



**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, May 16, 2025**

**9:30 AM**

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING:

**Attachments:**     [AUDIO LINK](#)

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

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

**Vice Chair Rogers called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM. Annie Patpatian, administrative staff, called the roll.**

**A quorum was established with 10 (ten) members present of 15 seats.**

**Present:** Vice Chair Sydney Rogers, Second Vice Chair Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Jer-Adrianne Lelliott, Commissioner Tonya Martin, Commissioner Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Luis Vasquez and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

**Absent:** Chair Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham and Commissioner Steven Fisher

**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

**Vice Chair Rogers 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 April 18, 2025 meeting minutes

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

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

**On motion of Commissioner Arnzen, seconded by Second Vice Chair Russell-Slavin, this item was approved with the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 10 - Vice Chair Sydney Rogers, Second Vice Chair Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Jer-Adrianne Lelliott, Commissioner Tonya Martin, Commissioner Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Luis Vasquez and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

**Absent:** 3 - Chair Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham and Commissioner Steven Fisher

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**V. DISCUSSIONS**

6. Discuss and take possible action on forming an ad hoc subcommittee to create cultural competency guidelines for County projects to assist working respectfully with LGBTQ+ population for recommendation to the Board.

**Commissioner Whittington provided and update regarding whether the Commission should consider forming an Ad Hoc Committee to help create cultural competency guidelines with different county agencies.**

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

**After discussion, on motion of Second Vice Chair Russell-Slavin, seconded by Commissioner Martin, the Commission approved creating an ad hoc subcommittee with Commissioner Whittington and Commissioner Lelliott, to draft a document outlining LGBTQ+ competencies, with the following vote:**

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**Ayes:** 10 - Vice Chair Sydney Rogers, Second Vice Chair Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Jer-Adrianne Lelliott, Commissioner Tonya Martin, Commissioner Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Luis Vasquez and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

**Absent:** 3 - Chair Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham and Commissioner Steven Fisher

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

**Commissioner Vasquez provided the Commission an update regarding the You Belong Writers Festival tasking place October 5, 2025. Commissioner Vasquez opened the floor for discussion.**

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

**After Public Comment period closed, this item was received and filed.**

**Attachments:** [PUBLIC COMMENT/WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE](#)

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

**Commissioner Arnzen provided the Commission an update regarding the Town Hall meeting regarding the impacted LGBTQ+ people by the fires and their access to support and resources, that took place on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Commissioner Arnzen opened the floor for discussion.**

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

**After Public Comment period closed, this item was received and filed.**

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9. Discuss and take possible action on approving a statement of solidarity with the TGI community and disappointment in the Building Trust Summit being canceled, to be posted on the LGBTQ+ Commission's website.

**Vice Chair Rogers presented a letter that was created to address the disappointment with the Building Trust Summit being canceled, and with a strong statement of solidarity with the TGI Community to be posted on the**

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**LGBTQ+ Commission website and opened the floor for discussion.  
No members of the public addressed the Commission on this item.**

**After Public Comment period closed, Vice Chair Roger's  
acknowledged feedback of Commissioners and no action was taken  
on this item.**

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- 10.**      Report back from the Community Engagement Standing Subcommittee (CESS).

**Commissioner Arnzen provided the Commission an update on the work of the  
Community Engagement Standing Subcommittee is working towards and  
opened the floor for discussion and questions.**

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

**After Public Comment period closed, this item was received and filed.**

**Commissioner Vasquez departed the meeting at 10:31AM.**

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- 11.**      Report back from the Ad Hoc Subcommittee reviewing the Department of Human  
Resources Transgender Awareness

**Vice Chair Rogers provided an update on the trainings reviewed by the Ad Hoc  
Subcommittee and opened the floor for discussion.**

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

**After Public Comment period closed, this item was received and filed.**

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## **VIII. 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.

**Commissioner Martin informed the Commission that the City of Long Beach  
raised the Progress Pride flag, and upcoming weekend is the 42nd annual  
Long Beach Pride Parade and Festival with the theme as "Power of  
Community," and invited Commissioners to join the event Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>  
2025.**

Commissioner Arnzen notified the Commission of the Altadena Pride will take place on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 3pm, meeting at the Altadena Public Library, and will include indoor activities for youth and families inside the Altadena Public Library.

Commissioner Arnzen requested that the Department of Mental Health and the Department of Public Health present to the Commission about how they are supporting the LGBTQ+ community impacted by the HIV/AIDS funding cutbacks and services offered to the LGBTQ+ community.

Commissioner Lelliott notified the Commission that Glendora Pride will be taking place the afternoon of May 31<sup>st</sup> the details of time and location still pending.

Commission Soria would like to discuss creating a subcommittee to address the mental health needs of the LGBTQ+ community here in Los Angeles.

Commissioner Whittington requested that the Department of Public Health present to the Commission about how dismantling of the Centers for Disease Control and Ryan White Funds is being addressed and what solutions have been identified.

Commissioner Khan-Valbuena would like to discuss the possibility of creating an ad hoc subcommittee to build relationships and bridges between the TGI community and law enforcement.

Vice Chair Rogers would like to discuss the possibility of creating a subcommittee focus on creating documents or information to be housed on our website identifying what is within and outside of the scope of the Commission's responsibilities, specific to communications, responding to what is happening nationally, within our state impacting LGBTQ+ people.

Public Comment

13. Public Comment

Member of the public Paige Green, ChiChi Navarro, John Mones addressed the Commission on this item.

Annie Patpatian, administrative staff, read the Written Comment by Jordan Blasa Olsen.

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**Adjournment**

14. Adjournment of the May 16, 2025, LGBTQ+ Commission meeting.

**Vice Chair Rogers adjourned the meeting at 10:56 AM.**

