



**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, July 16, 2024

9:30 AM

AUDIO FILE FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (24-3315)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Land Acknowledgement. (24-2821)

**Sunitha Menon, Executive Director, called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.
Emma De Jesus, Commission Services staff, called the roll:**

Present: Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Nic Arnzen,
Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Talha
Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Hector Trinidad Plascencia,
Commissioner Ed Reece, Commissioner Sydney Rogers,
Commissioner Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner H. Eric
Schockman, Commissioner Alejandro Soria and Commissioner
Luis Vasquez

Absent: Commissioner Eddie Martinez

**A quorum was established, and Sunitha Menon read the Los Angeles
County Land Acknowledgment. Commissioner Russell-Slavin left the
meeting at 1:58 p.m. Commissioner Abraham left the meeting at 2:01 p.m**

2. Introduction of Commission members. (24-2823)

Each Commissioner provided self-introductions, including their pronouns, and which District they were appointed to represent.

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

II. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

3. Approval of the June 11, 2024 Meeting minutes. (24-2824)

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

On motion of Commissioner Reece, seconded by Commissioner Rogers, and duly carried, the June 11, 2024, regular Meeting minutes were approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 12 - Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Ellie Perez, Commissioner Hector Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Ed Reece, Commissioner Sydney Rogers, Commissioner Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner H. Eric Schockman, Commissioner Alejandro Soria and Commissioner Luis Vasquez

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Eddie Martinez

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III. DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS

4. Report and Discussion on the findings of The Williams Institute's Lived Experiences in Los Angeles County Survey and the County Transgender and Nonbinary Survey. (24-2829)

Brad Sears and Jody Herman, The Williams Institute, and Byron Jose, The TransLatin@ Coalition, provided an in-depth overview on The Williams Institute's Lived Experiences in Los Angeles County Survey, and the County Transgender and Nonbinary Survey for the Commission's discussion.

The presenters responded to questions and comments posed by the Commissioners.

Members of the public, Maya Daniels, Diamond Cruz, Matt Inouye, Jane Paniouchkine, and Emily Wu Truong addressed the Commission on this item.

Attachments: [2406 LACo Trans NB Survey Ex Summary](#)
[2406 LACo LELAC Ex Summary](#)
[2406 LACo Elected Officials Ex Summary](#)
[PUBLIC COMMENT / WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE](#)

5. Discuss and take appropriate action to establish meeting schedule. (24-2839)
No members of the public addressed the Commission commented on this item.

By common consent, there being no objection (Commissioner Martinez being absent), the Commission approved the LGBTQ+ Commission's meeting scheduled for the Calendar Year 2024.

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COMMISSION RECESS. (24-2870)

The Commission took a recess at 11:03 a.m. and resumed at 11:20 a.m.

6. Discuss and take appropriate action on the Commission's Bylaws. (24-2842)

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

On motion of Commissioner Khan-Valbuena, seconded by Commissioner Soria, and duly carried by the following vote, the Commission approved the bylaws:

Ayes: 12 - Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Ellie Perez, Commissioner Hector Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Ed Reece, Commissioner Sydney Rogers, Commissioner Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner H. Eric Schockman, Commissioner Alejandro Soria and Commissioner Luis Vasquez

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Eddie Martinez

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7. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding nominations of officers. (24-2843)
A discussion ensued and the following nominations of officers for positions of Chair, Vice Chair, and Second Vice Chair are as follows:

Chair: Commissioner Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Plascencia, Commissioner Reece, Commissioner Russell-Slavin

Vice-Chair: Commissioner Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Plascencia, Commissioner Reece, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Schockman

2nd Vice-Chair: Commissioner Arnzen, Commissioner Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Martinez, Commissioner Plascencia, Commissioner Reece, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Vasquez

Member of the public, Byron Jose, addressed the Commission on this item.

Attachments: [LA County Commission Manual](#)
[PUBLIC COMMENT / WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE](#)

8. Selection of Terms of Office for the LGBTQ+ Commissioners. (24-2844)

As outlined in the Ordinance, the selection of Terms of Office will be split between Group A and Group B. Group A will serve a one-year term with an additional two-year term option, and Group B will serve an initial two-year term with additional two-year term option.

To ensure the random selection of Group A and Group B commissioners, Sunitha Menon pulled commissioner names from a hat. The following groups have been determined as follows:

Group A: Commissioner Abraham, Commissioner Arnzen, Commissioner Fisher, Commissioner Martinez, Commissioner Soria, Commissioner 14 and Commissioner 15

Group B: Commissioner Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Plascencia, Commissioner Reece, Commissioner Rogers, Commissioner Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Schockman, Commissioner Vasquez, Commissioner 13

On motion of Commissioner Reece, seconded by Commissioner Arnzen, and duly carried by the following vote, the Commission approved the selection of terms with the amendment to officially start their terms January 2025:

Ayes: 12 - Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Ellie Perez, Commissioner Hector Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Ed Reece, Commissioner Sydney Rogers, Commissioner Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner H. Eric Schockman, Commissioner Alejandro Soria and Commissioner Luis Vasquez

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Eddie Martinez

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COMMISSION RECESS. (24-2871)

The Commission took a recess at 12:28 p.m. and resumed at 1:05 p.m.

9. Discuss and take appropriate action on establishing standing and ad hoc subcommittees. (24-2845)

Member of the public Joseph Faragher addressed the Commission.

On motion of Commissioner Abraham, seconded by Commissioner Schockman, and duly carried by the following vote, the Commission motioned to establish an Ad Hoc Subcommittee for October LGBTQ+ Month:

Ayes: 12 - Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Ellie Perez, Commissioner Hector Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Ed Reece, Commissioner Sydney Rogers, Commissioner Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner H. Eric Schockman, Commissioner Alejandro Soria and Commissioner Luis Vasquez

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Eddie Martinez

On motion of Commissioner Abraham, seconded by Commissioner Schockman, and duly carried by the following vote, the Commission motioned to establish an Ad Hoc Subcommittee for Strategic Planning Inclusive of Vision, Mission, and Tenets:

Ayes: 12 - Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Ellie Perez, Commissioner Hector Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Ed Reece, Commissioner Sydney Rogers, Commissioner Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner H. Eric Schockman, Commissioner Alejandro Soria and Commissioner Luis Vasquez

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Eddie Martinez

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On motion of Commissioner Abraham, seconded by Commissioner Plascencia, and duly carried by the following vote, the Commission motioned to establish an Ad Hoc Subcommittee for Commissioner Selection and Interview Process:

Ayes: 12 - Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Nic Arzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Ellie Perez, Commissioner Hector Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Ed Reece, Commissioner Sydney Rogers, Commissioner Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner H. Eric Schockman, Commissioner Alejandro Soria and Commissioner Luis Vasquez

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Eddie Martinez

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IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

10. 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 voting on officers.

Discussion and take action on subcommittees. (24-2846)

Commissioner Schockman requested for a letter to be generated and addressed to former Commissioner Ellie Perez, to wish her well in her future endeavor and for all commissioners to sign it.

Commissioner Schockman requested to institutionalize a moment of silence for all members in the LGBTQ+ community who have lost their life for coming out. Concurred by Commissioner Reece, he requested that the moment of silence be included in the introduction after the Land Acknowledgment has been read.

Public Comment

11. 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. (24-2847)

Members of the public: Joseph Faragher and Shant Jaltorossian addressed the Commission on this item.

Attachments: [WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE](#)

Adjournment

12. Adjournment for the July 16, 2024, meeting of the LGBTQ+ Commission. (24-2848)

Sunitha Menon, Executive Director, adjourned the meeting at 2:19 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.