



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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2023

**9:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.
VIRTUAL MEETING**

Below is the link to the full meeting recording, which includes a transcript:

[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 9:00 A.M.

Attachment(s): **[Meeting Slides](#)**

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 (18): Gina Eachus (as an alternate for Songhai Armstead), Carlos Benavides, Robert Byrd, Jackie Contreras, Megan McClaire (as an alternate for Barbara Ferrer), Alicia L. Garoupa, Christina Ghaly, Jacquelyn McCroskey (as an alternate Tamara Hunter), Kelly LoBianco, Tracie Mann, Ramona Merchan (as an alternate for Minsun Meeker), Carrie Miller, Angela Parks-Pyles, D'Artagnan Scorza, Tiara Summers, Ashlee Oh (as an alternate for Cheri Todoroff), Solomon Shibeshi (as an alternate for Laura Trejo), Anna Potere (as an alternate for John Wagner)

Absent (3): Yahnii Bridges, Tyrone Howard, Kiara Payne, Fran Sereseres

Note: Some members or alternates arrived late and/or left the meeting early, thus some votes may reflect absences. In addition, there were technical difficulties relating to the Zoom platform during the meeting, leading to members needing to log on and off

multiple times. Business was only conducted once a quorum had been established throughout the meeting.

5. Public Comment Period for Specific Agenda Items

Public Comment: Sabrina Whigham, Hector Ramirez

Attachment(s): None

6. Review and take appropriate action on the Minutes of the Prevention Services Task Force Regular Meeting on January 27, 2023.

Attachment(s): [January 27 Meeting Minutes](#)

Chair Scorza provided an opportunity for members to suggest revisions to the minutes for the January 27 Meeting Minutes. Seeing none, he suggested to members to call for motion to adopt the minutes. Member LoBianco put forward a motion, which was seconded by Member Byrd. The minutes were approved by the following vote:

Yes: 12 – Gina Eachus (as an alternate for Songhai Armstead), Robert Byrd, Jackie Contreras, Megan McClaire (as an alternate for Barbara Ferrer), Alicia G. Garoupa, Jacquelyn McCroskey (as an alternate for Tamara Hunter), Kelly LoBianco, Tracie Mann, Minsun Meeker, Carrie Miller, D'Artagnan Scorza, Tiara Summers

No: 0

Abstain: 4 –Christina Ghaly, Ashlee Oh (as an alternate for Cheri Todoroff), Solomon Shibeshi (as an alternate for Laura Trejo), Anna Potere (as an alternate for John Wagner)

Absent: 6 – Carlos Benavides, Yahnii Bridges, Tyrone Howard, Angela Parks-Pyles, Kiara Payne, Fran Sereseres

II. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION

7. Chair Scorza provided a brief overview of the process and consideration of necessary actions regarding the Board report back and Task Force next steps, including a roadmap to the report and adopted recommendations.

Attachment(s): [Draft Task Force report for Public Comment](#) (v. 2/21/23)

Member discussed potential revisions and improvements to the report, including requesting added language to describe in greater detail the full range of perspectives, pros, and cons raised during prior governance structure discussions and the proposed formation of the Prevention and Promotion Coordination Team. In response to this feedback, Chair Scorza indicated that these changes would be made in the designed version of the report and sent to members for their review in advance of the next Task

Force meeting.

8. Chair Scorza provided an overview of Phase 2 activities for the Task Force, including the community engagement process, user journey experiencing mapping, additional community-centered efforts, racial disproportionality analyses and refinement of metrics/life course outcomes, prioritizing domain(s) of focus, establishing the Prevention and Promotion Coordination Team (PPCT), strengthening budget capabilities, and continual coordination across relevant County initiatives. Members provided feedback and discussed next steps regarding these activities. To ensure ample time to discuss these topics and the pending report further, Chair Scorza indicated that ARDI staff would reach out to members to schedule an added Task Force meeting, likely to occur on Friday, March 10.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND CLOSING

9. General Public Comments to Address Task Force-Related Subject Matters
Public Comment: Bruce Wheatley, Hazel Reyes

Attachment(s): [Written Correspondence](#)

10. The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 A.M.

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