

Meeting Minutes

Human Relations Commission

Regular Meeting

April 22, 2026 | 6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers Conference Room
88 E. Chicago St., Chandler, AZ 85225



Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Commission Attendance

Chair Kriti Agarwal
Vice Chair Betty Ramirez
Commissioner Pamela Morris
Commissioner Garry Ong
Commissioner Shauna Risinger
Commissioner Joacim Mattisson
Commissioner Jevan Bremby
Commissioner Tony Pham
Commissioner Erica Maxwell

Staff Attendance

Niki Tapia, Cultural Development Ast. Director
CC Cantabrana, Connection & Impact
Taylor Ducklow, Braver Spaces Consulting
Adrianna Erickson, Connection & Impact
Dara Gibson, Connection & Impact

Commissioners Absent

Commissioner Kent Lane
Commissioner Omar Rodriguez

Scheduled and Unscheduled Public Appearances

None

Consent Agenda Motion and Vote

Commissioner Mattison made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 25, 2026. Vice Chair Ramirez seconded the motion. All in favor of approving the meeting minutes. (9-0).

Commissioner Risinger made a motion to cancel the scheduled meeting on June 24, 2026 as a summer recess. Vice Chair Ramirez seconded the motion. All in favor of approving the motion. (9-0)

Action Agenda

Discussion

Connection & Impact Updates

Niki Tapia shared that this would be Commissioner Pham's final meeting on the Human Relations Commission and expressed appreciation for his time, service, and contributions to the Commission. It was also noted that an individual from the Indigenous community has applied and expressed interest in serving on the HRC. Adrianna Erickson provided updates on upcoming events, including the Asian American Community Connection and the Women's Empowerment Luncheon event. Dara Gibson also shared information about the upcoming Culture Music in the Park event, which will celebrate Juneteenth.

Chandler Police Department Updates

Commander Shellum shared that there has been no significant uptick in crime in Chandler. He also highlighted a recent safety training hosted for faith leaders, which focused on equipping religious organizations with practical tools and strategies to enhance safety and preparedness. He emphasized the importance of these efforts in helping faith communities feel supported, prepared, and connected to local law enforcement, ultimately strengthening overall community safety.

HRC Goal Setting Part 2 with Taylor Ducklow

Taylor Ducklow led an interactive session that provided HRC members with the opportunity to share their knowledge and experiences related to community building, outreach, and administration. The session emphasized the importance of capturing these insights as the Commission continues to grow and evolve, ensuring that its work remains responsive, collaborative, and community-informed. Ducklow also offered feedback on potential next steps for the HRC, including exploring updates to the bylaws to incorporate a youth member to serve as a youth voice on the Commission, developing an internship opportunity, and establishing subcommittees to support more focused and effective work moving forward.

Member Comments/Announcements

Calendar

- May 8, Women Empowerment Luncheon, Avion Center
- May 12, Asian American Community Connection, ASU Chandler Innovation Center
- May 27, Human Relations Commission Regular Meeting, Council Conference Room
- June 12, Miss Juneteenth Arizona Pageant, Chandler Center for the Arts
- June 13, Culture Music in the Park, Dr. A.J. Chandler Park

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at 6 p.m., in the Chandler Council Conference Room located at 88 E. Chicago St., Chandler, AZ 85225.

Adjourn

Commissioner Mattison made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Ong seconded the motion. All in favor to adjourn the meeting (9-0).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

CC Cantabrana, Recording Secretary

Kriti Agarwal, Chair