



LA COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION (BHC)
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE	May 28, 2026	
START TIME	12:00pm	ADJOURNMENT TIME: 1:28 PM
LOCATION	510 South Vermont Avenue, (T) Level Conference Room, Los Angeles, CA 90020	
ATTACHMENTS	MEETING RECORDING LINK	AGENDA

IN ATTENDANCE		ABSENT (E = Excused, U = Unexcused)
Commissioner Name		
Victor Manalo, Chair, Stacy Dalgleish, First Vice Chair, Reba Stevens, Second Vice Chair, and Susan Friedman, Member-at-Large		Brittney Weissman, Member-at-Large (E)
QUORUM PRESENT: YES	APPROVAL: Yes. Minutes were approved on 6/25/2026. Motion made by Commissioner Duncan. Seconded by Commissioner Pruter.	
	ADJOURNMENT: 1:28 PM	

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CONSENT AGENDA (Item #3)			
a. DMH Updates b. BHC budget report c. Review of topics of interest list	All items approved. Motion made by Commissioner Dalgleish. Seconded by Commissioner Friedman.		
ACTION ITEMS (Item #4)			
a. Approval of minutes for March 26 and April 23, 2026	All items approved. Motion made by Commissioner Dalgleish. Seconded by Commissioner Friedman.		



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b. Draft the agenda for June 11, 2026, regular commission meeting.	Discussion: • Commissioner Dalglish will chair the next Regular Meeting. • Commissioner Stevens inquired about when LARCA would be presenting and requested that they be scheduled. Kenia confirmed that LARCA has been scheduled to present in July. • Commissioner Stevens asked staff to prioritize presentations and discussions related to housing, homelessness, and youth issues. • Kenia noted that homelessness among Transition-Age Youth (TAY) is a planned topic. Crystal added that the Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) division and DMH are collaborating on a presentation focused on homelessness among adults and TAY. • Commissioner Dalglish requested a list of topics suggested by members of the public during public comment, as well as a follow-up report on how homelessness may be impacted by H.R. 1. She also noted that stakeholders have requested a report from the Behavioral Health Commission (BHC). • Katherine requested clarification regarding the homelessness and H.R. 1 discussion. Requests and Decisions: • Commissioner Dalglish requested an update regarding SAPC’s response to public comments made	• SAPC staff to provide an update on Commissioner Dalglish’s request.	



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	by Esiquio Reyes concerning difficulties obtaining a vehicle for use during a driver’s license test.		
Executive Committee Discussion (Item #5)			
a. Establish a 2026 Retreat Activities Planning Ad Hoc	Discussion: - Chair Manalo stated that establishing an Ad Hoc Committee for retreat planning is important, noting that concerns have been raised in previous years regarding the quality and effectiveness of Commission retreats. - Commissioner Friedman suggested that future retreats be planned and facilitated by Commissioners rather than external consultants. He volunteered to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee. - Commissioner Stevens recommended that the results and outcomes of the previous retreat be presented to the full Commission alongside information regarding the proposed Ad Hoc Committee. Requests and Decisions: - Chair Manalo requested that staff place this item on a future Regular Meeting agenda for discussion by the full Commission.	Kenia to add this item to the Regular Meeting agenda.	
b. Discuss Stakeholder Recognition - June 25, 2026, 12pm, immediately after the executive	Discussion: Kenia explained that the proposed luncheon was intended to thank and recognize CCC, UsCC, and SALT stakeholders for their contributions. She clarified that the luncheon was a preliminary concept		



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committee meeting	developed by herself and Chair Manalo and was being presented to the Executive Committee for consideration and approval. • Commissioner Stevens expressed disagreement with the proposal, stating that stakeholder recognition should occur through existing bylaw processes. • Dr. Horn noted that the stakeholder bylaws had been developed and updated within the last two years. She suggested that, rather than a recognition event, the Executive Committee host a welcome luncheon to introduce stakeholders and strengthen relationships. • Chair Manalo stated that he wished to acknowledge stakeholders for their volunteer service and significant contributions to the community. • Dr. Horn added that upcoming stakeholder elections would involve new trainings, co-chair orientations, and Community Ambassador Forum (CAF) training. She supported Chair Manalo’s suggestion of a welcome luncheon to help build rapport with newly elected co-chairs. • Chair Manalo proposed moving forward with the luncheon scheduled for June 25 and establishing an Ad Hoc Committee under the incoming Executive Committee to develop annual stakeholder recognition events. • Commissioner Stevens opposed the proposal,		



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	expressing discomfort with making such decisions before the new Commission and Executive Committee were seated. • Another Commissioner also opposed the proposal and requested that the matter be postponed until July. • Kenia suggested tabling the item and referring it to the incoming Executive Committee for further discussion. Requests and Decisions: • The item was tabled and deferred to the next Executive Committee for consideration and discussion.		
c. Discuss Procedure for conducting the FY2026-27 Executive Committee Elections	Discussion: • Kenia assured Commissioner Dagleish that she would provide a script outlining procedures for conducting the upcoming elections.		
d. Member at large vacancy (Education sector) recruitment - Applicant list as of 5/27	Discussion: • Commissioner Dagleish emphasized the importance of representation and stated that, while many applicants possessed graduate degrees, individuals with lived experience should also be recognized and considered. • Commissioner Dagleish selected applicant LJ for recommendation.	• Kenia to add the recognition of the chosen member-at-large.	



