



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LGBTQ+ COMMISSION
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 140A
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

9:30 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING

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I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1 Call to Order, Roll Call.

Chair Plascencia called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM Annie Patpatian, administrative staff, called the roll.

A quorum was established with 9 (nine) members present.

Present: Chair Hèctor Trinidad Plascencia, Vice Chair Sydney Rogers, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Ed Reece, Commissioner Alejandro Soria and Commissioner Luis Vasquez

Absent: Second Vice Chair Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Eddie Martinez and Commissioner Tonya Martin

2 Land Acknowledgment.

Sunitha Menon, Executive Director, read the Los Angeles County Land Acknowledgment.

3 Moment of Silence.

Chair Plascencia led the “Moment of Silence” inviting everyone to take three breaths for past, future and present trans and queer LGBTQ+ given and chosen lineage.

4 Approval of the November 12, 2024, regular meeting minutes.

On motion of Commissioner Arnzen, seconded by Vice Chair Rogers, this item was approved with the following vote:

Ayes: 10 - Chair Hèctor Trinidad Plascencia, Vice Chair Sydney Rogers, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Ed Reece, Commissioner Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Luis Vasquez, and Commissioner Eddie Martinez

Absent: 2 - Second Vice Chair Terra Russell-Slavin and Commissioner Tonya Martin

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No members of the public addressed the Commission on this item.

Commissioner Martinez joined the Commission meeting on 9.40 AM.

II. DISCUSSIONS

- 5** Report and discussion about the Los Angeles County Strategic Plan 2024-2030 provided by the Chief Executive Office.

Carrie Miller, LA County Chief Executive Office (CEO) representative, presented the Countywide Strategic Plan for 2024-2030 that all county departments participated in the development and responded to questions posed by Commissioners.

Members of the public Chi Chi Navarro and Joe Green addressed the Commission on this item.

After further discussion this item was received and filed.

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- 6** Report and discussion from the Chief Executive Office on the County's annual budget process.

Anthony Baker, LA County CEO representative, presented the County Budget for 2024-2025. Anthony Baker responded to questions posed by Commissioners.

Members of the public Byron Jose, Bamby Salcedo, Loretta Lorraine, Chi Chi Navarro, and Javier Solis addressed the Commission on this item.

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7 Discuss and take possible action on Ad Hoc Strategic Planning, Vision, Mission, and Tenets Subcommittee activities.

Commissioner Abraham, Interim Chair, provided an update to the Commissioners that no changes were made to the strategic framing document that includes the proposed mission, vision and tenets of the LGBTQ+ Commission.

Member of the public Chi Chi Navarro addressed the Commission on this item.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Arnzen, the Commission approved the proposed vision, mission, and tenets document with the following:

Ayes: 10 - Chair Hèctor Trinidad Plascencia, Vice Chair Sydney Rogers, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Ed Reece, Commissioner Alejandro Soria and Commissioner Luis Vasquez

Absent: 2 - Second Vice Chair Terra Russell-Slavin and Commissioner Tonya Martin

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Commissioner Abraham, Interim Chair, reported to the Commissioners the Strategic Plan and the work that is being delegated to the commissioners on the Ad Hoc Committee.

Member of the public Loretta Loraine, Byron Jose, and Chi Chi Navarro addressed the Commission on this item.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Arnzen, seconded by Commissioner Reece, the Commission approved the Strategic Plan with the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - Chair Hèctor Trinidad Plascencia, Vice Chair Sydney Rogers, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Ed Reece and Commissioner Alejandro Soria

Absent: 3 - Second Vice Chair Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Luis Vasquez and Commissioner Tonya Martin

RECESS

Commissioner Luis Vasquez departed the meeting at 11:19 AM. The Commission took a recess at 11:20 AM and reconvened at 11:30 AM. Ivonne Umana, administrative staff, called the roll to determine if a quorum was present.

A quorum was established with nine (9) members present.

Present: 9 - Hèctor Trinidad Plascencia, Vice Chair Sydney Rogers, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Ed Reece and Commissioner Alejandro Soria

Absent: 3 - Second Vice Chair Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Luis Vasquez and Commissioner Tonya Martin

- 8** Report back from the Ad Hoc Commissioner Selection and Interview Process for At-Large Members Subcommittee about the updated top-level applicant review process and estimated interview schedule.

Commissioner Martinez reported the final Ad Hoc Committee Selection and Interview Process for At-Large Members Subcommittee will identify up to four possible applicants to bring to the full Commission for consideration and recommendation of two at-large candidates. These two candidates would be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for their consideration of appointment.

