

CITY OF BELLEVUE
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

June 8, 2024
9:00 a.m.

MSEEC
Douglas Fir Community Room

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, Ruth Blaw, Saada Hilts, Andrew Ndayambaje, Gysel Galaviz, Stephanie Keblish, Department of Parks & Community Services

COUNCIL LIAISON: Councilmember Zahn(CM Zahn)

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 9:03 a.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 CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Zahn provided opening remarks. CM Zahn expressed their gratitude to the commission and community members for participating in the Human Services Funding application review. They also discussed the need in the community and importance of this funding.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review of Application

Human Services Manager Ruth Blaw thanked all present for joining this special meeting on a Saturday and gave an overview of the schedule/expectations for the day.

Human Services Planners performed a skit to simulate how each application review would be conducted within each group.

The applications were divided between three groups. Each group consisted of a Human Services planner, commissioners, and a community member. The groups reviewed each application and gave input related to funding.

Ruth Blaw called to break for lunch at 12:00p.m.

Application review continued at 12:30p.m.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Singh adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.