



# City of Sunnyvale

## Administrative Meeting Minutes Human Relations Commission

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Thursday, April 9, 2026

7:00 PM

Online and Redwood Conference Room,  
City Hall, 456 W. Olive Ave., Sunnyvale,  
CA 94086

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Zapata called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

### **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Chair Zapata led the salute to the United States flag.

### **ROLL CALL**

- Present:** 4 - Chair Maria Paulina Zapata  
Commissioner Claudia Camacho  
Commissioner Aaron Terry  
Commissioner Pedro Valencia Landa
- Absent:** 3 - Vice Chair Nenuca Syquia  
Commissioner Joshua Charnota  
Commissioner Ariana Ziolkowski

Vice Chair Syquia's absence is excused.  
Commissioner Charnota's absence is excused.  
Commissioner Ziolkowski's absence is excused.  
Council Liaison Cisneros (present).

### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

### **STUDY SESSION**

- A**      [26-0432](#)      Stories of Sunnyvale: Commissioner 5, Commissioner 6, and  
Commissioner 7

Commissioner Landa shared their personal story as part of the "Stories of Sunnyvale" initiative. Commissioner Charnota and Commissioner Ziolkowski were unable to share their stories due to excused absences. The presentation highlighted

themes such as identity, community experiences, professional background, lived experiences, and resilience.

Commissioners engaged in discussion and reflection following the presentation. The Commission expressed appreciation for the opportunity to learn more about Commissioner Landa's background and perspectives.

Public Comment opened at 7:24 p.m.

No speakers.

Public Comment closed at 7:24 p.m.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Public Comment opened at 7:25 p.m.

No speakers.

Public Comment closed at 7:25 p.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Landa moved and Commissioner Terry seconded the motion to approve agenda item 1.A as submitted.

The motion carried with the following vote:

**Yes:** 4 - Chair Zapata  
Commissioner Camacho  
Commissioner Terry  
Commissioner Valencia Landa

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 3 - Vice Chair Syquia  
Commissioner Charnota  
Commissioner Ziolkowski

**1.A**     [26-0433](#)     Approve the Human Relations Commission Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2026

Approve the Human Relations Commission Minutes of March 12, 2026 as submitted.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS**

**2**        [26-0434](#)     Update on City Council's Action at the April 7, 2026 Meeting Regarding Adopting a Resolution Dissolving the Human Relations Commission and Transition.

EAI (Equity, Access, & Inclusion) Manager Fernanda Perdomo Arciniegas provided the staff report, sharing that at the Tuesday, April 9 City Council meeting, the Council approved the dissolution of the Human Relations Commission, effective Friday, April 10. The Commission will transition to a Human Relations Committee.

Deputy City Manager Connie Verceles noted that although this was a consent item on the City Council's agenda, staff had the opportunity to brief Council Members, who expressed their gratitude and appreciation for the Commission's hard work. They also encouraged Commissioners to apply to serve on the new committee.

Public Comment opened at 7:29 p.m.

No speakers.

Public Comment closed at 7:29 p.m.

### **PRESENTATION**

**B**        [26-0435](#)        Recognition of Human Relations Commissioners for their Service

Council Liaison Cisneros expressed appreciation for the Commission.

Council Liaison Cisneros and Council Member Chang presented each Commissioner with recognition certificates on behalf of the City Council.

EAI Manager Perdomo Arciniegas thanked the Commissioners for their work, highlighting belonging initiatives. They also thanked Recording Officer Celena Ruiz and IT Support Patrick McEntee for their assistance with set-up and technical support, and expressed appreciation to Deputy City Manager Verceles for their leadership and guidance.

Deputy City Manager Verceles thanked EAI Manager Perdomo Arciniegas for their hard work and commitment in staffing the Commission.

Commissioners shared their gratitude for the opportunity to serve, reflected on breaking barriers, and expressed enthusiasm for what lies ahead.

### **NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS**

#### **-Commissioner Comments**

None.

**-Staff Comments**

EAI Manager Perdomo Arciniegas shared that cupcakes were provided to celebrate the Commissioners' hard work and to recognize their dedication as they transition into the next stage.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Zapata adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.