



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS  
FOR THE MEETING OF  
THE OFFICE OF PREVENTION SERVICES TASK FORCE**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2023**

**11:00 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.**

**HYBRID MEETING (using Zoom)**

Physical Location: 510 S Vermont Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90020  
(Room 9K02)

[Below is the link to the full meeting recording](#)

[Meeting Recording](#)

**I. OPENING AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

1. The meeting was called to order by Dr. D'Artagnan Scorza, Executive Director of Racial Equity, at 11:00 A.M.

Attachment(s):

[Meeting Slides](#)

[Executive Office: Virtual and Hybrid Commission Meetings](#)

[County Counsel guidance on Prevention Services Task Force meetings](#)

[Vermont Corridor Parking Directions](#)

2. Mark Lee, Chief Executive Office - Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative, provided instructional information and disclosures to attendees.
3. Chair Scorza shared a land acknowledgment to acknowledge the ancestral land and peoples of Los Angeles County. He also provided a welcome and opening remarks.
4. Mark Lee conducted roll call.

**Present** (17): Songhai Armstead, Carlos Benavides, Yahniie Bridges, Robert Byrd\*, Jackie Contreras, Megan McClaire (as an alternate for Barbara Ferrer), Alicia L. Garoupa, Tamara Hunter, Kelly LoBianco, Minsun Meeker, Carrie Miller, Angela Parks-Pyles, D'Artagnan Scorza, Fran Sereseres, Ashlee Oh (as an alternate for Cheri Todoroff), Laura Trejo, John Wagner

**Absent** (5): Christina Ghaly, Tyrone Howard, Tracie Mann, Kiara Payne, Tiara Summers

*Special Note: Some members or alternates arrived late and/or left the meeting early, thus some votes may reflect absences. A quorum was present at all times.*

*\*Member Byrd attended virtually under AB 2449 "just cause" provisions. His attendance did not count toward physical quorum requirements but did count toward votes.*

5. Public Comment Period for Specific Agenda Items

Public Comment: None

Attachment(s): None

## II. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION

6. Chair Scorza provided a brief overview of process and consideration of necessary actions regarding Board report back and Task Force next steps.

Attachment(s): [Designed Task Force Report with red track change boxes](#)  
(Version 3/6/23)

[Appendix Book 1](#) and [Appendix Book 2](#) (Version 3/10/23)

Members provided their feedback regarding the draft report, including suggested edits to strengthen specific sections. Alternate member McClaire and member Meeker requested additional clarity on staffing structures in the sections describing the Prevention and Promotion Coordination Team (PPCT), including the role of departmental staff. Member Sereseres requested that the same section on PPCT staffing/structure be revised to incorporate community members with lived expertise and experience, which was supported by additional members. Members Armstead, Wagner, Meeker, Garoupa, and Hunter requested the inclusion of clarifying language in the section in Life Course Outcomes to denote that the outcomes presented in the report are a starting point for ongoing development of metrics.

Members discussed how the Task Force should structure its submission of documents and recommendations to the Board, including potentially dividing sections of the report.

Member Ghaly made a motion to only present the 14 recommendations, voting record for those recommendations, and executive summary to the Board. Alternate member McClaire seconded the motion. A vote was conducted but did not pass:

**Yes:** 4 – Gina Eachus (as an alternate for Songhai Armstead), Megan McClaire (as an alternate for Barbara Ferrer), Christina Ghaly, Laura Trejo

**No:** 9 – Yahniiie Bridges, Jackie Contreras, Alicia L. Garoupa, Tamara Hunter, Kelly LoBianco, Carrie Miller, D'Artagnan Scorza, Ashlee Oh (as an alternate for Cheri Todoroff), John Wagner

**Abstain:** 5 – Carlos Benavides, Robert Byrd, Minsun Meeker, Angela Parks-Pyles, Fran Sereseres

**Absent:** 4 – Tyrone Howard, Tracie Mann, Kiara Payne, Tiara Summers

Members continued discussing options on submission, including a hybrid approach to reflect that the report is a starting point for Phase 1. Chair Scorza proposed submitting a report back to the Board, inclusive of three attachments:

- Attachment I: Executive Summary (previously Section I of the report)
- Attachment II: Recommendations (previously Section IV of the report), submitted with a voting record on each recommendation
- Attachment : Remaining context and its associated exhibits (the remaining sections of the report), pending content changes made by members following the vote.

Member Sereseres made a motion to accept this proposal, which was seconded by Member Miller. The motion was approved by the following vote:

**Yes:** 19 – Gina Eachus (as an alternate for Songhai Armstead), Carlos Benavides, Yahniiie Bridges, Robert Byrd, Jackie Contreras, Megan McClaire (as an alternate for Barbara Ferrer), Alicia L. Garoupa, Christina Ghaly, Tamara Hunter, Kelly LoBianco, Minsun Meeker, Carrie Miller, Angela Parks-Pyles, Kiara Payne, D’Artagnan Scorza, Fran Sereseres, Ashlee Oh (as an alternate for Cheri Todoroff), Laura Trejo, John Wagner

**No:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**Absent:** 3 – Tyrone Howard, Tracie Mann, Tiara Summers

The Task Force proceeded to discuss and collaboratively make edits to sections of Attachment III, including addressing concerns raised by members earlier in the meeting. These edits were broadcasted on screen both in the meeting room as well as over Zoom and can be seen in red in the version of the document below:

*Attachment(s):*      [Edits made collaboratively during 3/10 Meeting](#)

Chair Scorza suggested that the Task Force move to accept and approve Attachment III with the content changes discussed during the 3/10 meeting. Alternate member McClaire made a motion to do so, which was seconded by Member Bridges. The motion was approved by the following vote:

**Yes:** 15 – Carlos Benavides, Yahniiie Bridges, Robert Byrd, Jackie Contreras, Alicia L. Garoupa, Tamara Hunter, Kelly LoBianco, Minsun Meeker, Carrie Miller, Angela Parks-Pyles, Kiara Payne, D’Artagnan Scorza, Fran Sereseres, Ashlee Oh (as an alternate for Cheri Todoroff), John Wagner

**No:** 2 – Megan McClaire (as an alternate for Barbara Ferrer), Christina Ghaly

**Abstain:** 2 – Gina Eachus (as an alternate for Songhai Armstead), Laura Trejo

**Absent:** 3 – Tyrone Howard, Tracie Mann, Tiara Summers

7. Chair Scorza briefly provided an overview of the prepared slides on Phase 2 of the Task Force, including ongoing and proposed activities, a draft workflow and process timeline, and considerations for developing a governance structure. These items will be discussed in more detail during the next Task Force meeting on March 31, 2023.

### **III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND CLOSING**

8. General Public Comments to Address Task Force-Related Subject Matters  
Public Comment: None
  
9. The meeting was adjourned at 1:31 P.M.

The full upcoming schedule can be found on the task force website at:  
<https://ceo.lacounty.gov/ardi/prevention-taskforce/>