Member of the public Byron Jose, Chi Chi Navarro, and Javier Solis addressed the Commission on this item.

After report this item was received and filed.

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- 9** Discussion and take possible action on recommendations from the Community Engagement Standing Subcommittee about the ideas for engaging community stakeholders, and expectations around timelines, goals, and outcomes.

Commissioner Arnzen provided an update on the Community Engagement Subcommittee.

Member of the public Chi Chi Navarro and Maya Daniels addressed the Commission on this item.

After discussion this item was received and filed.

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10 Discussion about how the Commission and/or commissioners are made aware of Motions that include responsibility of our Commission to provide feedback or recommendations.

Chair Plascencia discussed the three motions that either involved LGBTQ+ communities or explicitly mentioned the LGBTQ+ Commission that were considered by the Board of Supervisors. Chair Plascencia opened the floor for discussion regarding the communication and recommendation needed.

Members of the public Norma Delgado, Francisco Salcido, Loretta Lorraine, Felixia Ramirez, Mito Aviles, Vanessa Anzaldo, Byron Jose, Dominic Wing, Diamond Cruz, Izzy Catherine, Chi Chi Navarro addressed the Commission on this item.

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11 Discussion and take possible action on rescission of previously approved schedule for regular meetings in 2025; discussion and take possible action on newly proposed 2025 regular meeting schedule.

Chair Plascencia notified the Commission that a new regular meeting schedule, and with a defined location for 2025 is needed. First, the Commission must repeal its previous action that established certain Mondays as the regular meeting date for 2025.

Member of the public Byron Jose, Loretta Lorraine, Diamond Cruz, Chi Chi Navarro addressed the Commission on this item.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Khan-Valbuena, seconded by Commissioner Abraham, the Commission approved rescission of the previously approved LGBTQ+ Commission 2025 meeting schedule with the following vote:

- Ayes:** 6 - Chair Hèctor Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Eddie Martinez and Commissioner Alejandro Soria
- Noes:** 1 - Commissioner Ed Reece
- Abstentions:** 2 - Vice Chair Sydney Rogers and Commissioner Nic Arnzen
- Absent:** 3 - Second Vice Chair Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Luis Vasquez and Commissioner Tonya Martin

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After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Khan-Valbuena, seconded by Commissioner Soria, the Commission approved the new 2025 LGBTQ+ Commission schedule with the following vote:

- Ayes:** 6 - Chair Hector Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Eddie Martinez and Commissioner Alejandro Soria
- Noes:** 1 - Commissioner Ed Reece
- Abstentions:** 2 - Vice Chair Sydney Rogers and Commissioner Nic Arnzen
- Absent:** 3 - Second Vice Chair Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Luis Vasquez and Commissioner Tonya Martin

No members of the public addressed the Commission on this item.

Commissioner Reece notified the Commission he will resign from his seat due to a scheduling conflict with the new meeting schedule for 2025.

- 12** Discuss and take possible action on including an African diaspora land acknowledgement.

Commissioner Rogers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Arnzen, with no discussion to continue this item to the next meeting on January 17, 2025.

Member of the public Loretta Lorraine addressed the Commission on this item.

This item was continued to a future agenda item with the following vote:

- Ayes:** 9 - Chair Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Vice Chair Sydney Rogers, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Ed Reece and Commissioner Alejandro Soria
- Absent:** 3 - Second Vice Chair Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Luis Vasquez and Commissioner Tonya Martin

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III. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

- 13 Matters not on the posted agenda to be placed on the agenda for discussion and action at a future meeting of the LGBTQ+ Commission, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take immediate action came to the attention of the LGBTQ+ Commission subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

Chair Plascencia opened the floor to any matters not on agenda to be presented without discussion.

Commissioner Abraham, Commissioner Arnzen, and Commissioner Khan-Valbuena wanted to address whether the Commission can assign staff or themselves to collaborate with Department of Public Health on the Trans, Gender Expansive, and Intersex Wellness and Equity Initiative.

Commissioner Abraham and Commissioner Soria would like concerns of the Aging and Mental Health to be placed on the next Agenda.

Executive Director Sunitha Menon announced that the Executive Office now includes pronouns to email introductions to individuals joining the Executive Office.

Public Comment

- 14 PUBLIC COMMENT

Member of the public Joseph Green, Byron Jose, Chi Chi Navarro, and Loretta Lorraine addressed the Commission on this item.

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Adjournment

- 15 Adjournment of the December 10th, 2024 LGBTQ+ Commission meeting.

Chair Plascencia adjourned the meeting at 1:47 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2025, at 9:30 AM.