

**CITY OF KIRKLAND  
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION  
Minutes Commission Regular Meeting  
August 13, 2024**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Gabriela Lopez-Vazquez called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Commissioners Kobey Sage Chew, Melantha Jenkins, Cristian Liu, Chloe Sow, and Vice Chair Sriram Rajagopalan.

Commissioner Jory Hamilton joined at 6:40pm; Commissioner Gildas Cheung joined at 7:20pm

Staff Present: Jen Boone, Human Services Manager, Regi Schubiger, Youth Services Coordinator, Antoinette Smith, Human Services Coordinator, and Amanda Judd, Human Services Coordinator.

Meeting Recorder: Regi Schubiger, Youth Services Coordinator

**3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Commissioner Cristian Liu read the land acknowledgment. Commissioner Melantha Jenkins will read the acknowledgment on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Gabriela Lopez-Vazquez requested a motion to approve the July 23, 2024, minutes. Melantha Jenkins motioned for approval. Commissioner Cristian Liu seconded. Motion carried (Yes: 5 No: 0, Abstention: 1).

**5. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

The following individuals gave public comment in-person. Marc Vermouth - The Sophia Way, Enrica Hampton – Kinderling, Estella Williamson - Harborview Abuse & Trauma Center, and Sharmila Rathinam, Eat Happy Now.

The following individuals gave public comment virtually. Raven Travillian - Ubumwe Women Association, Amanda Hashagen - Urban Art Works, Jerry Kroon - Eastside Legal Assistance Program, Irene Muller - Essentials First, and Chanel Flemings – Archdiocesan Housing Authority, Coordinated Care Agency

**6. BUSINESS**

**a. 2025-2026 Human Services Grant Funding Recommendations**

The Commission discussed the proposed grant recommendations prepared by staff.

## **7. COMMUNICATIONS**

### **a. Commissioner Reports**

None

### **b. Staff Reports & Announcements**

None

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Gabriela Lopez-Vazquez asked for a motion to adjourn meeting. Commissioner Cristian Liu motioned and was seconded by Commissioner Gildas Cheung. Meeting was adjourned at 9:44pm.