



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, February 18th, 2026
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
In Person: City Council Chambers
202 C Street, 12th Floor, San Diego, CA 92101
[SDHRC Webinar Link](#)

Chair: Dr. Steven Jones

Commissioners: Rickie Brown (Vice Chair), Sara Brown, Yessica Diaz Roman, Tyler Duncan, Tootie Thomas (Secretary), Danyel Walker, John Sequeira, Allie Ross, Nicole Murray-Ramirez, Edwin Lohr, Sabrina Bazzo, Abdifatah Moalim.

Staff Liaison: Rev. Dr. Gerald Brown

Item 1. Call to order - Chair Jones

- Welcome Commissioners and fellow San Diegans to the monthly meeting of the City of San Diego Human Relations Commission.

Item 2. Roll Call - Vice Chair Brown

- A reminder to all Commissioners: materials including agenda, minutes, and background items are available by email and on the Commission website (<https://www.sandiego.gov/humanrelations/meetings>).

Item 3. Land Acknowledgement - Secretary Thomas Kanap Kuahan Coalition: Land Acknowledgement honoring the Kumeyaay people as the original inhabitants and caretakers of San Diego.

Item 4. Approval of Minutes - Chair Jones

Item 5. Public Comment: - Executive Director Brown

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Written Comment through Webform: In lieu of in-person attendance, members of the public may submit their comments using a webform [insert link. If using the general web form, use this link [<https://www.sandiego.gov/boards-and-commissions/public-comment>]. If using the web form, indicate the agenda item number you wish to submit a comment for. Instructions



for word limitations and deadlines are noted on the web form. On the web form, members of the public should select Human Relations Commission.

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- **Non-agenda Public Comment:** 3 minutes per speaker at Chairperson discretion.

Item 6. Chair Report Chair Jones

- Respectful Collaboration: Review of Commissioner Code of Conduct; Roberts' Rules of Order

Item 7. Information Items Chair Jones

- Black History Month Lifetime Achievement Award Presentation – (Awardees selected a Taskforce made up of: Commissioners Rickie Brown; Tyler Duncan; Daneyel Walker, Allie Ross, Steven Jones; Commissioner Roman thank you for submitting a nominee)
 1. Supervisor **Monica Montgomery Steppe**
 2. Library Branch Manager: **Allan Bugg**, Branch Manager, Valencia Park/Malcolm X Library
 3. Professor/Author: **Starla Lewis**
 4. Professor/Historian: **Chuck Ambers**
 5. RISE San Diego Community Leadership Development/ Poet: **Leah Goodwin**

Item 8. Action Items

- Motion to Adopt of HRC Bylaws
- Approve HRC Strategic Planning Retreat to be held on Mar. 14th from 9:00-1:30p.m. at San Diego Downtown Library
- Motion to cancel March 18th retreat in lieu of March 18th HRC Meeting
- Motion to approve Strategic Planning Retreat Goals & Objectives
- **HRC Engaging the San Diego Community**
 - Motion to begin holding 2026 HRC Meetings in the following locations beginning in April:
 - April 15th - In the Community
 - May 20th - City Council Chambers
 - June 17th - In the Community
 - July 15th - City Council Chambers
 - August 19th - In the Community
 - September 16th – City Council Chambers
 - October 21st - In the Community
 - November 18th – Council Chambers
 - December 16th - In the Community
 - Monthly “**Coffee @ 5 with the HRC**” – 3-4 Commissioners (including Chair) will hold a Community Engagement/Listening Session in a different District each month:
 - to be held on 1st Thursday of every month from 6:00-7:00p.m. – beginning in March
 1. March 5th – The Mental Bar – District 4
 2. April 2nd – location tbd
 3. May 7th – location tbd
 4. June 4th – location tbd
 5. July 2nd – location tbd
 6. August 6th – location tbd
 7. September 3rd – location tbd
 8. October 1st – location tbd
 9. November 5th – location tbd
 10. December 3rd – location tbd



Item 9. General Business Items and Committee Reports

Item 10. CHARO Report- Commissioner Rickie Brown

Item 11. Executive Director Report

Item 12. Commissioner Comments/Announcements

Item 13. Proposed Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Item 14. Adjournment Chair Jones

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 14th, 2026, 9:00-1:30p.m.