

**CITY OF KIRKLAND
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
Minutes Commission Regular Meeting
February 27, 2024**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Commissioners, Cristian Liu, Sriram Rajagopalan, Chair Jory Hamilton, Vice Chair Gabriela Lopez-Vazquez.

Commissioner Gildas Cheung joined at 6:58pm

Commissioners Melantha Jenkins, Chloe Sow were not in attendance.

Staff Present: Jen Boone, Human Services Manager; Antoinette Smith, Human Services Coordinator

Meeting Recorder: Regi Schubiger, Youth Services Coordinator

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Commissioner Sriram Rajagopalan read the acknowledgment at the February meeting. Commissioner Cristian Liu will read at the March meeting.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chair Gabriela Lopez-Vazquez requested a motion to approve the January 23, 2024, minutes. Commissioner Cristian Liu made a motion for approval, Commissioner Gildas Cheung seconded. Motion carried (Yes: 5 No: 0).

5. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

- Michael Bailey – Housing Compass Alliance
- Karen Hartman – Kirkland Senior Council

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

a. Sound Generations

Phirun Lach, Transportation Director from Sound Generations presented on the Hyde Shuttle program.

7. BUSINESS

a. 2025-2026 Funding Priorities Discussion

Reviewed the City's community goal areas and the most recent needs assessment to help inform and finalize the priorities discussed at last month's meeting.

b. 2023 Agency Performance Review

Staff presented how each agency receiving funding performed in 2023, including service units, residents served, demographics, and outcomes.

c. 2023-24 Human Services Set-Aside Funds

Staff presented revised recommendations on how to approach the remaining set-aside dollars available for 23-24. Commission provided feedback on how to proceed.

d. March Meeting and Equity Training Dates

Commission received an update on the calendar for March, including scheduling the regular March meeting and joint equity training.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Commissioner Reports

None

b. Staff Reports and Announcements

Currently in active recruitment for vacant commissioner position. Candidates selected to be interviewed will be presented by the Interview Selection Committee at the March 5th City Council meeting. Anticipate position being filled by end of March.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Gabriela Lopez-Vazquez motioned to adjourn meeting and seconded by Commissioner Cristian Liu. Meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm.