



Human Relations Commission

Special Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday, May 13th, 2026

In-Person Meeting, 6:00 p.m. – 7: 00 p.m.

Location: Council Chambers Room A

202 C. Street, 12th Floor, SD, CA 92101

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

Absent: Vice Chair Commissioner Rickie Brown, Commissioners: Tyler Duncan

Staff Liaison Executive Director: Dr. Gerald Brown

Item 1: Call to Order: Chair Dr. Steven Jones

6:01 pm

Item 2: Commissioner Roll Call

Quorum established

Item 3: Agenda and Non-agenda Public Comment
Public Comment on any items on or off agenda.

Completed – there was no

Item 4: Code of Conduct and Engagement for Meetings

Item very briefly covered, to be brought up at future Regular Commission Meeting.

Item 5: Commissioners assessment of City Council decision on Adopting IHRA Definition of Anti-Semitism (1 – 2 minutes)

Chair Dr. Steven Jones gave each Commissioner present to give their observation and/or opinions of the March 17th City Council Meeting. Each Commissioner was timed, yet allowed to complete their statement if the timer ended.

At the end of the Commissioners assessment of the City Council's meeting, they were asked to give further insight into a letter that had been sent by two of their fellow Commissioners to the Mayor and City Council requesting that the item that the HRC had voted on, the recommended definition by the IHRA of Antisemitism for the City of San Diego, be sent back to the Commission to conduct further due diligence prior to making it's recommendation.

The Commissioners requested that the Chair inquire about the procedure and process to request an investigation to see if it was a Brown Act Violation conducted by their fellow commissioners.

Item 6: Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) National Heritage Month Celebration – May 27th. City Council Chambers Chair Dr. Steven Jones. Item not covered.

Item 7: Coffee After 5 with the HRC – Dates and Locations Chair Dr. Steven Jones – Item not covered,

Item 8: Next Regular Meeting of the HRC is MAY 20th, 2025, Southeastern Live Well Center – 5101 Market Street, San Diego, 92114 at 6:00 pm.

Item 9: Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.