

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**Minutes Commission Regular Meeting**  
**February 25, 2025**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Gabriela Lopez-Vazquez called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Commissioners Kobey Sage Chew, Cristian Liu, Jory Hamilton, Vice Chair Sriram Rajagopalan, and Chair Gaby Lopez-Vasquez

Absent Commissioners: Gildas Cheung, Melantha Jenkins, Chloe Sow

Staff Present: Human Services Manager Jen Boone, Human Services Coordinators Anny Smith and Amanda Judd Human Services Coordinator

Meeting Recorder: Youth Services Coordinator Regi Schubiger

**3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Human Services Manager Jen Boone read the land acknowledgment.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Gabriela Lopez-Vazquez requested a motion to approve the December 12, 2024 minutes. Commissioner Jory Hamilton motioned for approval. Commissioner Kobey Sage Chew seconded. Motion carried (Yes: 5 No: 0).

**5. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

None

**6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

a. City's Coordinated Response to Homelessness

Human Services Manager Jen Boone provided an overview of the City's coordinated response to homelessness including the continuum of care and action plan.

b. Behind the Scenes Series-After the Recommendations

Human Services Coordinator Anny Smith gave the first presentation of the Behind-the-Scenes Series that focused on the contracting process for 2025-2026 funded programs.

**7. COMMUNICATIONS**

a. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Jory Hamilton shared a message from Commissioner Melantha Jenkins stating that she will not be seeking reappointment to the Commission due to relocating to Redmond. Additionally, Jory met with a community member who is interested in engaging with the Human Services Commission.

Vice Chair Sriram Rajagopalan shared some information he learned regarding Pride Across the Bridge through social media research and meeting with staff.

Chair Gaby Lopez-Vasquez shared that she is part of Leadership Eastside focusing on youth mental health. Her group is doing this work with KTUB.

Commissioner Kobey Sage Chew shared that he attended a presentation on the Recovery Beyond Program hosted by NAMI Eastside.

Commissioner Cristian Liu reported that he recently had an article published online. The article focuses on using health data to combat gun violence. Commissioner Liu emailed the article link to City and staff who, in turn, forwarded to all Commission members.

**b. Staff Reports & Announcements**

Staff requests that information concerning Commissioner attendance be directed to staff, not Commissioners. Any Commissioner reports outside of Human Services Commission meetings should be sent to Chair, Vice Chair, and Staff.

Human Services Coordinator Anny Smith discussed alternative contracting options for Pride Across the Bridge that may be better aligned with their current volunteer staff capacity.

Human Services Coordinator Amanda Judd shared that 62 hotel vouchers were distributed during the recent severe weather episode.

Jen overviewed the upcoming reappointments and new applicant process for the Human Services Commission.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Gabriela Lopez-Vazquez asked for a motion to adjourn meeting. Commissioner Jory Hamilton motioned and was seconded by Commissioner Kobey Sage Chew. Meeting was adjourned at 8:41pm.