



**DRAFT 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, September 17, 2024

9:30 AM

AUDIO FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING (24-4242)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

1. Call to Order and Roll Call. (24-3739)

Chair Plascencia called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. Ivonne Umana, administrative staff, called the roll.

Present: Chair Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Vice Chair Sydney Rogers, Second Vice Chair Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Eddie Martinez, Commissioner H. Eric Schockman and Commissioner Luis Vasquez

Absent: Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Ed Reece and Commissioner Alejandro Soria

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

Commissioner Schockman left the meeting at 11:59 a.m. and Commissioner Vasquez left the meeting at 12:14 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgment and a “Moment of Silence.” (24-3948)

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

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.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

3. Approval of the August 20, 2024, regular meeting minutes. (24-3740)

Member of the public Joseph Farragher addressed the Commission on this item.

On motion of Second Vice Chair Russell-Slavin, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, and duly carried, the August 20, 2024, regular meeting minutes were approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - Chair Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Vice Chair Sydney Rogers, Second Vice Chair Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Eddie Martinez and Commissioner Luis Vasquez

Noes: 1 - Commissioner H. Eric Schockman

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Ed Reece and Commissioner Alejandro Soria

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III. DISCUSSIONS AND ACTIONS

4. Report back on membership of subcommittee and activities; and, discuss and take appropriate action on the sticker design, voting one-pager, and video script. (24-3744)

Commissioner Martinez provided a brief report on the subcommittee and activities in relation to the October LGBTQ+ education campaign to encourage LGBTQ+ community to register to vote and the importance of participating in elections, with the goal to have information and materials available in advance of the November 5, 2024, election.

Commissioner Martinez opened the floor to the Commissioners on the flyer "Why Should LGBTQ People Vote in California" for comments and suggestions. In review of the flyer, the Commission made suggestions to grammar, adding "+" after LGBTQ on the title, and a question mark (?) at the end of the title.

Member of the public Joseph Farragher addressed the Commission on this item.

On motion of Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Vice Chair Rogers, and duly carried, the Commission approved the "Why Should LGBTQ People Vote in California" flyer, with the corrections in grammar, add "+" after LGBTQ on title, and add a question mark (?) at the end of the title:

Ayes: 9 - Chair Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Vice Chair Sydney Rogers, Second Vice Chair Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Eddie Martinez, Commissioner H. Eric Schockman and Commissioner Luis Vasquez

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Ed Reece and Commissioner Alejandro Soria

Commissioner Martinez proceeded to introduce the next educational campaign with the viewing of the English and Spanish videos; and thereafter, opened the floor to the Commission for comments and suggestions.

Commissioner Vasquez noted and suggested that edits be made to the body language of the Spanish video. Commissioner Arnzen recommended that the speaker on the Spanish video include their name, title, and pronouns to be consistent with the English video.

Members of the public Alma Leyva and Byron José addressed the Commission on this item.

On motion of Commissioner Arnzen, seconded by Commissioner Vasquez, and duly carried, the Commission approved the Spanish video, and requested that the edits be made to body language and have the speaker include name, title, and pronouns to be consistent with the English video:

Ayes: 9 - Chair Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Vice Chair Sydney Rogers, Second Vice Chair Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Eddie Martinez, Commissioner H. Eric Schockman and Commissioner Luis Vasquez

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Ed Reece and Commissioner Alejandro Soria

Discussion ensued in relation to creating short videos in additional languages; however, due to time constraints and the deadline to register to vote is October 16, 2024, this was tabled to the next election, providing ample time to review data and identify the additional languages needed for outreach.

On motion of Vice Chair Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Arnzen, and duly carried, the Commission approved the English video:

Ayes: 9 - Chair Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Vice Chair Sydney Rogers, Second Vice Chair Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Eddie Martinez, Commissioner H. Eric Schockman and Commissioner Luis Vasquez

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Ed Reece and Commissioner Alejandro Soria

Commissioner Martinez proceeded to introduce the final educational campaign with the "I Will Vote" stickers and opened the floor to the Commission for discussion. Sticker template was broadcasted online and for those attending the meeting in person.

Discussion ensued about the artwork and the dissemination of materials. Sunitha Menon, Executive Director, informed that due to time constraints, the artwork was presented as is, but has taken notes for improvement in preparation for the next election. She also informed that there is collaboration with various County departments for the distribution of "I will Vote" stickers, including the flyer.

Member of the public Joseph Farragher addressed the Commission on this item.

On motion of Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Schockman, and duly carried, the Commission approved the "I Will Vote" stickers:

Ayes: 9 - Chair Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Vice Chair Sydney Rogers, Second Vice Chair Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Eddie Martinez, Commissioner H. Eric Schockman and Commissioner Luis Vasquez

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Ed Reece and Commissioner Alejandro Soria

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT VIDEO - ENGLISH](#)
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5. Report back on membership of subcommittee and activities on the Ad Hoc Commissioner Selection and Interview Process for At-Large Members. (24-3745)

Vice Chair Rogers provided a verbal report and an estimated timeline on the Commissioner At-Large interview and appointing process. She also added that the County of Los Angeles, Board of Supervisors will assist in the dissemination of publicizing the openings for these two At-Large Members in the LGBTQ+ Commission.

