

Meeting Minutes

Human Relations Commission

Regular Meeting

May 14, 2025 | 6:00 p.m.
Chandler City Council Chambers
88 E. Chicago St., Chandler, AZ



Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Agarwal at 6:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Commission Attendance

Vice Chair Kriti Agarwal
Commissioner Betty Ramirez
Commissioner Garry Ong
Commissioner Kent Lane
Commissioner Joacim Mattison
Commissioner Omar Rodriguez
Commissioner Jevan Bremby
Commissioner Tony Pham

Staff Attendance

Niki Tapia, DEI Officer
CC Cantabrana, Management Assistant
Commander Dan Shellum, Chandler Police

Commissioners Absent

Commissioner Shaunna Risinger
Commissioner Pamela Morris
Chair Erica Maxwell

Scheduled and Unscheduled Public Appearances

None

Consent Agenda Motion and Vote

Commissioner Ramirez moved to approve the April 9, 2025, Human Relations Commission meeting minutes; Seconded by Commissioner Lane.

Motions carried unanimously (8-0).

Discussion

Introductions

The Human Relations Commission is pleased to welcome new members, Commissioners Bremby, Mattison, and Risinger, who was excused absent. Each HRC member took a moment to introduce themselves, sharing how long they have lived in Chandler and providing a brief overview of their background.

FY 24/25 Event Data

Postponed to a future meeting due to Chair Maxwell's absence at this meeting.

June Board Retreat Agenda

There was a discussion regarding the agenda for the upcoming June 11 board retreat, which will include a presentation focused on sharing goals and objectives. The Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Division will also bring in a consultant to help facilitate the discussion.

Instant Language Assistant (ILA) Demonstration

A demonstration of the Instant Language Assistant (ILA) was provided during the meeting. ILA is a real-time translation device implemented at major public-facing city service counters to enhance language accessibility for residents.

DEI Division Updates

DEI shared updates on the upcoming Culture Music in the Park event celebrating Juneteenth and Freedom Week, scheduled for Saturday, June 14, 2025, from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. at Dr. A.J. Chandler Park West. The community is invited to enjoy live music by Vaughn Willis & Ear Candy, along with food from Kravins Soul Food & Barbeque, snacks like OMG Shaved Ice, interactive art experiences, nonprofit and city booths, and a photo booth—all free to attend.

Chandler Police Department Updates

The Chandler Police Department shared updates indicating that violent crime is down in Chandler and reaffirmed that the city continues to be a safe community.

Member Comments/Announcements

Calendar

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 6 p.m., in the Chandler City Council Chambers, 88 E. Chicago St., Chandler, AZ

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.


CC Cantabrana, Recording Secretary
Kriti Agarwal, Vice Chair