



**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, September 12, 2025**

**9:30 AM**

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**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

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

**Chair Plascencia called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM. Annie Patpatian, administrative staff, called the roll.**

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

Present: 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 Eric Nakano, Commissioner Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela Soria and Commissioner Luis Vasquez

Absent: Commissioner Tonya Martin and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

**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 August 15, 2025 meeting minutes**

**Chair Plascencia 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 Abraham, seconded by Commissioner Arnzen, this item was approved with the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 13 - 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 Eric Nakano, Commissioner Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela and Commissioner Luis Vasquez

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Tonya Martin and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

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**III. DISCUSSIONS AND ACTIONS****6. Presentation from the LA LGBTQ+ Arts and Culture Coalition about the Coalition and their goals.**

**Commissioner Valenzuela introduced the item, explained the Los Angeles LGBTQ+ Arts and Culture Coalition was formed by a group of LGBTQ+ artists, arts workers, organizations, and culture makers due to a wave of local and national rollbacks targeting LGBTQ+ rights, and deep local, state, and federal budget cuts impacting nonprofit organizations.**

**Commissioner Whittington joined the meeting at 9:52 AM.**

**Badly Licked Bear and Ricky Abilez from the Los Angeles LGBTQ+ Arts and Culture Coalition presented the importance of the continued advocacy of the Los Angeles LGBTQ+ Arts and Culture Coalition and how the federal budget cuts are harming the LGBTQ+ Arts and Artists. Both Badly Licked Bear and Ricky Abilez responded to questions posed by Commissioners.**

**Member of the public Camila Camaleon, PJ Brescia, and ChiChi Navarro addressed the Commission on this item.**

**After further discussion this item was received and filed.**

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- 7.**     Discuss and take possible action on the Commission being a non-fiscal sponsor for the Williams Institute LBTQ Latinas in Los Angeles event taking place in October 2025.

**Brad Sears, from the William Institute, presented two reports focused on LBTQ Latinas. Brad asked for the LGBTQ+ Commission to consider being a non-fiscal sponsor for the October 15th, 2025 event – this would include having the Commissions logo on the flyer and helping to publicize the event. Brad Sears responded to questions posed by Commissioners.**

**Member of the public ChiChi Navarro addressed the Commission on this item.**

**After discussion, on the motion of Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Second Vice Chair Russell-Slavin, the Commission approved the Commission being a non-fiscal sponsor for the October LBTQ Latinas event and having the Commissions logo on their flyer with the following vote:**

**Ayes:**    14 -    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 Eric Nakano, Commissioner Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela, Commissioner Luis Vasquez and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

**Absent:**    1 -    Commissioner Tonya Martin

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8. Presentation by the San Gabriel Valley LGBTQ Center about suburban region coalition building across movements and advocacy led by the SGV TGI Wellness and & Justice fellows of the Dr. Solís Policy Institute

**Gabriel Quinones, Council Member for City of La Puente and Camila Camaleon, President of San Gabriel Valley LGBTQ Center presented on the work of Suburban Queer and Trans Community Centers are saving the lives of trans and queer people across the County.**

**Julien de Jesus and Alexandra Close, fellows from Dr. Solís Policy Institute, presented on the importance of Local Leadership and Local Government in Los Angeles County.**

**Camila Camaleon, Julien de Jesus and Alexandra Close responded to questions posed by Commissioners.**

**Members of the public Bowie Haynh, California Estrada, Michelle Dominguez, Joana Chai Chang Azterbaum, and ChiChi Navarro addressed the Commission on this item.**

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**The Commission took a recess at 11:33 AM and reconvened at 11:53 AM. Annie Patpatian, administrative staff, called the roll to determine if a quorum was present.**

**Present:**    14 -    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 Eric Nakano, Commissioner Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela, Commissioner Luis Vasquez and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

**Absent:**      1 -    Commissioner Tonya Martin

9. Update on the recommendations provided to the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (Office of Immigrant Affairs) and discussion about the specific needs of Trans and Queer people impacted by the recent immigration enforcement actions across Los Angeles County.

**Chair Plascencia updated the Commission on the changes made and submission of the final recommendations to the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs – Office of Immigrant Affairs on August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and that they met with the head of the Office of Immigrant Affairs on August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 to discuss the recommendations and possible next steps. Chair Plascencia 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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10. Discuss and take possible action on approving the LGBTQ+ Commission Annual Report covering June 2024 through June 2025.

**Commissioner Khan-Valbuena and Commissioner Lelliott provided an update on the changes made on the LGBTQ+ Commission Annual Report.**

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

**After discussion, on the motion of Vice Chair Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Arnzen, the Commission approved this annual report to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors after it is formalized by the communications and graphics team with the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 14 - 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 Eric Nakano, Commissioner Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela, Commissioner Luis Vasquez and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Tonya Martin

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11. Discuss and take possible action on the proposed 2026 LGBTQ+ Commission meeting schedule.

