



**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, April 18, 2025**

**9:30 AM**

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING.

**Attachments:**     [AUDIO](#)

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**1. Call to Order, Roll Call**

**Chair Plascencia called the meeting to order at 9:37 AM. Annie Patpatian, administrative staff, called the roll.**

**A quorum was established with 12 (twelve) members present.**

**Present:**            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 Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Commissioner Tonya Martin, Commissioner Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Luis Vasquez and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

**Absent:**            Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena

\*Present at alternate teleconference location in an address open and accessible to the public, for which all requirements for traditional teleconferencing are met as mandated by Gov. Code § 54953(b), as indicated on Agenda

**2. Land Acknowledgement**

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

**3. Black Diaspora, Labor, and Inclusion Acknowledgement**

**Vice Chair Rogers read the Black Diaspora, Labor, and Inclusion Acknowledgment.**

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**4. 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.**

**5. Approval of March 14, 2025 meeting minutes**

**Chair Plascencia introduced the minutes and asked the Commission if there any requests for revisions regarding the minutes for approval.**

**Members of the public Audit LA and Enri Marini addressed the Commission on this item.**

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

**Ayes:** 11 - 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 Jer-Adrianne Lelliott, Commissioner Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Luis Vasquez and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

**Abstentions:** 1 - Commissioner Tonya Martin

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena

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**II. DISCUSSIONS**

**6. Presentation from the Chief Executive Office Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Branch (CEO-LAIR) on advocacy procedures and interactions with the Branch. Discuss and take possible action on approving State budget and bill proposal recommendations to forward to CEO-LAIR.**

**Amanda Sears from CEO LAIR's office presented on how commissions work with the LAIR's Office on budget and bill recommendations. Amanda Sears responded to questions posed by the Commission.**

**Second Vice Chair Russell-Slavin discussed the proposed budget and bill recommendations in detail that were included in the attachment for this item.**

**Members of the public Joe Green, Chi Chi Navarro, Audit LA, Henry Marini, and Byron José addressed the Commission on this item.**

**After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Arnzen, seconded by Vice Chair Rogers, the Commission approved the identified California state budget priorities and priority bills to be submitted for analysis by the CEO-LAIR branch 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 Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Commissioner Tonya Martin, Commissioner Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Luis Vasquez and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena

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**The Commission took a recess at 11:00 AM and reconvened at 11:10AM. Annie Patpatian, administrative staff, called the roll to determine if a quorum was 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 Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Commissioner Tonya Martin, Commissioner Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Luis Vasquez and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena

**A quorum was established with thirteen (13) members present.**

7. Report back from the Ad Hoc Subcommittee for the LA County Library: You Belong Writers' Festival.

**Chair Fisher of the Ad Hoc Committee for the LA County You Belong Writers' Festival provided the Commission an update on the Ad Hoc Committee discussions with LA County Library Department and the One Institute and answered questions from the Commission.**

**Members of the public Chi Chi Navarro, Audit LA, and Henry Marini addressed the Commission on this item.**

**After Public Comment this item was received and filed.**

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8. Report back from the Ad Hoc Subcommittee for the Williams Institute LA County Wildfire Needs Assessment Project.

**Chair Arnzen of the Ad Hoc Committee for the Williams Institute Los Angeles County Wildfire Needs Assessment Project provided the Commission an update on the Ad Hoc Committee discussions with Brad Sears from The Williams Institute, and have finalized the date, time, and location. The town hall will take place at the Altadena Public Library: 600 E Mariposa Street in Altadena on Wednesday, May 7th, 2025.**

**Members of the public Chi Chi Navarro, Audit LA, and Henry Marini addressed the Commission on this item.**

**After Public Comment this item was received and filed.**

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9. Report back from the Community Engagement Standing Subcommittee (CESS) on the finalized 2025 meeting schedule, adding community members to the CESS, and finalizing talking points about the LGBTQ+ Commission for commissioners.

**Co-Chair Plascencia of the Community Engagement Standing Subcommittee (CESS) provided the Commission an update about the finalized 2025 meeting schedule, adding community members to the CESS, and finalizing the talking points about the LGBTQ+ Commission for commissioners.**

**Members of the public; Chi Chi Navarro, Audit LA, and Henry Marini addressed the Commission on this item.**

**After Public Comment this item was received and filed.**

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10. Discuss and take possible action on creating an ad hoc subcommittee to review and provide feedback on the LA County Department of Human Resources on Transgender Awareness: Working with Constituents and Colleagues, and LGBT 101 online employee trainings.

**Vice Chair Rogers notified the Commission that both she and Chair Plascencia met with the Department of Human Resources to find ways to provide feedback and recommendations on how to improve County policies and trainings for LGBTQ+ inclusiveness. Vice Chair Rogers recommends that the Commission form an ad hoc subcommittee to review online trainings and provide feedback to the Department of Human Resources.**

**During discussion, Commissioner Whittington and Commissioner Martin indicated that they would be interested in this work.**

**Members of the public Chi Chi Navarro, Aaron Elliot Tee, Audit LA, and Henry Marini addressed the Commission on this item.**

**After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, the Commission approved the establishment of an Ad Hoc subcommittee comprised of Chair Plascencia, Vice Chair Rogers, Commissioner Martin and Commissioner Whittington to review the DHR online trainings 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 Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Commissioner Tonya Martin, Commissioner Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Luis Vasquez and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena

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- 11.** Discuss and take possible action on discharging the ad hoc subcommittee focused on the Building Trust Summit.

**Second Vice Chair Russell-Slavin lead the discussion on possible action of discharging the Building Trust Summit Ad Hoc Subcommittee.**

**Members of the public Chi Chi Navarro, Natasha Ewens, Audit LA, and Henry Marini addressed the Commission on this item.**

**After Public Comment, on motion Commissioner Arnzen, seconded by Vice Chair Rogers, the Commission approved the discharge of the Building Trust Summit Ad Hoc Subcommittee with the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 11 - Chair Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Second Vice Chair Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Commissioner Tonya Martin, Commissioner Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Luis Vasquez and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

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**Abstentions:** 1 - Vice Chair Sydney Rogers

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena

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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.

**Vice Chair Rogers would like an agenda item to draft a letter of disappointment to the Department of Justice and the State DOJ for cancellation of Building Trust Summit.**

**Commissioner Soria requested an agenda item to form an ad hoc subcommittee for addressing mental health issues or address ways Commission can address defunding of mental health units.**

**Commissioner Martin would like to see an agenda item looking towards Pride month festivities and how the Commission can introduce themselves to the community.**

**Commissioner Martinez would like an action or presentation from the Justice Care & Opportunities Department to discuss how they plan to use Measure J funds and how the Commission can recommend how those funds be invested into the community.**

**Commissioner Abraham would like to see how can the Commission play a role in Pride month festivities with the Supervisors in attendance.**

**Public Comment****13. Public Comment**

**Members of the public Chi Chi Navarro, Joe Green, Natasha Ewens, Audit LA, and Henry Marini addressed the Commission on this item.**

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**Adjournment****14. Adjournment of the April 18, 2025, LGBTQ+ Commission meeting.**

**Chair Plascencia adjourned the meeting at 12:33 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2025, at 9:30 AM.**