



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

FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2023

10:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

HYBRID MEETING (using Zoom)

Physical Location: 510 S Vermont Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90020
Conference Room A

**[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 10:03 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. The following reflects attendance at the time of roll call:

Present (18): Carlos Benavides, Meredith Berkson*, Yahnii Bridges, Robert Byrd, Nicholas Ippolito (as an alternate for Jackie Contreras), Megan McClaire (as an alternate for Barbara Ferrer), Jamaal Williams (as an alternate for Alicia L. Garoupa), Nina Park (as an alternate for Christina Ghaly), Tamara Hunter, Kelly LoBianco, Minsun Meeker, Angela Parks-Pyles, D'Artagnan Scorza, Fran Sereseres, Tiara Summers, Ashlee Oh (as an alternate for Cheri Todoroff), Solomon Shibeshi (as an alternate for Laura Trejo), John Wagner

Absent (5): Songhai Armstead, Tyrone Howard, Peter Loo, Tracie Mann, Carrie Miller

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 Berkson attended virtually under AB 2449 "just cause" provisions. Her*

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

6. Review and take appropriate action on the Minutes of the Prevention Services Task Force Regular Meetings on March 31, 2023.

Attachment(s): [March 31, 2023 Draft Meeting Minutes](#) and [Recording](#)

Chair Scorza provided an opportunity for members to suggest revisions to the Meeting Minutes. After members agreed to minor revisions to the roll call tracking procedures, Chair Scorza suggested that members call for motion to adopt the minutes. Member Benavides put forward a motion, which was seconded by Member Sereseres. The minutes were approved by the following vote:

Yes: 12 – Carlos Benavides, Meredith Berkson*, Robert Byrd, Jamaal Williams (as an alternate for Alicia L. Garoupa), Tamara Hunter, Kelly LoBianco, D'Artagnan Scorza, Fran Sereseres, Tiara Summers, Ashlee Oh (as an alternate for Cheri Todoroff), Solomon Shibeshi (as an alternate for Laura Trejo), John Wagner

No: 0

Abstain: 5 – Yahniie Bridges, Nicholas Ippolito (as an alternate for Jackie Contreras), Nina Park (as an alternate for Christina Ghaly), Minsun Meeker, Angela Parks-Pyles

Absent: 6 – Songhai Armstead, Megan McClaire, Tyrone Howard, Peter Loo, Tracie Mann, Carrie Miller

II. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION

7. Chair Scorza provided brief overview regarding Domain Discovery and Selection processes, including ongoing research processes, an approach to narrow focus on domains, and a framework for Task Force focus areas, all compiled based on feedback from the April 28 meeting.

Chair Scorza presented an overview of three domains organized under this framework: Child and Family Well-Being, Homeless Prevention & Housing Promotion, and Improving Justice & Safety. ARDI Data Analyst Consultant Dr. Tolu Wuraolu presented data and answered questions relating to racial and other disproportionalities and disparities across these three domains.

Attachment(s): [Memo on Domain Selection & Discovery](#)

[Meeting Slides from 4/28: Racial Disproportionality and Disparities data across various County domains and service areas](#) (Slides 24-99)

Members provided feedback on these topics. Members agreed that the synthesized framework appropriately reflected the themes from the last meeting. Members McClaire, Meeker, and Summers suggested that the Task Force especially focus on County coordination and infrastructure that would improve coordination across departments.

Across each of the three highlighted domains multiple members requested an intersectional analysis across ability, race, sexual orientation and gender identity, and age. Members representing relevant departments offered to provide additional information to the Task Force chair and staff to inform the next meeting and domain decision making.

8. Chair Scorza briefly provided information for the upcoming Task Force site visit to County of San Diego's Live Well Initiative.
9. Chair Scorza briefly provided an update on Phase 2 activities and planning, including that the June 30 meeting would be focused on domain selection.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND CLOSING

10. General Public Comments to Address Task Force-Related Subject Matters
Public Comment: LaRae Cantley, Merry Meyers

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

11. The meeting was adjourned at 12:36 P.M.

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