



**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**

Friday, March 14, 2025

9:30 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING

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I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

Chair Plascencia called the meeting to order at 9:31 AM Annie Patpatian, administrative staff, called the roll.

A quorum was established with 11 (eleven) members present.

Present: Chair Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Vice Chair Sydney Rogers, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham (participating remotely as permitted under Gov. Code § 54953(b)), Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Luis Vasquez, Commissioner Yolanda Whittington and Commissioner Jer-Adrienne Lelliott

Absent: Second Vice Chair Terra Russell-Slavin and Commissioner Tonya Martin

2. Land Acknowledgement

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.

4. Approval of February 14, 2025 meeting minutes.

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

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

Ayes: 11 - Chair Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Vice Chair Sydney Rogers, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Luis Vasquez, Commissioner Yolanda Whittington and Commissioner Jer-Adrienne Lelliott

Absent: 2 - Second Vice Chair Terra Russell-Slavin and Commissioner Tonya Martin

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II. DISCUSSIONS AND ACTIONS

5. Discuss and take possible action regarding activation areas identified by Ad Hoc Strategic Planning, Vision, Mission and Tenets Subcommittee and how Commissioners provide feedback on activation areas to County departments.

Chair Plascencia, lead the discussion for the Commission to clarify what types of feedback the Commission can provide as individual or as small groups, and what types of feedback should come to the full Commission for review and feedback.

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

After further discussion this item was received and filed.

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6. Discuss and take possible action on whether the Commission should support and/or participate in The Williams Institute LA County Wildfire Needs Assessment Project.

Brad Sears from The William Institute presented research and needs from the LA County Wildfire Needs Assessment Project and responded to questions posed by the Commission.

During discussion, Vice Chair Rogers, Commissioner Fisher, and Commissioner Vasquez indicated that they would be interested in this work.

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

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Arnzen, seconded by Vice Chair Rogers, the Commission approved to establish an Ad Hoc subcommittee comprised of Vice Chair Rogers, Commissioner Fisher and Commissioner Vasquez to partner with the Williams Institute and organize a town hall in Altadena with the following vote:

Present: 11 - Chair Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Vice Chair Sydney Rogers, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Luis Vasquez, Commissioner Yolanda Whittington and Commissioner Jer-Adrianne Lelliott

Absent: 2 - Second Vice Chair Terra Russell-Slavin and Commissioner Tonya Martin

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7. Discuss and take possible action about whether the Commission should support and/or participation in the October 2025 LA Library: You Belong Writers Festival coordinated by the LA County Library Department and LA County Arts and Culture Department.

Debbie Anderson, Los Angeles County Library Representative, presented on how the Commission can collaborate on an event and responded to questions posed by the Commission.

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

After discussion, on motion by Commissioner Vasquez, seconded by Commissioner Fisher, the Commission approved the motion to create an Ad Hoc Subcommittee for the October LGBTQ+ BIPOC Writers' Festival passed with the following vote:

Ayes: 11 - Chair Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Vice Chair Sydney Rogers, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Luis Vasquez, Commissioner Yolanda Whittington and Commissioner Jer-Adrianne Lelliott

Absent: 2 - Second Vice Chair Terra Russell-Slavin and Commissioner Tonya Martin

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Second Vice Chair Russell-Slavin joined the meeting at 10:43 AM.

RECESS

The Commission took a recess at 10:46AM and reconvened at 10:59AM. Annie Patpatian, administrative staff, called the roll to determine if a quorum was present. A quorum was established with twelve (12) members present.

Present: 12 - 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 Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Luis Vasquez, Yolanda Whittington and Jer-Adrianne Lelliott

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Tonya Martin

8. Discuss and take possible action on determining whether the Ad Hoc Commissioner Selection and Interview Process for At-Large Members Subcommittee fully accomplished its task and whether it should be discharged.

Commissioner Martinez reported that the Ad Hoc Commissioner Selection and Interview Process for At-Large Members Subcommittee completed their task and recommended that the Commission discharge this Ad Hoc subcommittee, as it has completed the identified tasks and have no further work to complete.

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

After discussion, on motion Vice Chair Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, the Commission approved the discharge of the Ad Hoc Commissioner Selection and Interview Process for At Large Members Subcommittee with the following vote:

Ayes: 12 - 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 Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Luis Vasquez and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Tonya Martin

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9. Discuss and take possible action on updates from the Community Engagement Standing Subcommittee, including: a) community engagement guidelines; b) creating talking points for commissioners; c) a process for identifying community members to join the subcommittee; and d) an update on how the LGBTQ+ organization tracking document will be completed.

Co-Chair Plascencia of the Community Engagement Standing Subcommittee (CESS) provided an update on the CESS tracking document and requested for feedback from the Commission.

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

After discussion this item was received and filed.

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10. Discuss and take possible action on the updated African Diaspora land and labor acknowledgment on agendas for regular Commission meetings.

Vice Chair Rogers provided the Commission the updated version of the African Diaspora and labor acknowledgment and opened the floor for discussion.

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

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Khan-Valbuena, seconded by Commissioner Arnzen the Commission approved the African Diaspora land acknowledgement in LGBTQ+ Commission meetings with the following vote:

Ayes: 12 - 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 Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Luis Vasquez and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

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11. Updates from the Ad Hoc Subcommittee planning the 2025 Annual Retreat and discuss and take possible action including, but not limited to: date, time, and location.

Chair Fisher of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee for Planning the 2025 Annual Retreat provided the Commission and update on the planning and opened the floor for discussion.

No members of the Public addressed the commission on this item.

After Public Comment this item was received and filed.

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III. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

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

Second Vice Chair Russell-Slavin stated that given the new federal administration this Commission may have a role to play in advising county bodies in their response and if possible, to be discussed at the next meeting.

Commissioner Arnzen would like to see an agenda item looking towards Pride Month festivities.

Commissioner Soria would like to see an agenda item considering acknowledgement of mental health month.

Public Comment

13. Public Comment

Member of the public Jen Cheng and Joseph Green addressed the Commission on this item.

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Adjournment

14. Adjournment of the March 14, 2025, LGBTQ+ Commission meeting.

Chair Plascencia adjourned the meeting at 11:45 AM. The next meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2025, at 9:30 AM.

