



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
LGBTQ+ COMMISSION
San Gabriel Valley LGBTQ Center
12127 Elliott Ave.
El Monte, CA 91732
Friday, June 13, 2025
10:00 AM**

AUDIO:

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I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

Chair Plascencia called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM. Annie Patpatian, administrative staff, called the roll.

A quorum was established with 13 (thirteen) members present.

Present: Chair Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Vice Chair Sydney Rogers,
Second Vice Chair Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Jerry P.
Abraham, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven
Fisher, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Jer-
Adrienne Lelliott, Commissioner Eddie Martinez, Commissioner
Eric Nakano, Commissioner Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Luis
Vasquez and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

Absent: Commissioner Tonya Martin

2. Land Acknowledgement

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

3. Black Diaspora, Labor, and Inclusion Acknowledgement

Vice Chair Rogers read the Black Diaspora, Labor, and Inclusion Acknowledgment.

4. 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.

5. Approval of May 16, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Chair Plascencia introduced the minutes and asked the Commission if there any requests for revisions regarding the minutes for approval.

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

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

Ayes: 13 - Chair Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Vice Chair Sydney Rogers, Second Vice Chair Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Jer-Adrianne Lelliott, Commissioner Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Eric Nakano, Commissioner Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Luis Vasquez and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Tonya Martin

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II. DISCUSSIONS AND ACTIONS

6. Discussion of the objectives of the Annual Retreat.

a. Activity: Circle Check In

Commissioner Vasquez led the activity. Commissioners introduced themselves and discussed their areas of expertise as related to the Commission’s work.

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

After Public Comment period closed, this item was received and filed.

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7. Review of current Commission priority categories; discuss and take possible action on how to move forward with on current priority areas.

Commissioner Fisher led the discussion on current Commission priority categories. Discussion took place about the duties and responsibilities of the Commission as outlined in the Ordinance, accomplishments of the first year, and how the Commission might want to prioritize work in the upcoming year.

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

After Public Comment period closed, this item was received and filed.

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The Commission took a recess at 1:05 PM and reconvened at 1:22 PM. Annie Patpatian, administrative staff, called the roll.

A quorum was established with 13 (thirteen) members present.

Present: 13 - Chair Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Vice Chair Sydney Rogers, Second Vice Chair Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Commissioner Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Eric Nakano, Commissioner Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Luis Vasquez and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Tonya Martin

8. Discuss and take possible action on Commissioner Talking Points developed by Community Engagement Standing Subcommittee.

Vice Chair Rogers and Commissioner Lelliott presented the Talking Points document. After the presentation Vice Chair Rogers and Commissioner Lelliott opened the floor for discussion.

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

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Arnzen, seconded by Commissioner Khan-Valbuena, the Commission approved to adopt the Talking Points document, with the following vote:

Ayes: 13 - Chair Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Vice Chair Sydney Rogers, Second Vice Chair Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Commissioner Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Eric Nakano, Commissioner Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Luis Vasquez and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

Absent: 1- Commissioner Tonya Martin

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9. Discuss accomplishments of inaugural year; discuss and take possible action on identifying challenges, potential contributions, how to define success, and commissioner capacity next year.

Commissioner Vasquez led the activity which emphasized the accomplishments of inaugural year, identifying challenges, potential contributions.

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

No action was taken on this item. After Public Comment period closed, this item was received and filed.

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10. Discussion on interpersonal connection and bonding between commissioners.
a. Activity: Hat Game

Commissioner Fisher led the "get to know you" activity.

Commissioner Nakano left at 2:28pm. A quorum was maintained with 12 Commissioners present.

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

After Public Comment period closed, this item was received and filed.

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III. MISCELLANEOUS**Matters Not Posted**

11. Matters not on the posted agenda to be placed on the agenda for discussion and action at a future meeting of the LGBTQ+ Commission.

Commissioner Arnzen requested that the next Commission meeting focus on revising priority/activation areas. And reminded the Commission that Altadena Pride will take place Saturday, June 14, 2025.

Second Vice Chair Russell-Slavin notified the commission that the LGBTQ+ Center is hosting Trans Pride on Saturday, June 14, 2025.

Chair Plascencia notified the commission that the Altadena Pride is one of 12 events for San Gabriel Valley Pride Tour. June 19th is the Duarte symposium, and June 21 is Whittier/Pasadena Pride. There will be a closing party on June 28th at the San Gabriel Valley LGBTQ+ Center.

Commissioner Lelliott notified the commission that the Them Fatale will take place on June 20th.

Public Comment

12. Public Comment

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

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Adjournment

13. Adjournment of the June 13, 2025, LGBTQ+ Commission special meeting.

Chair Plascencia adjourned the Special meeting of the LGBTQ+ Commission at 3:21 PM. The next regular meeting will take place on July 18, 2025 at 9:30am at the Hall of Administration - 500 W Temple Street.