Discussion ensued to the importance of filling the At-Large seats as soon as possible.

Members of the public Byron José and Maya Daniels addressed the Commission on this item.

By common consent (Commissioners Fisher, Reece and Soria being absent), the Commission accepted the verbal report presented by Vice Chair Rogers.

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COMMISSION RECESS

The Commission took a recess at 10:57 a.m. and reconvened at 11:10 a.m. Ivonne Umana, administrative staff, called the roll to establish a quorum. Commissioner Abraham returned at 11:34 a.m.

6. Report back on membership of subcommittee and activities on the Ad Hoc Strategic Planning, Vision, Mission, and Tenets Subcommittee. (24-3746)

Second Vice Chair Russell-Slavin provided a verbal report on the Ad Hoc Strategic Planning, Vision, Mission, and Tenets Subcommittee's activities and discussions.

Commissioner Schockman made a motion that the Ad Hoc Strategic, Planning, Vision and Mission and Tenets Subcommittee be assigned to the LGBTQ+ Commission. Motion failed for a lack of second.

Chair Plascencia informed that the Ad Hoc will be reporting monthly until it meets its goal. Commissioners Khan-Valbuena and Martinez expressed the importance of the Ad Hoc's assignment and trust in them on their findings, recommendations, and decisions.

Member of the public Byron José addressed the Commission on this item.

By common consent (Commissioners Fisher, Reece and Soria being absent), the Commission accepted the verbal report presented by Second Vice Chair Russell-Slavin.

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7. Receive report and discuss the commissioner compensation process. (24-3752)
Susan Huff, Administrative Deputy, Executive Office, Board of Supervisors, County of Los Angeles, provided an overview of the commissioner compensation process, referred to the Los Angeles County, Code of Ordinance 3.55.120, and responded to questions posed by the LGBTQ+ Commission.

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

By common consent, the Commission accepted the verbal report presented by Susan Huff, Administrative Deputy, Executive Office, Board of Supervisors, County of Los Angeles.

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8. Discussion and take appropriate action on the methods to engage the community. (24-3753)
Chair Plascencia opened the floor for discussion on how to engage with the LGBTQ+ community.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- **Assemble a presentation tool kit that can be used by anyone when engaging the community**
- **Schedule Town Hall meetings**
- **Select specific topics that are geared geographically**
- **Have a booth during events**
- **Utilizing virtual platforms**
- **Prison reentry population**
- **University Resource Centers**
- **Parents of the Community**
- **Engage youth and relay that it is a safe zone**

Commissioner Arnzen made a motion to establish a standing committee for the sole purpose to engage with the local LGBTQ+ Community.

Commissioners Martinez and Abraham, and Vice Chair Rogers voiced interest in partaking in the standing committee.

Member of the public Byron José addressed the Commission on this item.

On motion of Commissioner Arnzen, seconded by Commissioner Khan-Valbuena, and duly carried, the Commission approved creation of a Standing Committee on LGBTQ+ Community Engagement:

Ayes: 8 - Chair Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Vice Chair Sydney Rogers, Second Vice Chair Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Eddie Martinez and Commissioner Luis Vasquez

Absent: 4 - Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Ed Reece, Commissioner H. Eric Schockman and Commissioner Alejandro Soria

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9. Discussion and take appropriate action to approve the LGBTQ+ Commission updated logo options. (24-3743)

Sunitha Menon, Executive Director, informed that she has continued to work with the graphics division in the Executive Office and presented the options to the Commission for review based on their suggestions at the meeting of August 20, 2024.

The commissioners reviewed and requested that additional revisions be made to Logos No. 4a and No. 2b, presented in the supporting document. Logos Nos. 1, 3 and 5 will no longer be considered.

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

By common consent (Commissioners Fisher, Reece, Schockman and Soria being absent), the Commission instructed Sunitha Menon, Executive Director to take Logos No. 4a and 2b to the graphic team; and present the final product at the October 15, 2024 meeting. At this point, Commissioner Luis Vasquez left the meeting.

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IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

10. Matters not on the posted agenda to be presented and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the LGBTQ+ Commission. (24-3754)

Chair Plascencia was informed that the LGBTQ+ Commission can no longer conduct business, as a quorum was lost.

This item was not addressed.

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. (24-3755)

Due to a lack of quorum, this item was not addressed.

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Adjournment

12. Adjournment for the September 17, 2024, LGBTQ+ Commission meeting. (24-3756)

Chair Plascencia adjourned the meeting at 12:16 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.