

**CITY OF KIRKLAND
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
Minutes Commission Regular Meeting
May 28, 2024**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jory Hamilton called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Commissioners Cristian Liu, Gildas Cheung, Sriram Rajagopalan, Kobey Sage Chew, Chloe Sow, Melantha Jenkins, and Vice Chair Gabriela Lopez-Vazquez.

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 Chloe Sow read the acknowledgment. Commissioner Kobey Sage Chew will read at the June 11th Special meeting.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Jory Hamilton requested a motion to approve the May 14, 2024 minutes. Commissioner Vice Chair Gabriela Lopez-Vazquez made a motion for approval. Commissioner Gildas Cheung seconded. Motion carried (Yes: 7 No: 0).

5. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Addressing the Human Services Commission were Cindy Charlebois Druschba, Mitchell Billing, and Deanna Davis.

6. BUSINESS

a. Annual Review of Code of Ethics & Conduct Agreements

Commissioners reviewed the code of ethics and code of conduct agreements signed to serve on the Human Services Commission.

b. 2025-2026 Goal Area 4 and 5 Grant Application Review

Goal Area 4 and 5 applications were reviewed by the Human Services Commission. A total of 16 applications were discussed.

Health Point – Dental Program, Health Point – Medical Program, IKRON – Behavioral Health Services, Friends of Youth – Mental Health & SUD Services, 4 Tomorrow – Mental Health Coordination & Gap Therapy, ACRS – Whole Health Oriented Mental Health, Bridge Disability Ministries – Meyer Medical Equipment, IKRON – Integrated Employment Services, YWCA – Eastside Employment Services, Hopelink – Employment, Kindering Center – ParentChild+, Washington Autism Alliance – System Navigation, Urban ArtWorks – Mural Apprentice Program, Old Friends Club – Dementia Social Respite Program, Boys & Girls Club Mental Health Initiative with Youth Eastside Services, ACRS-Children Youth & Families Program.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Sriram Rajagopalan reported out on the work the subgroup including Commissioners Cristian Liu, Gildas Cheung, and Vice Chair Gabriela Lopez-Vazquez have been doing to provide feedback on the City's Human Services Element of the Comprehensive Plan. Draft recommendations will be sent to Commissioners on Wednesday, May 29th for review. Reviews and comments are due by Friday, May 31st.

Commissioner Sriram Rajagopalan reported out on attending the Planning Commission public hearing for the Human Services Element of the Comprehensive plan last week.

b. Staff Reports and Announcements

Human Services Manager Jen Boone shared an update on the City's Response to Homelessness and Resolution-5631.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jory Hamilton asked for a motion to adjourn meeting. Commissioner Gildas Cheung motioned and was seconded by Commissioner Sriram Rajagopalan. Meeting was adjourned at 9:01 pm.