts & Innovation

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2025, 6 P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

PRESENT: Chair Cavett, Vice Chair Galbraith and Commissioners Fahrney, Woods- Adeyeye, Martis, Lewis, Fujimoto, Raya, and Melendez

ABSENT: Commissioners Goe, Agramon, Turner, Harmoush

STAFF PRESENT: Daisy Gastelum

The Human Relations Commission meeting was convened at 6:06 p.m.
Commissioner Woods- Adeyeye left the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There were no participants in person, and there were no online callers or e-comments prior to the meeting wishing to address the Commission.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Commissioner Martis, and seconded by Vice Chair Galbraith, to approve the Consent Calenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously, with Commissioners Goe, Agramon, Turner, and Harmoush absent.

ATTENDANCE

The Human Relations Commission excused the absence of Commissioner Martis from the meeting on August 28, 2025.

The Human Relations Commission excused the absence of Commissioners Raya, Fahrney, Turner, Martis, and Chair Cavett from the meeting on September 25, 2025.

The Human Relations Commission excused the absence of Commissioner Goe, and Vice Chair Galbraith from the meeting on October 23, 2025.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

MINUTES

Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Martis and seconded by Vice Chair Galbraith to approve of the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Goe, Agramon, Turner, and Harmoush absent.



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ABSENCES

Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Raya and seconded by Commissioner Fahrney to excuse the absence of Commissioner Melendez from the meeting on September 25, 2025. The motion carried with Commissioners Goe, Agramon, Turner, and Harmoush absent and Commissioner Fujimoto abstaining.

Following discussion, it was moved by Vice Chair Galbraith and seconded by Commissioner Martis to unexcuse the absence of Commissioner Agramon from the meeting on September 25, 2025. The motion carried with Commissioners Goe, Agramon, Turner, and Harmoush absent and Commissioners Fahrney and Lewis abstaining.

Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Melendez to excuse the absence of Commissioner Raya from the meeting on October 23, 2025. The motion carried with Commissioners Goe, Agramon, Turner, and Harmoush absent and Commissioner Raya abstaining.

Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Melendez to table Commissioner Harmoush's absence from the meeting on October 23, 2025, to the next Human Relations Commission meeting. The motion carried with Commissioners Goe, Agramon, Turner, and Harmoush absent and Commissioner Martis and Chair Cavett stating no.

Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Raya and seconded by Commissioner Martis to unexcuse the absence of Commissioner Melendez from the meeting on October 23, 2025. The motion carried with Commissioners Goe, Agramon, Turner, and Harmoush absent and Commissioner Fahrney stating no and Commissioners Lewis, Melendez abstaining.

BY-LAWS

The Human Relations Commission discussed, and no formal vote was taken.

GRANT APPLICATION FEEDBACK

Following discussion, the commission provided feedback on advertisement for the grant information, but no formal vote was taken.



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FEDERAL IMMIGRATION RESOLUTION UPDATE

Chair Cavett reported on Federal Immigration Resolution Update.

ATTENDANCE OF EVENTS

Commissioner Lewis requested commission attendance at the Martin Luther King Jr. Walk event taking place January 19th from 9:30-1pm. Vice Chair Galbraith requested information on the Chamber of Commerce meetings. Commissioner Lewis requested commission attendance at the Black History Month event taking place February 14th from 8-2pm located at the City of Riverside Breezeway. Commissioner Melendez requested commission attendance at the Tamale Festival taking place April 18th from 11am-7pm at White Park. Vice Chair Galbraith also requested information on additional Chamber of commerce meetings aside from the City of Riverside. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Melendez and seconded by Commissioner Martis to approve of the mentioned events. The motion carried unanimously, with Commissioners Goe, Agramon, Turner, and Harmoush absent and Woods leaving early.

COMMUNICATIONS

AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATES

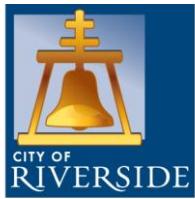
Vice Chair Galbraith gave an update on the Housing Ad Hoc.

Chair Cavett gave an update on the Responding to Hate Ad Hoc.

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSIONER UPDATES ON EXTERNAL MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, AND COMMITTEES ATTENDED

Vice Chair Galbraith reported on the Pick Group of Young Professionals event that is coming up in 2026.

Commissioner Martis participated in Anti Trafficking events within the county and City to help prevent Trafficking. Commissioner Fahrney focused on food access and mental health non-profits and attended United Against Hate workshops. Chair Cavett attended the immigration workshops that Councilmember Cervates hosted regarding street vendors and how to support them. Chair Cavett also wanted to report on a new exhibit in the Civil Rights Institution taking place January 15th, from 6-8pm.



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ITEMS FOR FUTURE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISION CONSIDERATRION REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Lewis requested to agendize an absences item reflecting the commissions absences for the year 2025. Vice Chair Galbraith requested to agendize dissolving the by-law ad hoc and re-establish a new one. Vice Chair Galbraith requested agendizing a Grant Ad Hoc as well as an item to discuss Housing Ad Hoc focusing on either removal or having it continue with a purpose. Vice Chair Galbraith requested PD & Fire DEI item to be agendized. Commissioner Fahrney requested an item to be agendized focusing on a tracking system for hating comments on the city social media. Commissioner Lewis requested an item to be agendized regarding outreach and advertisement focusing on having the community attend the monthly commission meetings. Commissioner Lewis requested an item to be agendized regarding social media creating a video to use when doing outreach. Vice Chair Galbraith requested information or receiving a presentation regarding Riverside 2050 and how the commission can have a voice in these meetings, so the commission be heard.

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION STAFF UPDATES

Administrative Analyst Daisy Gastelum shared her departure from assisting the Human Relations Commission as the Secretary of the Commission. Chair Cavett provided an update to the Human Relations Commission regarding his departure from the commission.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 22, 2026.

Chair Cavett adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DAISY GASTELUM
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT