

**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, California**

July 23, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Vice-Chair Stall-Nash, Commissioner Cohen-Bowman,
Commissioner Melvin Jones, Commissioner Courtney Davis,
Commissioner Serafino (arrived at 6:07 p.m.)

Absent: Chair Weeks-Morris, Commissioner Morgan, Commissioner
Hannigan

4. REPORTS

A. Report from the Secretary

- i. There were 4 terms that expired June 30, 2025 – Chair Dela Weeks-Morris, Vice-Chair Demetra Stall-Nash, Commissioner Courtney Davis, Commissioner Morgan Hannigan, interviews held July 21, City Clerk Dawn Abrahamson to send out next steps of the recruitment process

B. Report from Council Member Liaison Matulac

- i. Update - vacant HRC Commissioner appointments scheduled for August 5
- ii. Update – Attended Vallejo Seaweed baseball game on July 12
- iii. Update – Attended County Club Crest Side cleanup on July 19
- iv. Update – Economic Development Commission presented at Council meeting a work plan – Reminded HRC there is a \$1000 allocation for Commission to identify some of their goals
- v. Responded to Commissioners

C. Commissioner Reports

- i. Commissioner Serafino attended and spoke at the Board of Supervisors meeting regarding the Sheriff's contract.

- ii. Commissioner Serafino spoke about HUD vouchers, noting 2,247 vouchers are available, only 1,638 are being utilized. She shared her personal experience applying for a voucher
 - Commissioner Davis emphasized the Commission's role in supporting education and guidance for individuals facing housing challenges particularly when navigating through the process.
- iii. Commissioner Davis asked what the difference is between Leadership Vallejo and Citizens Academy – ACA Knight responded
- iv. Commissioner Davis spoke about her experience with prostitution on Marin Street
- v. Commissioner Stall-Nash requested a tour of the Navigation Center

5. COMMUNITY FORUM

Speakers: Jose Carizales

6. CONSENT CALENDAR AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action:

A. Approval of Minutes

Recommendation: Approval of the minutes of April 23, 2025, regular meeting.

Action: Roll call vote – Motion carries unanimously (*absent Chair Weeks-Morris, Commissioner Hannigan, and Commissioner Serafino*)

7. ACTION CALENDAR

A. Creation of Subcommittee to Gather and Present Detailed Information about Homelessness and the Groups Working to Address it in Vallejo

➤ Speaker: Jose Carizales

Motion: Create Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Vice Chair Stall-Nash, Commissioner Jones, and Commissioner Serafino (*Vice Chair Stall-Nash makes motion, Commissioner Jones seconds the motion*)

Action: Roll call vote – Motion carries unanimously (*absent Chair Weeks-Morris, Commissioner Hannigan, and Commissioner Serafino*)

B. Discussion of Ways that the Commission could have Intentional Contacts and Conversations with the Community, to Inform them of the Commission's Purpose and Existence, including Regular Presence at Events or Action that may be taken by Individual Commissioners

Motion: Continue Item for further discussion of development of a questionnaire to next HRC meeting (*Commissioner Davis makes motion, Vice-Chair Stall-Nash seconds the motion*)

Action: Roll call vote – Motion carries unanimously (*absent Chair Weeks-Morris, Commissioner Hannigan, and Commissioner Serafino*)

- C. Discussion and Scheduling Special Meetings for the Commission to Meet More Frequently

Motion: Agendize Special Meeting in September (*Vice Chair Stall-Nash makes motion, Commissioner Jones seconds the motion*)

Action: Roll call vote – Motion carries unanimously (*absent Chair Weeks-Morris, Commissioner Hannigan, and Commissioner Serafino*)

8. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Presentation by First Responders' Transformation-How to Envision First Responders' Roles in the Community

Commissioner Davis shared updates. She apologized for the absence of a formal presentation. Elements taken out of three discussions – a mock session with the community held in October 2023, two remaining sessions in 2024 – one conducted in English and the other in Spanish. Her organization actively collaborates with statewide advocacy groups regarding transforming first response focusing on alternative response models, such as mobile crisis units. There are five different modalities that exist in Solano County.

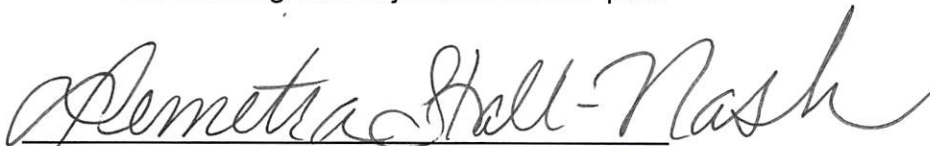
9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. iHART discussion/presentation

- i. Presentation – overview of iHART's services, mission, and contribution to the City
- ii. Details on training opportunities they offer

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.


DEMETRA STALL-NASH, VICE-CHAIR

ATTEST:


VANESSA GARCIA, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY