

CITY OF BELLEVUE
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

May 20, 2024
6:00 p.m.

Crossroads Community Center
Community Room 134

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chair Singh, Commissioners Imfura, Rashid, Wong, White, Phan, Gonzalez

COMMISSIONERS REMOTE: None

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Christy Stangland, Toni Esparza, Donna Adair, Asma Ahmed, Ruth Blaw, Saada Hiltz, Andrew Ndayambaje, Gysel Galaviz, Stephanie Keblish, Shelley Brittingham, Michael Shiosaki, Department of Parks & Community Services

COUNCIL LIAISON: Not present

POLICE LIAISON: Not present

COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Joel Leiva Rodriguez, Centering Communities of Color; Darya Anoshei, Lucy Lu, Bellevue Diversity Advantage Network; Sophia Sekits, YouthLink Board

RECORDING SECRETARY: Gysel Galaviz

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Singh who presided.

All Commissioners were present.

Chair Singh took a moment to note public comment will not be taken, but members of the public are still welcome to observe.

2. COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF

Department of Parks & Community Services Director, Michael Shiosaki, provided opening remarks regarding Human Services funding and thanked the commission and community members for their commitment to Human Services and equity in the funding process.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Officers

Human Services Manager Ruth Blaw announced that the Commission will be asked to elect someone to serve as Vice Chair.

A motion to open nominations for vice chair was made by Commissioner Rashid. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Imfura and the motion carried unanimously.

Chair Singh nominated Commissioner White to serve as Vice Chair.

There were no additional nominations.

The vote carried unanimously, and Commissioner White was elected to serve as Vice Chair

A motion to close nominations for Vice Chair was made by Commissioner Rashid. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wong and the motion was carried unanimously.

B. Funding Cycle Training for Commissioners and Community Members

Human Services Manager Ruth Blaw introduced Dr. Ralina Joseph, professor at the University of Washington and the founding and acting director of the University of Washington's Center for Communication, Difference, and Equity. Dr. Joseph provided training in strategies for making equitable funding recommendations.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Singh adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.