



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, January 9, 2026

9:30 AM

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I. WELCOME

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

Chair Rogers called the meeting to order at 9:34 AM. Annie Patpatian, administrative staff, called the roll.

A quorum was established with 12 (twelve) members present.

Present: Chair Sydney Rogers, Second Vice Chair Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Lelliott, Commissioner Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

Absent: Commissioner Tonya Martin, Commissioner Eric Nakano and Commissioner Luis Vasquez

2. Land Acknowledgement

Sunitha Menon, Executive Director, read the Los Angeles County Land Acknowledgment.

3. Black Diaspora, Labor, and Inclusion Acknowledgement

Commissioner Whittington read the Black Diaspora, Labor, and Inclusion Acknowledgment.

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4. Moment of Silence

Chair Rogers led the "Moment of Silence" inviting everyone to take three breaths for past, future and present trans and queer LGBTQ+ given and

chosen lineage.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- 5. Approval of December 12, 2025, meeting minutes

Chair Rogers 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 9:48 AM.

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

- Ayes:** 13 - Chair Sydney Rogers, Second Vice Chair Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Jer-Adrienne Lelliott Commissioner Eric Nakano, Commissioner Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington
- Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Tonya Martin and Commissioner Luis Vasquez

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III. DISCUSSIONS AND ACTIONS

- 6. Discuss and take action on voting for the Vice Chair, to hold the position from January 2026 through December 2026.

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

Commissioner Lelliott addresses the Commission and opened the floor for discussion.

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

After discussion, on motion of Vice Chair Russell-Slavin, seconded by

Commissioner Abraham the Commission approved the motion to vote Commissioner Lelliott as Vice Chair of the Commission, with the following roll call vote:

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

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Tonya Martin and Commissioner Luis Vasquez

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7. Discuss and take possible action on updates from the LGBTQ+ Immigrant ad hoc subcommittee, including, using the Commission's logo on a flyer for an upcoming Know Your Rights event in the San Gabriel Valley.

Commissioner Plascencia introduced the item and provided the Commission with an update. Commissioner Plascencia stated "The Know Your Rights" event will be held on Wednesday, February 4th from 6:30pm – 8:30pm at the SGV LGBTQ Center in El Monte, CA. Commissioner Plascencia requested that the Commission approve using LGBTQ+ Commission logo for the flyer that will be created and distributed to publicize the event as well.

Members of the public ChiChi Navarro and Albert S. addressed the Commission on this item.

After discussion, on motion of Second Vice Chair Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Russell-Slavin the Commission approved the Commission's logo being used on the Know Your Rights event flyer, with the following vote:

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

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Tonya Martin and Commissioner Luis Vasquez

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- 8. Discuss and take possible action on creating an ad hoc subcommittee to provide recommendations to the newly formed Department of Homeless Services and Housing on the specific needs of LGBTQ+ people who are housing insecure.

Commissioner Fisher introduced the item and stated that there is a need for the Commission to support the newly formed Department of Homeless Services and Housing on their work as it intersects with LGBTQ+ people. Commissioner Fisher opened the floor for discussion.

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

After discussion, on the motion of Commissioner Arnzen, seconded by Commissioner Fisher, the Commission approved to create an ad hoc subcommittee comprised of Commissioner Fisher and Commissioner Whittington to tasked with identifying the best ways to partner with the Department of Housing and Homeless Services with the following vote:

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

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Tonya Martin and Commissioner Luis Vasquez

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9. Discuss and take possible action on updates from the TGI Townhall ad hoc subcommittee.

Commissioner Russell-Slavin requested that the item be tabled until next month’s regular meeting.

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

Commissioner Russell-Slavin, seconded by Vice Chair Lelliott the Commission approved to table the item until the next regular meeting, with the following vote:

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

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Tonya Martin and Commissioner Luis Vasquez

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IV. UPDATES

10. Update from Youth Allyship Training Review ad hoc subcommittee on work-to-date

Chair Rogers provided the Commission an update on the tasks and meetings that the Youth Allyship Training Review 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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11. 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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12. Update from the County Justice ad hoc subcommittee on work-to-date.

Chair Rogers, Vice Chair Lelliott, and Commissioner Khan-Valbuena provided the Commission an update on the tasks and meetings that the County Justice Ad Hoc Subcommittee is currently working on.

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

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

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13. Update from the Review of County Departments ad hoc subcommittee on work-to-date.

Commissioner Whittington provided the Commission an update on the tasks and meetings that the Review of County Departments Ad Hoc Subcommittee is currently working on.

Member of the public ChiChi Navarro 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 Wildfire Town Hall ad hoc subcommittee on work-to-date.

Commissioner Arnzen provided the Commission an update on the tasks and potential townhalls that the Wildfire Town Hall Ad Hoc Subcommittee is currently working on.

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

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

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- 15.** Update on feedback from the County on the “Gender Marker X” document approved during the December 2025 Commission meeting.

Commissioner Plascencia provided the Commission an update on the on feedback from the County on the “Gender Marker X” document approved during the December 2025 Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Russell-Slavin left the meeting at 10:55AM

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

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

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V. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

- 16.** 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 Plascencia invited the commission to the Know Your Rights event at the SGV Center on February 4, 2026.

Commissioner Valenzuela announced that the Commission’s Youth Ambassadors for Queer History will be opening an event at The One Gallery on January 31, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The event will feature high school students’ archival research projects focused on LGBTQ history. Additional information is available at OnelInstitute.org.

Executive Director Menon, on behalf of the Executive Director for Santa Clarita Valley LGBTQ Center, shared that the Center will host the “Enchanted Forest Masquerade” on January 31, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The event is designed to provide LGBTQ youth and allies with a safe, inclusive space to attend or re-experience a school dance where they can authentically be themselves. The event is open to all and will take place at Valencia Methodist Church.

For more information, visit <https://givebutter.com/scvenchantedforest> or email scvlgbtqcenter@gmail.com

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Public Comment

17. Public Comment

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

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Adjournment

18. Adjournment of the January 9, 2026 LGBTQ+ Commission meeting.

Chair Rogers adjourned the meeting at 11:07 AM. The next meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2026, at 9:30 AM.