STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
GOVERNANCE REFORM TASK FORCE
EAST LOS ANGELES LIBRARY
4837 EAST 3RD STREET
LOS ANGELES, CA 90022

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2026, 5:00 P.M.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Land Acknowledgment, and Opening Remarks from Local Elected Officials and/or Community Leaders.

   Chair Yap called the meeting to order at 5:13 PM. Andre Harmandjian, administrative staff, conducted roll.

   A quorum was established with 11 members present of 13 seats.

   After the initial roll call, Member Gironas, and Member Steele arrived in person.

   Present: **John Fasana, Derek Hsieh, Raymond Meza, Julia Mockeridge, Vivian Gray, David Phelps, Marcel Rodarte, Sara Sadhwani, Rosa Soto, Brian Calderón Tabatabai, and Nancy Yap**

   Absent: **Gabriela Gironas, Derek Steele**

   Also Present: **Shadi Kardan, Executive Director, Norayr Zurabyan, Assistant County Counsel, and Attorney Gary Winuk of the Kaufman Legal Group**

   Member Tabatabai read the Los Angeles County Land Acknowledgement.

   Director of Field Operations, Antonio Chapa, and Senior Advisor, Anthony Cespedes, representing Supervisor Hilda Solis's office, delivered opening remarks.

2. Approval of Minutes
   - Action Item: Approval of the August 17, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes
   - Action Item: Approval of the August 21, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes
   - Action Item: Approval of the August 21, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes (Roundtable Event)
   - Action Item: Approval of the August 26, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes

   Attachments: August 17, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes
   August 21, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes
   August 21, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes (Roundtable Event)
   August 26, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes

   A motion was introduced by Member Rodarte, seconded by Member Gray, to receive and file the minutes of the August 17, 2026, Special Meeting; the August 21, 2026, Special Meeting; the August 21, 2026, Special Meeting (Roundtable Event); and the August 26, 2026, Regular Meeting. Chair Yap called for discussion or objections. Hearing none, the Task Force received and filed all four sets of meeting minutes.

No members of the public addressed the Governance Reform Task Force on this item.

II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

3. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Governance Reform Task Force on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Governance Reform Task Force.

Attachments: Public Comment/Written Correspondence

Three (3) members of the public addressed the Governance Reform Task Force in person.

Two (2) members of the public addressed the Governance Reform Task Force on this item virtually.

III. DISCUSSIONS

4. Presentation, Discussion, and Potential Action: Campaign-Related Parameters for Activities and Use of Resources by GRTF Members

Attorney Gary Winuk of Kaufman Legal Group will provide an overview of permissible activities by GRTF Members and Staff regarding the upcoming November 3, 2026, General Election.

Attachments: Presentation
Staff Report
Public Comment/Correspondence

One (1) member of the public addressed the Governance Reform Task Force on this Item in person.

5. Presentation, Discussion, and Potential Action: Continued Development of Elected County Executive Recommendations

The GRTF will discuss and consider taking action on an initial set of recommendations developed by the elected County Executive Ad Hoc Subcommittee. The recommendations address the elected County Executive governance framework, including the County Legislative Analyst and the Office of Budget and Management. The Task Force may revise or approve the recommendations and direct their transmittal to the Board of Supervisors for consideration.

Attachments: Report
Presentation
Staff Report
Public Comment/Correspondence

The Governance Reform Task Force agreed, without objection, to continue this item to the September 16, 2026, Special Meeting.

Two (2) members of the public addressed the Governance Reform Task Force in person, and two (2) members of the public addressed the Governance Reform Task Force on this item virtually.

6. Presentation and Potential Action: Active GRTF Ad Hoc Subcommittee Updates

   Reports by the following GRTF Ad Hoc Subcommittees on their progress and work plans:

   - GRTF Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Commissions
   - GRTF Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Expansion of the Board
   - GRTF Ad Hoc Subcommittee on the Independent Ethics Commission
   - GRTF Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Labor Relations
   - GRTF Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Public Budget Presentations and Five-Day Posting Requirement for Non-Urgent Legislation
   - GRTF Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Public Engagement Strategy

   Attachments: Staff Report – Subcommittee on Commissions
   Staff Report – Subcommittee on the Expansion of the Board
   Staff Report – Subcommittee on the Independent Ethics Commission
   Staff Report – Subcommittee on Labor Relations
   Staff Report – Subcommittee on the Budget Presentations/Five-Day Posting
   Staff Report – Subcommittee on Public Engagement Strategy
   Public Comment/Correspondence

Member Sadhwani introduced a motion, seconded by Member Gironas, nominating Member Mesa to serve on the Ethics Commission Ad Hoc Subcommittee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 13 - John Fasana, Gabriela Gironas, Derek Hsieh, Raymond Meza, Julia Mockeridge, Vivian Gray, David Phelps, Marcel Rodarte, Sara Sadhwani, Rosa Soto, Derek Steele, Brian Calderón Tabatabai, and Nancy Yap

One (1) member of the public addressed the Governance Reform Task Force in person.

7. Discussion and Potential Action: Administrative and Operational Updates

   The Governance Reform Task Force will receive administrative and operational updates and may take action on matters related to its ongoing work. Updates may include reports from the Executive Director, Chair of the GRTF, consultants, and other administrative matters necessary to support the continued operations and activities of the Governance Reform Task Force.

   Attachments: Staff Report
   Public Comment/Correspondence

One (1) member of the public addressed the Governance Reform Task Force in person.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

8. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be presented and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Governance Reform Task Force, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency or where the need to take immediate action came to the attention of the Governance Reform Task Force subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

V. ADJOURNMENT

9. Adjournment of the September 9, 2026, Governance Reform Task Force meeting.

Chair Yap adjourned the meeting at 10:19 PM.