



STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LGBTQ+ COMMISSION
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

Friday, December 12, 2025

9:30 AM

AUDIO: [AUDIO LINK](#)

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 13 (thirteen) members present.

Present: Chair Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Vice Chair Sydney Rogers, Second Vice Chair Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Commissioner Tonya Martin, Commissioner Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela, Commissioner Luis Vasquez and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

Absent: Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham and Commissioner Eric Nakano

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 November 14, 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.

Commissioner Nakano joined the meeting at 9:43 AM.

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

Ayes: 14 - Chair Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Vice Chair Sydney Rogers, Second Vice Chair Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Commissioner Tonya Martin, Commissioner Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Eric Nakano, Commissioner Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela, Commissioner Luis Vasquez and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham

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II. DISCUSSIONS AND ACTIONS

6. Discuss and take action on voting for Chair and Second Vice Chair, to hold positions from January 2026 through December 2026.

Chair Plascencia introduced the item and clarified that the LGBTQ+ Commission Bylaws include descriptions of the role and responsibilities for Chair and Second Vice Chair.

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

After discussion, on motion of Second Vice Chair Russell-Slavin, seconded by Commissioner Fisher the Commission approved the motion to vote on candidates for the Chair and Second Vice Chair positions, with the following vote:

Ayes: 14 - Chair Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Vice Chair Sydney Rogers, Second Vice Chair Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Commissioner Tonya Martin, Commissioner Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Eric Nakano, Commissioner Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela, Commissioner Luis Vasquez and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham

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Commission Staff tallied the following votes for position of Chair: Vice Chair Rogers -14. No abstentions, No objections, Jerry P. Abraham absent.

With 14 votes, Vice Chair Rogers has the most votes for Chair.

Commission Staff tallied the following votes for position of Second Vice Chair: Commissioner Martinez -14. No abstentions, No objections, Jerry P. Abraham absent.

With 14 votes, Commissioner Martinez has the most votes for Second Vice Chair.

7. Discuss and take action on commissioner nominations for Vice Chair, to hold the position from January 2026 through December 2026.

Chair Rogers introduced the item and opened the nominations for any commissioners who would like to nominate themselves or others for the role of Vice Chair.

After commissioner discussions, Commissioner Lelliott, Commissioner Valenzuela, and Commissioner Vasquez were all nominated for the role of Vice Chair. Commissioner Lelliott and Commissioner Valenzuela accepted the nominations. Commissioner Vasquez declined the nomination.

The Executive Director will reach out to all nominees to clarify their acceptance or declining of the nomination and the final list of nominees and their decision to accept or decline the nomination will be included in the January 9th, 2026 Commission meeting agenda.

Members of the public Byron Jose and ChiChi Navarro addressed the Commission on this item.

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

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8. Presentation by the Los Angeles County Sexual Assault Council about the Lived Experiences Survey. Discuss and take possible action on identifying ways to partner to support LGBTQ+ people impacted by sexual assault.

Nicolle Perris, Executive Director from the LAC Sexual Assault Council presented the importance of reaching out to all partners in the community, where partners can collaborate, and find partnership and reach goals together. Nicolle Perris responded to questions posed by Commissioners.

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

After public comment this item was received and filed.

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9. Presentation from the TransPowerProject's "Lovely Bouquet of Flowers: Anthesis Tour" about LGBTQ+ specific event programming for LA County residents, law enforcement, educational institutions, organizations, and local government. Discuss and take possible action on engaging with the TransPowerProject by amplifying their initiative and providing recommendations around the needs of Transgender people in Los Angeles County.

Jazzmun Crayton and Dave Gaddas, from the TransPowerProjects presented the importance of the play "Lovely Bouquet of Flowers: Anthesis Tour" and how it advocates for the lives of LGBTQ+ people especially youth. Jazzmun Crayton and Dave Gaddas responded to questions posed by Commissioners.

Member of the public Jackie Steele addressed the Commission on this item.

After public comment this item was received and filed.

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The Commission took a recess at 11:27 AM and reconvened at 11:55 AM. Annie Patpatian, administrative staff, called the roll to determine if a quorum was present.

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

Present: 13 - Chair Sydney Rogers, Second Vice Chair Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Jer-Adrianne Lelliott, Commissioner Tonya Martin, Commissioner Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Terra Russell-Slatin, Commissioner Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela, Commissioner Luis Vasquez and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham and Commissioner Eric Nakano

10. Discuss and take possible action on creating an ad hoc subcommittee to identify for prioritization which of the 38 LA County Departments the Commission wants to collaborate with.

Commissioner Whittington introduced the item. Commissioner Whittington discussed a need for the Commission to first have a clear understanding of the 38 Departments within Los Angeles County and then discuss which Departments the Commission should identify to collaborate with in the upcoming year. Commissioner Whittington identified the need for an ad hoc subcommittee to focus this work, and then opened the floor for discussion.

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

After discussion, on the motion of Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Plascencia, the Commission approved to create an ad hoc subcommittee comprised of Commissioner Lelliott, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Valenzuela and Commissioner Whittington to review the 38 County Departments and provide recommendations to the Commission to prioritize working with the following vote:

Ayes: 13 - Chair Sydney Rogers, Second Vice Chair Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Commissioner Tonya Martin, Commissioner Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Terra Russell-Slavin Commissioner Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela, Commissioner Luis Vasquez and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham and Commissioner Eric Nakano

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11. Discuss and take possible action on creating an ad hoc subcommittee to identify ways to provide advice and recommendations on how to better support for LGBTQ+ immigrants in Los Angeles County.

