



**MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION (MHC) REGULAR MEETING**

“Advocacy, Accountability and Oversight in Action”

*Michael Molina, Chair, Fourth District, Presiding*

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** February 08, 2024

**Time:** 12 Noon

**Location:** 510 S Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90020

**Attachments:** [Meeting Recording](#) / [Public Comment Transcript](#)

<b>MEETING TYPE:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular	<input type="checkbox"/> Special
<b>MINUTES TYPE:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Proposed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved

**Minutes approved by unanimous vote on *March 14, 2024, moved by Commissioner Manalo, second by Commissioner Austria.***

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

a. Meeting started @ 12 noon

**2. ROLL CALL/WELCOME**

MHC Member Attendance:

Commissioner Root (P), Commissioner Austria (P), Commissioner Molina (P), Commissioner Weissman (P) – **QUORUM PRESENT**

Absent (A); Present (P)

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jim “The Hat,” Ezekiel Reyes, Osbee Sangster, Andria McFerson addressed the Commission either in person or by phone.

*Attachments: [Public Comment Transcript](#)*

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

a. Approval of Minutes of the November 02, 2023, Meeting  
*November 02, 2023, minutes approved by unanimous vote (moved by Commissioner Weissman and seconded by Commissioner Austria)*

b. [DMH BOS Updates, \(Crystal Kibby, Board Liaison\)](#)

**5. ITEMS CARRIED FROM PRIOR MEETING (Carried from 11/02/2023)**

a. Discuss replacement procedures for potential Executive Committee open seat.

*Commissioner Manalo expressed interest in joining the Executive Committee. Chair Molina asked for a motion and second to approve*



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*Commissioner Manalo for the open seat. Executive Committee unanimously approved Commissioner Manalo to join the Committee. The Commission will move forward for a full vote at the February 22, 2024, meeting.*

### **6. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Drafting of the agenda for the February 22, 2024, MHC regular meeting.

Items for consideration:

Discussion concluded for the following items.

- i. CALL TO ORDER
- ii. ROLL CALL/WELCOME
- iii. PUBLIC COMMENT
- iv. CONSENT AGENDA
  1. Approval of minutes
    - a. Minutes of the December 14, 2023, meeting
    - b. Minutes of the January 25, 2024, minutes
  2. DMH Legislative Update  
*Move legislative update to an update – 15 min.*
  3. Follow-up on Constituent Concerns/Issues
  4. DMH Finance Update  
*Remove MHC Budget and All SALTs Budget Remaining Balance for an actual presentation on May 23, 2024.*
  5. MHC Travel  
*Chair Molina stated the MHC Travel Policy information be included in the Commissioner packet for the February 22, 2024, meeting.*
- v. ITEMS CARRIED FROM PRIOR MEETING (Carried from 11/02/2023)
  1. Update on 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline  
*Item moved to April 24, 2024. 20 min and Q&A to speak at town hall.*
- vi. STANDING ITEMS
  1. DMH Director Updates - Connie Draxler, Acting Chief Deputy Director  
*MHC would like Connie to touch on the Prop 1 housing ramifications and a full report at the February 22, 2024, meeting – 20 min plus Q&A total 40 minutes.*
    - a. Update on Prop 1 and SB 43  
*Include an update on the CARE Court*
  2. DMH MHSA Updates



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*Remove DMH MHSA Updates for February/March MHSA public comment.*

3. MHC 12/14/23 Retreat Results and Next Steps

*Retreat results will be reviewed at the February 22, 2024, full meeting.*

vii. NEW BUSINESS

1. Persons Experiencing Homelessness with Serious Mental Illness (PEH-SMI) Housing Issues Reports

*Chair asked Connie to give a brief update on homelessness and housing issues at the Executive Committee meeting on March 11, 2024, then provide a report for full meeting May 23, 2024.*

2. Form new MHC Outreach and Engagement Ad Hoc

*Commissioners Stevens, Dalglish, and Austria agreed to form a new MHC Outreach and Engagement Ad Hoc group.*

viii. ACTION ITEM

1. Discuss Data Notebook

a. Review WIC 5604.2 – Roles of Mental Health Boards and Commissions.

2. MHC SA 1 1/25/24 -Feedback/Future Considerations

*Commissioner Dalglish Question: Is SALT 8 being charged for the town hall and was the last town hall charged to SALT 8  
Response: MHC budget is paying for the town halls. MHC paid for the lunch and everything part of that. SALT 8 asked if they could pay for pastries and coffee service.*

3. MHC SA 8 Town Hall – April 25, 2024, 10:30am to 2:30pm

b. Discussion of an MHC regular meeting standing agenda for future meetings.

*Tentative standing agenda:*

i. CALL TO ORDER

ii. ROLL CALL/WELCOME

iii. PUBLIC COMMENT

iv. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of minutes

2. DMH Legislative Update

*Prepare to report for 15 min*

3. Follow-up on Constituent Concerns/Issues

v. STANDING ITEMS

1. DMH Director Updates

2. DMH MHSA Updates

vi. NEW BUSINESS



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*Discussion: Commissioner Weissman spoke about her report on homelessness and housing issues. She asked Chair to fit a timeline that will accommodate April (town hall activity), May (commission election) and June activities. Commissioner Weissman suggested establishing a standing template to follow at the full meeting rather than agenda work. Commissioner Root recommended forming subcommittees for the full Commission to take deeper dives in reports.*

vii. AD HOC AND/OR WORKGROUP REPORTS

*Each topic to provide a 5-minute report.*

1. Outreach and Engagement
2. Data Notebook
3. Annual Report

viii. FUTURE TOPICS

ix. ADJOURNMENT

### 7. ACTION ITEMS

a. Town Hall MHC meeting FY2023-2024

i. SA 1 -1/25/24 – Feedback/Future Considerations

*Commissioner Weissman recommended drafting reports from MHC town halls and events held to share with Commissioners.*

ii. SA 8 – April 25, 2024, 10:30am to 2:30pm

*Discussion: Commissioner Weissman suggested to not have a separate Commission meeting before the town hall but include the 988 Suicide & Crisis Hotline update to help logistics or advertising. Chair stated the important part of a town hall is to offer community/service area an opportunity to speak to the Commissioners. Commissioner Weissman also stated having a policy to support all Commissioners to attend events as much as possible, e.g., paperwork wise, mileage wise, whatever the needs are to make sure we have it in place.*

### 8. ADJOURNMENT @ 1:01pm