



**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, October 15, 2024

9:30 AM

AUDIO FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING

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I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Plascencia called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m. Ivonne Umana, administrative staff, called the roll.

Present: Hector Trinidad Plascencia, Vice Chair Sydney Rogers,
Second Vice Chair Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Jerry
P. Abraham, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Ed
Reece, Commissioner Alejandro Soria and Commissioner Luis
Vasquez

Absent: Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Talha
Khan-Valbuena and Commissioner Eddie Martinez

Call to Order and Roll Call

A quorum was established with eight (8) members present.

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.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- 4. Approval of the September 17, 2024, regular meeting minutes.

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

On motion of Second Vice Chair Russell-Slavin, seconded by Vice Chair Rogers, and duly carried, the September 17, 2024, regular meeting minutes were approved by the following vote

Ayes: 7 - Chair Hector Trinidad Plascencia, Vice Chair Sydney Rogers, Second Vice Chair Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Alejandro Soria and Commissioner Luis Vasquez

Abstentions: 1 - Commissioner Ed Reece

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena and Commissioner Eddie Martinez

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III. DISCUSSIONS AND ACTIONS

- 5. Discussion and take appropriate action to approve the LGBTQ+ Commission updated logo options.

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

Brief discussion ensued on the two LGBTQ+ Commission's logos.

On motion of Commissioner Reece, seconded by Commissioner Fisher, and duly carried, the Commission approved Option 2 of the LGBTQ+ logos:

Ayes: 8 - Chair Hector Trinidad Plascencia, Vice Chair Sydney Rogers, Second Vice Chair Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Ed Reece, Commissioner Alejandro Soria and Commissioner Luis Vasquez

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena and Commissioner Eddie Martinez

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6. Discuss and take appropriate action on the Ad Hoc Strategic Planning, Vision, Mission, and Tenets Subcommittee activities.

Second Vice Chair Russell-Slavin provided a brief introduction of the Ad Hoc's activities with Chair Plascencia providing a clarification on the LGBTQ+ Commission's Mission, Vision, Tenets, Standards, and Definitions and Terms.

Discussion ensued about educating the community on various terms used and the approach to be taken with the importance that it be simple and easily understood.

Members of the public Ari Gutierrez and Javier addressed the Commission on this item.

By common consent (Commissioners Arnzen, Khan-Valbuena and Martinez being absent), the Commission accepted the verbal report presented by the Ad Hoc Strategic Planning, Vision, Mission and Tenets Subcommittee.

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7. Discuss and take appropriate action on the Ad Hoc Commissioner Selection and Interview Process for At-Large Members Subcommittee activities.

Commissioner Martinez is Chair of Ad Hoc Committee. On his behalf, Vice Chair Rogers provided a brief overview of the application process for at-large members and update that applications have been submitted for the at-large members positions. The subcommittee will review the applications, conduct interviews and provide candidates for consideration.

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

By common consent (Commissioners Arnzen, Khan-Valbuena and Martinez being absent), the Commission accepted the verbal report presented by Vice Chair Rogers.

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8. Report back on the Ad Hoc October LGBTQ+ History Month subcommittee and activities.

Commissioner Vasquez informed that the distribution of flyers and "I Will Vote!" stickers were successfully distributed to various organizations and County Departments as an outreach event. Commissioners Soria and Abraham encouraged everyone to vote and thanked the subcommittee members for their work.

Commission Vasquez concluded that the Ad Hoc October LGBTQ+ History Month Subcommittee has completed the intended tasks and effective October 15, 2024, the Ad Hoc subcommittee is now dissolved.

Member of the public Kellye addressed the Commission on this item.

By common consent (Commissioners Arnzen, Khan-Valbuena and Martinez being absent), the Commission accepted the verbal report presented by Commissioner Vasquez and the Ad Hoc October LGBTQ+ History Month Subcommittee is dissolved.

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The Commission took a recess at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened at 10:46 a.m. A quorum was present.

9. Discuss and take appropriate action on clarifying membership and identifying the tentative meeting schedule of the Community Engagement Standing Subcommittee.

Chair Plascencia introduced the Community Engagement Standing Subcommittee (CESS) members: Commissioners Abraham, Arnzen, Martinez, Vice Chair Rogers, and Chair Plascencia of which Commissioner Arnzen will be the Chair. On behalf of Commissioner Arnzen, Chair Plascencia also reported that the first meeting of CESS will be hosted by the San Gabriel Valley LGBTQ Center on November 14, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. An agenda will be prepare and posted in accordance with the Brown Act. The community is invited to engage and participate.

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

By common consent (Commissioners Arnzen, Khan-Valbuena and Martinez being absent), the Commission accepted the report back presented by Chair Plascencia.

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- 10.** Discuss and take appropriate action on identifying possible and Ad Hoc subcommittees.

Discussion ensued on the following for potential subcommittees:

- **An ongoing assessment on various county departments on current practices, policies and/or what is needed for support, and/or recommendation to assist the clients and/or employees**
- **Budget/Policy**
- **Health/Public Safety**
- **Mental Health in collaboration with various County Departments and/or agencies with the purpose of adding LGBTQ component.**
- **Housing**

Vice Chair Rogers suggested that this item be revisited after the first Community Engagement Standing Subcommittee meeting to incorporate community feedback.

Commissioner Arnzen addressed the Commission on this item as a member of the public. There were no other member of the public to addressed the Commission.

By common consent (Commissioners Arnzen, Khan-Valbuena and Martinez being absent), the Commission tabled this item to the next meeting for further discussion.

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- 11. Discuss and take appropriate action on the 2025 LGBTQ+ Commission Meeting Schedule.

Sunitha Menon, Executive Director, reviewed the 2025 LGBTQ+ Commission Meeting Schedule to be held on Mondays for calendar year 2025.

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

On motion of Commissioner Abraham, seconded by Commissioner Soria, and duly carried, the Commission approved the 2025 LGBTQ+ Commission Meeting Schedule with the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - Chair Hector Trinidad Plascencia, Vice Chair Sydney Rogers, Second Vice Chair Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Ed Reece, Commissioner Alejandro Soria and Commissioner Luis Vasquez

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena and Commissioner Eddie Martinez

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IV. MISCELLANEOUS**Matters Not Posted**

12. Matters not on the 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.

Commissioner Abraham requested to invite the Chief Executive Office to present on the County of Los Angeles Strategic Plan in order to be familiarize with the County's Vision, Mission, Values and Goals.

Public Comment

13. 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.

Members of the public Kellye and Daniela Terriquez addressed the Commission on this item.

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Adjournment

14. Adjournment for the October 15, 2024, LGBTQ+ Commission meeting.

Chair Plascencia adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.