

MINUTES
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION
February 23, 2026

A. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 6:05 p.m. the regular meeting of the Community Relations Commission convened. Chair Khalilah Durias, Vice-Chair Cynthia Gonzalez, Commissioner Tiffany Lopez joined via-zoom, Commissioner Helaine Stallion, Commissioner Meaghan Salas, Commissioner Rene Camper-Stewart, and Commissioner Alejandro Castro were present. Staff member present was Martha Guillen, Acting Secretary. Saluted the Flag

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. SUBJECT: Approval of the Regular Meeting of Monday, January 26, 2026.

MOTION: Commissioner Helaine Stallion called a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 26, 2026, and Commissioner Tiffany Lopez seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Commissioner

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public speakers.

D. REPORT

1. SUBJECT: Virtual presentations by Sonya Akintonde, President of Xi Kappa Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and President Lekishia White, VCAC Delta Sigma Theta Inc., on the history of the organizations and the significance of Black History Month.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Community Relations Commission receive and file.

DISCUSSION: The CRC Commissioners received verbal presentations from Ms. Sonya Akintonde, President of Xi Kappa Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and President Lekishia White, VCAC Delta Sigma Theta Inc., highlighting the history of their organizations and the significance of Black History Month

E. COMMISSION BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: Confirm the date, time and location for the 2026 City of Oxnard Multicultural Festival.

RECOMMENDATION: That the CRC discuss and approve a date, time and location.

DISCUSSION: The CRC Commissioners recommended that the 2026 Multicultural Festival continue to take place on the first Saturday of October. This year the 2026 MCF will take place on Saturday, October 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Plaza Park in Downtown Oxnard.

MOTION: Commissioner Tiffany Lopez made a motion that the 2026 MCF take place on Saturday, October 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Plaza Park in Downtown Oxnard. Commissioner Alejandro Castro Seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

2. SUBJECT: Establish and appoint three Commissioners to the Multicultural Festival Ad-Hoc Committee.

RECOMMENDATION: That the CRC create a Multicultural Festival Ad-Hoc Committee and appoint members. This Ad-Hoc Committee will sunset on October 19, 2026.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Tiffany Lopez nominated herself, along with Commissioner Meaghan Salas, and Commissioner Alejandro Castro to be appointed to the MCF Ad-Hoc Committee.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Helaine Stallion to appoint the following Commissioners Tiffany Lopez, Meaghan Salas and Alejandro Castro to the MCF Ad-Hoc Committee. Vice Chair Cynthia Gonzalez seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

F. REPORT OF THE COMMISSION SECRETARY

Commission secretary reported about the upcoming events:

- 1) Construction Advisory -Road Closure/Detour Signs ongoing through mid-April 2026
- 2) Spring Float Tour routes start on March 18 -26th. Visit City website for float locations. Float routes begin at 5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- 3) Special CAG/Committee Brown Act, Bylaws and Powers & Duties will be taking place for all CAGS, and roll call will be taken and will count towards attendance. Monday, April 27th at 5 p.m.

G. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Rene Camper-Stewart served as a judge for the preliminary 40th Annual African American Speech Exposition at Cesar Chavez School.

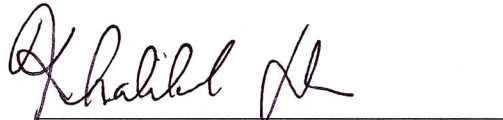
H. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Vice Chair Cynthia Gonzalez requested that the family members of Odessa Newman and David Garcia be invited to the March CRC meeting.

I. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:21 p.m. Vice Chair Gonzalez motion to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner Meaghan Salas seconded. The motion carried unanimously.


Martha Guillen, Secretary


Khalilah Durias, CRC Chair