



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LGBTQ+ COMMISSION
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

9:00 AM

AUDIO LINK (24-2449)

Attachments: [AUDIO LINK](#)

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- 1** Call to Order, Roll Call, and Land Acknowledgment. (24-2427)

**Sunitha Menon, Executive Director, called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.
Ivonne Umana, Commission Services staff, called the roll:**

Present: Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Hector Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Ed Reece, Commissioner Sydney Rogers, Commissioner Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Alejandro Soria and Commissioner Luis Vasquez

Absent: Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Steven Fisher and Commissioner H. Eric Schockman

A quorum was established, and Sunitha Menon read the Los Angeles County Land Acknowledgement. Commissioner Rogers left the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

- 2** Welcome by Executive Officer of the Board, Edward Yen and Presentation by Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

- Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, Chair, Third District
- Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, First District
- Supervisor Janice Hahn, Fourth District (24-2428)

Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, Chair, Third District; Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Fifth District; Supervisor Janice Hahn, Fourth District; Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, First District; and Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell, Second District, along, with Mr. Yen, provided opening remarks on the historical significance of the Commission and welcomed their newly appointed

Commissioners and Executive Director to the Inaugural LGBTQ+ Commission. They highlighted the raising of the Progress Pride Flag across the County and wished everyone a happy Pride.

- 3** Welcome by Los Angeles County Assessor, Jeffrey Prang. (24-2429)

Jeffrey Prang, Los Angeles County Assessor, provided opening remarks and provided highlights of his background and involvement in the LGBT movement since the late 1980's. Jeffrey Prang commented about his appointee and shared information about their accomplishments and skills they bring to the Commission.

- 4** Welcome and Introduction of the LGBTQ+ Commission Executive Director, Sunitha Menon. (24-2432)

Sunitha Menon, Executive Director, introduced herself and provided a brief history of her family origins and noted some of her travel experiences. Sunitha Menon expanded on the details of her work experience, including over 20 years of working with non-profits, for profits, non-government and government agencies. Prior to joining the County of Los Angeles, she worked as the Managing Director of Operations at Equality California.

- 5** Introduction of the LGBTQ+ Commission Members. (24-2433)

Each Commissioner provided self-introductions, including their pronouns, and was asked to respond to questions pertaining to their current roles, why they want to be a part of this commission, and when they look back in 10 years, what do they hope to accomplish.

Dr. Regina Smith, Bamby Salcedo, Dr. Bobby Emetu and Sikivu Hutchinson addressed the commission.

II. DISCUSSIONS

- 6** Discussion and overview of the LGBTQ+ Commission motion by Brigit Greeson Alvarez, Deputy County Counsel. (24-2436)

Brigit Greeson Alvarez, Deputy County Counsel, provided an overview and background of the Commission and outlined their duties and responsibilities as Commissioners.

Dr. Regina Smith, Bamby Salcedo, Byron Jose and Carla Ibarra addressed the Commission.

III. MISCELLANEOUS**Matters Not Posted**

7 Matters not on the posted agenda, to be presented and (if required) referred to staff or places on the agenda for 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.

- Discussion and take appropriate action on the LGBTQ+ Commission meeting schedule
- Discussion and take appropriate action on the LGBTQ+ Commission bylaws (24-2437)

Sunitha Menon, Executive Director, encouraged the Commissioners to review the bylaws before the next meeting. The next LGBTQ+ Commission meeting is to be determined.

Commissioner Plascencia and Commissioner Rogers extended invitations to the Commissioners and audience members to attend the San Gabriel Valley Pride Tour and Trans Pride L.A.

Commissioner Martinez suggested to the Commission to conduct an assessment on community groups that may have data that is useful for the Commission to achieve its objectives.

Commissioner Khan-Valbuena commented on expectations and tasks of the work, and how will the Commission prioritize when all the issues are important.

Both Commissioner Reece and Commissioner Soria added that they do not want to reinvent the wheel but would like to enhance any groundwork that has already been done before going out to the community.

Commissioner Arnzen encouraged all Commissioners to look for the opportunities to travel together and meet people in the community once the foundation of the Commission is set.

Commissioner Perez suggested that the Commission create a list of individuals in the community who are doing the work and collaborate with those individuals, organizations, and groups who have a part in the LGBTQ+ community so the Commission can learn from them.

Public Comment

- 8** Opportunity for members of the public to address the LGBTQ+ Commission on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the LGBTQ+ Commission. (24-2438)

Bamby Salcedo, Lisa Garrett, Joe Green, Christina Martinez, Stefanie Gluckman, Katjia Nelson, Arven B. Arguelles, Matt Inouye, Angel J. Martinez, Byron Jose, LaLonda Alex and Miguel Alvarez addressed the commission.

Adjournment

- 9** Adjournment for the June 11, 2024, meeting of the LGBTQ+ Commission. (24-2439)

Sunitha Menon, Executive Director, adjourned the meeting at 11:18 a.m.