Commissioner Plascencia introduced the item. Commissioner Plascencia discussed the need to provide specific advice and recommendations to the Office of Immigrant Affairs on the needs of LGBTQ+ immigrants in Los Angeles County at this time. Commissioner Plascencia explained that they would like to hold a “Know Your Rights” event in the San Gabriel Valley in early 2026 and would like an ad hoc subcommittee to support with the logistics and publication of the event, including using the LGBTQ+ Commissions logo on the flyer and materials that will be created. Commissioner Plascencia opened the floor for discussion.

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

After discussion, on the motion of Commissioner Lelliott, seconded by Commissioner Soria, the Commission approved to create an ad hoc subcommittee with Commissioner Lelliott, Commissioner Plascencia and Commissioner Soria to find ways to better support LGBTQ+ immigrants in LA County with the following vote:

Ayes: 13 - Chair Sydney Rogers, Second Vice Chair Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Commissioner Tonya Martin, Commissioner Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Terra Russell-Slavin Commissioner Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela, Commissioner Luis Vasquez and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham and Commissioner Eric Nakano

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12. Discuss and take possible action on approving the recommendations document to be sent to the Board of Supervisors about the importance of having the gender marker “X” designation on passports.

Commissioner Plascencia and Commissioner Russell-Slavin introduced the recommendation document and opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Nakano joined the meeting at 12:27 PM.

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

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Khan-Valbuena, seconded by Commissioner Nakano the Commission approved the recommendations document to be sent to the Board of Supervisors about the importance of having the Gender Marker “X” designation on passports, with the following vote:

Ayes: 14 - Chair Sydney Rogers, Second Vice Chair Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Commissioner Tonya Martin, Commissioner Eric Nakano, Commissioner Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Terra Russell-Slavin Commissioner Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela, Commissioner Luis Vasquez and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham

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13. Discuss and take possible action on approving the recommendations for the

Department of Mental Health on the Youth Allyship Training developed by the ad hoc subcommittee.

Chair Rogers introduced the recommendations for the Department of Mental Health – Prevention Services, Community Access Point on the “Stand Up, Speak Up: Your Role as an Ally” training. The ad hoc subcommittee reviewed the training in its entirety and provided recommendations to the Commission for improvements to this youth training. After reviewing the process the ad hoc subcommittee used to review the training, and after reviewing the identified recommendations, Chair Rogers opened the floor for discussion.

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

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Vasquez, seconded by Commissioner Whittington the Commission approved these recommendations and send them to the Department of Mental Health – Prevention Services, Community Access Point, with the edit of recommending a change to the title from “Stand Up, Speak Up” to “Show Up, Speak Up,” with the following vote:

Ayes: 14 - Chair Sydney Rogers, Second Vice Chair Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Nic Arzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Commissioner Tonya Martin, Commissioner Eric Nakano, Commissioner Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Terra Russell-Slavin Commissioner Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela, Commissioner Luis Vasquez and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

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- 14.** Discuss and take possible action on approving the recommendations for the Department of Human Resources on the Transgender Awareness Training outline developed by the ad hoc subcommittee.

Chair Rogers introduced the identified recommendations of a new outline for the Department of Human Resources on the Transgender Awareness Training.. The ad hoc subcommittee provided the Commission a draft of the recommended outline that the Department of Human Resources can use to develop a new and more effective LGBTQ+ and TGI 101 Training for all County employees. After reviewing the drafted outline and each of the sections that were identified by the ad hoc subcommittee, Chair Rogers opened the floor for discussion.

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

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Whittington, seconded by Commissioner Arnzen the Commission approved these recommendations and send them to the Department of Human Resources, with the following vote:

Ayes: 14 - Chair Sydney Rogers, Second Vice Chair Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Commissioner Tonya Martin, Commissioner Eric Nakano, Commissioner Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Terra Russell-Slavin Commissioner Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela, Commissioner Luis Vasquez and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham

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15. Discuss and take possible action on the updated purpose and objectives from the Community Engagement Standing Subcommittee on work to date.

Commissioner Arnzen, co-chair of the Community Engagement Standing Subcommittee (CESS) notified the Commission that the December meeting was cancelled and the next CESS meeting will take place January 22nd, 2026 starting at 5:30pm, at the SGV LGBTQ Center 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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III. UPDATES

16. Update from the LGBTQ+ youth ad hoc subcommittee on work to date.

Commissioner Soria provided the Commission an update on the tasks and meetings that the LGBTQ+ Youth Ad Hoc Subcommittee is currently working on.

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. Reminder about the 2026 Commission regular meeting schedule

Chair Rogers introduced the item and wanted the Commission to review the Commission schedule for 2026.

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

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IV. 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 Russell-Slavin would like to have the TGI Townhall Ad Hoc Subcommittee included in the January agenda to provide updates of their work.

Commissioner Martin expressed appreciation to the Long Beach LGBTQ+ Center for its continued hard work and dedication, noting its welcoming presence and its role in fostering solidarity across all intersections of the community. Commissioner Martin also conveyed that the Executive Director of the Long Beach LGBTQ+ Center is appreciative of SD4 and Supervisor Hahn for their many years of support to the Center. She announced the Long Beach LGBTQ+ Center's annual May Pride theme is "Fearless and Free."

Commissioner Whittington suggested reframing the DMH Youth Allyship Training title "Stand Up, Speak Out" to "Show Up, Speak Out" to emphasize active participation.

Public Comment

19. Public Comment

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

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Adjournment

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

Chair Rogers adjourned the meeting at 1:44 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2026, at 9:30 AM.