

City of Redlands
Human Relations Commission
Council Chambers, Civic Center
35 Cajon Street, Redlands, CA 92373
June 8, 2026
6:30pm

Commissioners Present: Vanessa Aranda, Germaine Miles, Daniela Ramirez-Ponce, Emma Bernstein, Ken Ford, Erin Stempien

Staff Liaison Present – Sarah Redinger

A. Call to Order: Attendance

1. Members present are listed above.
2. Absences: Louisa Amis

B. Reading of Committee Mission and Purpose

1. Read by Commissioner Ford.

C. Public Comment

1. Ken Ford stepped out of role as chair temporarily to speak as a member of public. He asked the commission to consider bringing to the City Council a proposal to make a statement about June being national Pride Month.

D. Approval of the Minutes from Meeting on March 9, 2026

1. Motion to approve the March 9, 2026 draft meeting minutes by made by Miles, seconded by Ford. Approval of minutes passed unanimously.

E. New Business

1. Presentation and discussion regarding the Ralph M. Brown Act by City Attorney Yvette Abich Garcia.
 - a. Topics included an overview, potential violations of the Act, quorums, meetings, social media, teleconferencing, and hypothetical situations. A question and answer session was also held.
2. Report from Chairperson Aranda regarding her May 27, 2026 meeting with the City Manager, with discussion and possible action.
 - a. Chairperson Aranda shared a summary of responses of May 27, 2026 meeting with City Manager Charles Duggan, Assistant City Manager Janice McConnell and Staff Liason Sarah Redinger. This included the city manager providing guidance, the commission's advisory role to city council, outreach activities that were within the scope of the commission's role, and Brown Act reminders related to social media and seeking input from city council members.

- b. Commissioner Stepien suggested that each HRC member ask their respective area City Council member for their vision for HRC.
3. Report from Event Cosponsor Subcommittee and discussion and possible action regarding ideas for Human Relations Commission participation and promotion of upcoming City events.
 - a. Commissioner Ramirez-Ponce shared that a list was started by the subcommittee, including the Redlands Saturday Morning Farmers Market, but they will continue to add more.
4. Discussion and possible action regarding the scheduling of a special meeting for the Human Relations Commission in July or August to discuss and take possible actions on items related to Human Relations Commission outreach.
 - a. Chairperson Aranda moved to hold an additional Human Relations Commission meeting on July 6, 2026 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers to continue discussion of possible outreach. Commissioner Miles seconded the motion. Passed with unanimous approval.

F. Old Business: None

G. Treasurer's Report: None

H. Staff Report: None

I. Council Report: None

J. Adjournment

1. Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm.
2. The next meeting will be held as a special meeting on July 6, 2026 at 6:30PM.