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	- Commissioner Stevens selected applicant LJ. - Commissioner Friedman voted in favor of applicant LJ. - Chair Manalo stated that he considered other applicants but ultimately also selected applicant LJ. Requests and Decisions: - The Executive Committee unanimously voted to recommend applicant LJ to the full Commission for recognition. - Motion made by Commissioner Friedman and seconded by Commissioner Dalglish. - Kenia will place the recommendation on the agenda for the next Regular Meeting.		
3. PUBLIC COMMENT –			
<i>Stakeholder Group Reports</i>	Stakeholder groups in attendance: - SALT 7 Stakeholder reports: <u>SALT 7</u> Invited the public and Commission to attend a community event.		
<i>General Comments</i>	Esiquio Reyes, Ricardo Kim, Michelle Stables and two anonymous persons addressed the Commission by phone, in-person, and/or with emailed communication. See pages 7-10 for public comment document.		



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Commissioners by Supervisorial District

District	1 st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Members at Large
Supervisor	Hilda L. Solis	Holly J. Mitchell	Lindsey P. Horvath	Janice Hahn	Kathryn Barger	
Commissioners	Susan Friedman	Kathleen Austria	Stacy Dagleish	Victor Manalo	Lawrence Schallert	Alex Tsobanoudis
	Bennett W. Root, Jr.	Reba Stevens	Kanin Pruter	Deena Duncan	Brittney Weissman	VACANT
	Alicia Mardini	Erica Holmes	Kim Olsen	Andrew Roble	Yun Hee Ann lee	Brian Banks

L.A. County Board of Supervisors Member: Supervisor Kathryn Barger

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The following individuals addressed the Commission either in person or by phone during this meeting. PLEASE NOTE: The text below has been retrieved from the non-verbatim transcript produced by our live captioning service. For the emailed communication, we have copied the text from the email received and pasted it on to this document.				
Public Comment	Esequio Reyes	In Person	General	Hi. Two minutes is not enough. Joking. Behavioral health. Mental health conditions. I like that it focuses on the day in the life patterns of an individual. The reason as to why I will bring up and reiterate the hot meals issue. I would like for the board, cause I have been pushing at several that we need to change the concept of food written on all documents relating to issues of food in helping anyone to say, hot meals. Food could be chewing gum. A hot meal will change the patterns of the individuals on the streets. If they have something positive, they have a positive outlook. It is positive. They can put in the time and effort. You can't change issues if you don't focus on basic issues. Food. I have seen people degrade. I saw it happen. I am a part of the community. I want to reiterate. The concept needs to be changed to hot meals. Thank you very much.
Public Comment	Ricardo Kim	In Person	General	Good afternoon chairman and members of the committee. I am Ricardo, LA County stakeholder. I want to appreciate



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				the conservation about stakeholders. I thought that is what a public board should do. People had the courage if they felt to say that and follow procedures. When procedures are set in place and the way things are introduced and ideas have to come up and go through that process, it is important. I really do appreciate that conversation. I want to thank the committee for their work this year. I know you don't hear it a lot. It was a tremendous year watching from trying to find efficiency in meetings and holding people accountable to ideas of commissioners sharing what they are doing. Updates to build and understand what people are doing. The reporting is coming out. Trying to get that document together. Interviewing and understanding the candidates coming onto new board. I want to thank you for your multiple years. We hope you will be there to inspire and to lead the way to new commissioners. Appreciate you doing this work this fiscal year. Thank you for leading.
Public Comment	Sydney	In Person	Stakeholder Report/SALT 7	I am with the department of mental health area seven. I want to invite everyone to Saturday's event, May 30. 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Paramount Park. 1400 paramount boulevard. A 1K. A 5K. There will be music. Crafts. Giveaways. Feed vendors. Resource foods. If you can come, come and join us. Thank you.
Public Comment	Anonymous	In Person	General	Yesterday, we had the AAPI celebration downstairs at the resource center. It was nice, it was short. We had planned for a two hour, or told two-hour event. I was looking forward to it. The amount of individuals that consist of the AAPI is amazing. The cultures are so different and great. They have such interesting heritage and backgrounds. I was very surprised to see two speakers and a video within less than an hour, we were giving a lot of food. It was very



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				nice. I wish they would have checked with educators or had a glimpse of every single. I know it is a lot. There was so much stuff. There was so much stuff missing. There was a lot of stuff that I am not an expert. I knew a lot more than what they showed. I am sure a lot of people would of benefitted from having seen more and understanding the variation of languages, backgrounds, cultures, that make up the AAPI. My suggestion would be to check in with people that may want to volunteer to make a larger event. More informative and cohesive type of presentation. I felt almost like sad. It was so small. It was almost like, I understand everyone is busy. Probably the people that put it together were busy. They put it out there. It was not planned at all. May I add one last thing? I think that it brings people together. I think you are right. By doing this type of collaboration and events. You learn about people as individuals. Elizabeth was one of the speakers. Had no idea her mother was Filipino. Her father is African American. That was interesting. There is another person that seems like an African American woman. Her great grandfather was Chinese and met a Mexican lady. That was interesting. I made a comment yesterday about how a lot of my friends are Korean Latin Americans. They speak Spanish and English in the United States. I met them through being a TA at LA high. A large Korean community. They were there as well. It is interesting how we are a lot alike. You see an individual. If you don't know their roots, it may make you connect. Hopefully we can get along. It is a small world.
Public Comment	Anonymous	By Phone	General	Thank you so much. I am grateful to be past foreman of commission work. You will revamp a whole system. Thank



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				you. I am grateful to be present. I am disabled. I am in recovery. Misdiagnosed in mental health for 18. It is a tragedy. I am grateful for the time to come back to life I am attending salt one. I am a member. Grateful. All the meetings. I don't know how you will award. I am afraid to compromise my benefits. I find it difficult for people with mental health issues. Difficult water. I don't have the answers. I am grateful. There are obstacles. Where I live, there is difficulty navigating. That are not operating basic practices. You have difficulty navigating those. Cryptic system. Pinpointed. I can't tell you how many have fallen through. I want to let you know I am listening. Thank you for having me.