



**SPECIAL MEETING
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
Tuesday, September 1, 2020
3:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS

Nat Nehdar, Chair, District 5
Charlotte Lacey, Vice-Chair, District 7
Brandon Lamar, Mayor
Brenda Morales, District 1
Theresa Robinett, District 2
Rene Gonzalez, District 3
Kevork Keushkerian, District 4
Sandy Greenstein, District 6
Vacant, At Large

STAFF

Lola Osborne, Deputy Director
Tamer Sabha, Recording Secretary

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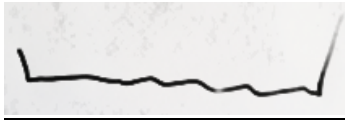
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- 1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - AUGUST 4, 2020*
- 3. NEW BUSINESS**
 - ACTION ITEM**
 - REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FINAL COMMISSION WORK PLAN FOR FY 2020-2021*
 - INFORMATION ITEM**
 - DISCUSSION REGARDING HOLDING A MEETING TO DISCUSS SOCIAL JUSTICE AND INVITING THE PUBLIC VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE TO PARTICIPATE
- 4. OLD BUSINESS**
 - NONE
- 5. COMMENTS AND UPDATES**
 - STAFF COMMENTS
 - COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS
- 6. SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS**
- 7. ADJOURNMENT**

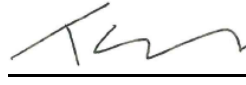
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Nat Nehdar, Chair
Human Relations Commission

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tamer Sabha', written over a horizontal line.

Tamer Sabha, Recording Secretary



DRAFT MINUTES

**CITY OF PASADENA
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2020
3:00 PM**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Rene Gonzalez (joined at 3:12pm), Sandy Greenstein, Kevork Keushkerian, Charlotte Lacey, Brandon Lamar, Brenda Morales, Nat Nehdar, Theresa Robinett

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Lola Osborne, Tamer Sabha

1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

Chair Robinett called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM. Staff (Sabha) called the roll and a quorum was established for the Commission.

2. WELCOME

Chair Robinett welcomed the Commission to the Annual Meeting and introduced new Commissioner Sandy Greenstein (District 6), who shared her background and experience.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After review, it was moved (Lamar) and seconded (Nehdar) to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2020 meeting. (Motion carried) (Abstain: Greenstein)

COMMISSIONER	IN FAVOR	ABSTAIN
Robinett	x	
Nehdar	x	
Lamar	x	
Morales	x	
Keushkerian	x	
Greenstein		x
Lacey	x	

4. NEW BUSINESS

- **DISCUSS CANCELLATION OF THE 19th ANNUAL MULTIMEDIA HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST**

After discussion, it was moved (Lacey) and seconded (Lamar) to cancel the 19th Annual Multimedia High School Essay Contest. (Motion unanimously carried)

COMMISSIONER	IN FAVOR
Robinett	X
Nehdar	X
Lamar	X
Morales	X
Keushkerian	X
Greenstein	X
Lacey	X

- **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF COMMISSION ATTENDANCE FOR FY 2019-2020**

After discussion, it was moved (Nehdar) and seconded (Lacey) to approve the Commission Attendance Record for FY 2019-2020. (Motion carried) (Abstain: Greenstein)

COMMISSIONER	IN FAVOR	ABSTAIN
Robinett	X	
Nehdar	X	
Lamar	X	
Morales	X	
Gonzalez	X	
Keushkerian	X	
Greenstein		X
Lacey	X	

- REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF YEAR END REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR FY 2019-2020

After discussion, it was moved (Nehdar) and seconded (Gonzalez) to approve the Year End Report of Accomplishment for FY 2019-2020. (Motion carried (Abstain: Greenstein))

COMMISSIONER	IN FAVOR	ABSTAIN
Robinett	X	
Nehdar	X	
Lamar	X	
Morales	X	
Gonzalez	X	
Keushkerian	X	
Greenstein		X
Lacey	X	

- REPORT FROM NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR RECOMMENDED FY 2020-2021 COMMISSION OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee recommended Commissioner Nehdar to serve as Chair and Commissioner Lacey to serve as Vice-Chair for FY 2020-2021.

- ELECTION OF COMMISSION OFFICERS FOR FY 2020-2021

After discussion, it was moved (Lacey) and seconded (Greenstein) to elect Commissioner Nat Nehdar as Chair and Commissioner Charlotte Lacey as Vice-Chair for FY 2020-2021. (Motion unanimously carried)

COMMISSIONER	IN FAVOR
Robinett	X
Nehdar	X
Lamar	X
Morales	X
Gonzalez	X
Keushkerian	X
Greenstein	X
Lacey	X

- ESTABLISH COMMISSION WORK PLAN FOR FY 2020-2021

Chair Robinett appointed Commissioners Nehdar, Lacey, Lamar, and Gonzalez to the Public Forums ad hoc committee.

Chair Robinett appointed Commissioners Greenstein, Robinett, Morales, and Gonzalez to the Collaborations ad hoc committee.

After discussion, it was moved (Greenstein) and seconded (Nehdar) to approve the draft work plan for FY 2020-2021. (Motion unanimously carried)

COMMISSIONER	IN FAVOR
Robinett	X
Nehdar	X
Lamar	X
Morales	X
Gonzalez	X
Keushkerian	X
Greenstein	X
Lacey	X

5. OLD BUSINESS

- NONE

6. COMMENTS AND UPDATES

- STAFF COMMENTS

Staff (Osborne) commented on Resolution No. 7508 (Action Minutes Policy) and announced that staff liaison Tamitra Clark separated from the city. Staff (Osborne) will be filling in until a new liaison is assigned.

- COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Vice-Chair Nehdar suggested holding a special meeting regarding social justice and inviting the public to participate.

Commissioner Keushkerian commented on the Commission meeting date and start time in September. Staff (Sabha) will email the Commission for their availability for an earlier start time for the September meeting.

Commissioner Lacey commented on “National Night In Together” taking place tonight (Tuesday, August 4) beginning at 5:00pm via Zoom.

7. SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS

- Discussion of holding a special meeting to discuss social justice and public participation (Nehdar)

8. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved (Lamar) and seconded (Keushkerian) to adjourn the special meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM.

CITY OF PASADENA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

DRAFT WORK PLAN: 08/01/2020-06/30/2021

MISSION (as stated in Charter/Ordinance):

The purpose of the Human Relations Commission is to aid the city in achieving better human relations in city government, and to provide assistance to private persons and groups in promoting good will and better relations among all people. The Human Relations Commission is an advisory body.

OBJECTIVES:

1.	To advise City Council on Human Relations issues of public, local and national concerns with regular updates to provide an opportunity to review and understand issues for the decision making process.
2.	To present public forums, panels, and programs on issues that affect human relations in the City of Pasadena. Ad hoc committee: Nehdar, Lacey, Lamar, Gonzalez Action Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rekindling the Light of Peace• Multimedia High School Essay Contest• Human Relations Commission Annual Awards Ceremony• Investigate alternatives to in-person forums, panels, and programs
3.	To identify and bring attention to collaborations existing within the City of Pasadena that provide assistance to private persons and groups, and/or promote goodwill and better relations among all people. Ad hoc committee: Greenstein, Robinett, Morales, Gonzalez Action Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assessment of local collaborations<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Pasadena Ministerial Alliance○ Nonprofit social service organizations

NOTE: Objectives are subject to change with approval by the Commission.