**Chair Plascencia presented the 2026 LGBTQ+ Commission Schedule and opened the floor for discussion.**

**Vice Chair Rogers left the meeting at 12:26 PM.**

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

**After discussion, on the motion of Commissioner Khan-Valbuena seconded by Second Vice Chair Russell-Slavin the Commission approved the 2026 regular meeting schedule for the LGBTQ+ Commission, with the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 13 - Chair Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, 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 Eric Nakano, Commissioner Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela, Commissioner Luis Vasquez and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

**Absent:** 2 - Vice Chair Sydney Rogers and Commissioner Tonya Martin

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12. Discuss and take possible action on discharging the Department of Human Resources Training Review ad hoc subcommittee.

**Chair Plascencia provided an update that the recommendations were submitted to DHR on August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and members of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee met with representatives from the department later that week to discuss in more depth the recommendations. Chair Plascencia notified the Commission that the ad hoc subcommittee was formed with the specific goal of reviewing three trainings and providing feedback, and that goal has been achieved and will be recommending the Commission to discharge the subcommittee. Chair Plascencia opened the floor for discussion.**

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

**After discussion, on motion of Second Vice Chair Russell-Slavin, seconded by Commissioner Arnzen, the Commission approved the motion to discharge the DHR training review ad hoc subcommittee, with the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 13 - Chair Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Second Vice Chair Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Commissioner Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Eric Nakano, Commissioner Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela, Commissioner Luis Vasquez and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

**Absent:** 2 - Vice Chair Sydney Rogers and Commissioner Tonya Martin

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- 13.** Discuss and take possible action on establishing an ad hoc subcommittee to work with the Department of Human Resources on creating internal messaging for employees during October 2025 LGBTQ+ History Month.

**Chair Plascencia notified the Commission that when the HR Training Ad Hoc Subcommittee met with DHR about the training recommendations, they were interested in having the LGBTQ+ Commission provide advice and recommendations on topics to include in their “did you know” series that they release. DHR asked the Commission if the Commission could support in providing advice and recommendations on these small “sound bites” of information provided to County employees. The ad hoc subcommittee could identify topics or review what they are thinking of creating. Chair Plascencia 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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14. Update from the LGBTQ+ youth ad hoc subcommittee on work to date.

**Commissioner Soria motioned to table this item to next month's meeting and was Seconded by Commissioner Vasquez.**

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

**After Public Comment period closed, motion to table this item for next month was approved with the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 13 - Chair Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, 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 Eric Nakano, Commissioner Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela, Commissioner Luis Vasquez and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

**Absent:** 2 - Vice Chair Sydney Rogers and Commissioner Tonya Martin

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15. Update from the fall TGI townhall ad hoc subcommittee.

**Vice Chair Russell-Slavin provided the Commission an update on the TGI Townhall collaboration with the ARDI team. Explained that the Townhall will be virtual, and a date has not been decided. Vice Chair Russell-Slavin 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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16. Update from the Next Steps Writers' Festival ad hoc subcommittee about the October 5th event at the West Hollywood Public Library.

**Commissioner Fisher provided an update to the Commission on the Writers Festival taking place on Oct 5th, 2025 and presented the flyer. Commissioner Fisher 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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17. Update from the Wildfire townhall ad hoc subcommittee.

**Commissioner Arnzen provided an update on the second Townhall event for the Wildfire Townhall Subcommittee. The Townhall will be held at the Altadena public library on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 1:30pm. Commissioner Arnzen encourage members of the Commission to participate and contribute their expertise. 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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### **III. MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Matters Not Posted**

18. 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 Valenzuela announced the One Institute's Circa Queer Histories Festival will be on September 28, 2025 and run through the end of October, celebrating the history and contributions of LGBTQ+ community. To learn more visit [www.circafestival.org](http://www.circafestival.org)**

**Commissioner Whittington announced that the ad hoc subcommittee had completed the Cultural Competency Draft on the best practices and principles and would like this added to the October Commission agenda for discussion and action.**

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Commissioner Martinez announced the Latino EAlliance will be hosting a free Calavera LGBTQ+ Festival held on 10/18/25 from 6pm to 10pm in Boyle Heights. To attend and learn more please visit [www.somoslea.org/calavera-lgbtq-festival](http://www.somoslea.org/calavera-lgbtq-festival).

Commissioner Martinez requested an item be added to the October agenda to discuss a limit of agenda items and a presentation time limit for future LGBTQ+ Commission meetings.

**Public Comment**

**19. Public Comment**

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

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**Adjournment**

**20. Adjournment of the September 12, 2025, LGBTQ+ Commission meeting.**

Chair Plascencia adjourned the meeting at 1:05 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2025, at 9:30 AM.

