



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 17th, 2026
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
In Person: Jackie Robinson YMCA
151 YMCA WAY, San Diego, CA. 92102
[SDHRC Zoom Link](#)

Executive Committee: Dr. Steven Jones (Chair); Rickie Brown (Vice Chair); Tootie Thomas (Secretary); Sabrina Bazzo, Dr. Sara Brown, Dr. Yessica Diaz Roman, Tyler Duncan, Edwin Lohr, Abdifatah Moalim, Nicole Murray-Ramirez (Chair Emeritus), Allie Ross, John Sequeira, and Danyel Walker.

Executive Director Liaison: Rev. Dr. Gerald Brown

Item 1. Call to order – Chair Dr. Jones 6:00 pm

- 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 Rickie Brown

- All 13 Commissioners were present.

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 – March 2026 – Chair Dr. Jones (Minutes Approved).

Item 5. Public Comment: – Executive Director Rev. Dr. Brown

Public Comment on Matters on the Agenda: None

Public Comment on Matters Not on the Agenda: Ms. Francine Maxwell – Ms. Maxwell commented on the mayor's trip to Washington DC, and the Chief of Police

Item: 6. Presentation: Juneteenth Celebration, Call to Action, and History in San Diego. Presenter: Professor, Pastor Dr. Esther Anthony Thomas – Brown.



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Professor Dr. Thomas gave the Commission and the general public an in-depth look at the history of Juneteenth and why the nation celebrates June 19th. She also provided an overview of the history of African American living in the San Diego Region and their continued struggle to overcome discrimination and prejudice, and to seek freedom and Justice. She called on the Commission to remember, and ask the question, “who is still waiting for freedom.”

Item 7. Presentation: Community Wellness – Imam Taha Hussane – Imam of Islamic Center of San Diego. Imam Hussane came to the Commission to give a status update on horrific shooting that occurred on Monday May 18th, at the Islamic Center, where 3 beloved members of his assembly were killed in a Hate Crime. Imam gave an overview of the history of Muslims coming to America. The Imam gave a detailed account of what happen that morning. He said there were 140 students that were present that morning. He said they have received an outpouring of love and support from all over San Diego County. The Imam offered these practical steps for the Commission to partner with his community.

1. Learn about each other: What do you know about the Muslim Community?
2. What are the challenges that the Muslim Community has faced here in San Diego?

Item 8. Presentation: City of San Diego Commission on Police Practice (CPP).

Presenter: Director of Policy and Initiatives Investigator Aaron Burgess and Director of Community Engagement and Policy Yasmeen Obeid.

They provide Police Oversight as set forth by Measure B, which passed by a majority vote of the citizens of San Diego. They are an investigation agency that does not have their full investigate power at present. They are still in process of negotiating with the Police Union. Once they have the powers needed, they will investigate the following: Police involved shooting, In Custody deaths, and any case of citizens' complaints involving law enforcement.



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Item 9. Action Items: (Require Vote)

- Action #1: The San Diego Foundation has agreed to provide a
- Sponsorship Grant of \$5000.00 for Civic Engagement to the City of San Diego Human Relations Commission.
- Motion 01: To accept San Diego Foundation \$5,000 Civic Engagement Sponsorship Award. Discussion. (Motion Passed).
- Action #2: Club FBS led by Ronald Clark & Brandon Johnson has agreed to be HRC's fiscal agent.
- Motion 2: To accept Club FBS as Fiscal Agents for the City of San Diego Human Relations Commission. Discussion. (Motion Passed).
- Motion 03: Assign the "Coffee after 5" Taskforce (Commissioners Walker, Commissioner Lohr, and Chair Jones to manage the distribution and accounting of those funds. (Motion Passed).
- Action Item #3: Launch an investigation regarding whether possible Brown Act Violations occurred during the IHRA Definition approval process by City Council.
- Motion #4: Request an investigation regarding whether a possible Brown Act Violation occurred during the IHRA Definition approval process. (Motion Failed). 6/6 roll call vote.

Meeting Adjourned by Motion: 8:07 pm