



**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, March 13, 2026

9:30 AM

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I. WELCOME

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

Chair Rogers called the meeting to order at 9:37 AM. Annie Patpatian, administrative staff, called the roll.

A quorum was established with 11 (eleven) members present

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

Absent: Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Eric Nakano and Commissioner Alejandro Soria

2. Land Acknowledgement

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

Commissioner Soria joined the meeting at 9:42 AM

3. Black Diaspora, Labor, and Inclusion Acknowledgement

Commissioner Fisher 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 February 13, 2026 meeting minutes

Chair Rogers introduced the minutes and asked the Commission if there are any requests for revisions regarding the minutes for approval.

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

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

Ayes: 12 - Chair Sydney Rogers, Vice Chair Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Vice Chair Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, 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: 3 - Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena and Commissioner Eric Nakano

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III. DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS

6. Presentation by the Williams Institute on the impact of hate crimes on LGBTQ+ people in Los Angeles County. Discussion about how the Commission might support anti-LGBTQ+ hate crime efforts in Los Angeles County.

Nathan Cisneros from the William Institute presented the report and findings of a series of reports looking at gender minority hate crimes and victimization in

California. Nathan Cisneros responded to questions posed by Commissioners.

Members of the public Grace Tang, Byron Jose, ChiChi Navarro, Bee Curiel and Sgt. Gathright addressed the Commission on this item.

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

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[Link to Gender Identity Hate Crimes in CA](#)
[Link to Violence and Harassment against Transgender People in CA](#) [Link to Gender Identity Hate Crimes in CA and Federally](#)
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- 7. Presentation by the TransLatin@ Coalition about the “TGI Housing Initiative: Trans, Gender Expansive, Intersex, and Vulnerable Populations Homelessness Prevention.” Discuss and take possible action on how the Housing and Homelessness ad hoc subcommittee and the Commission can support TLC’s LGBTQ+ Housing Initiative. in Los Angeles County.

Bee Curiel and Maya Daniels from the TransLatin@ Coalition (TLC), presented their needs from the Commission regarding TGI Housing Initiative: Trans, Gender Expansive, Intersex, and Vulnerable Populations Homelessness Prevention. TLC requested the opportunity to present its analysis of the TGI Housing Initiative as a formal recommendation from the Commission to the newly established Department of Homeless Services and Housing. TLC requested the Commission identify if it is possible for TLC and the Commission to present the final TGI Housing Initiative at an upcoming Housing Cluster meeting. Finally TLC requested a letter of support for the final TGI Housing Initiative be submitted to the Board of Supervisors on behalf of the Commission. Bee Curiel and Maya Daniels responded to questions posed by Commissioners.

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

After discussion, on the motion of Commissioner Whittington, seconded by Commissioner Martin, the Commission approved to provide a letter of support for the TLC Housing Proposal once it’s finalized with the following vote:

- Ayes:** 12 - Chair Sydney Rogers, Vice Chair Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Vice Chair Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Tonya Martin, Commissioner Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela, Commissioner Luis Vasquez and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington
- Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Talha
- Absent:** 3 - Khan-Valbuena and Commissioner Eric Nakano

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8. Presentation by the Los Angeles County Behavioral Health Commission <<https://dmh.lacounty.gov/about/behavioral-health-commission/about-mhc/>> about their role and responsibilities. Discuss and take possible action on strategies for collaborating on behavioral health concerns impacting LGBTQ+ people.

Victor Manolo, Chair from the Los Angeles County Behavioral Health Commission, presented their roles and responsibilities and how the Commission may collaborate on behavioral health concerns impacting LGBTQ+ people. Victor Manolo responded to questions posed by Commissioners.

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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The Commission took a recess at 11:23 AM and reconvened at 11:47 PM. Annie Patpatian, administrative staff, called the roll to determine if a quorum was present.

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

Present: 12 - Chair Sydney Rogers, Vice Chair Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Vice Chair Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, 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: 3 - Khan-Valbuena and Commissioner Eric Nakano

9. Discuss and take possible action on updating the Commission’s Strategic Framing and Strategic Planning priority areas and priority populations.

Chair Rogers introduced the item and opened the floor for discussion regarding the additional priority areas added the Strategic Framework.

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

After discussion, on the motion of Commissioner Valenzuela, seconded by Commissioner Plascencia, the Commission approved the changes for the Commission's priority areas and populations with the following vote:

Ayes: 12 - Chair Sydney Rogers, Vice Chair Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Vice Chair Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Nic Arzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Tonya Martin, Commissioner Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela, Commissioner Luis Vasquez and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington
Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Talha

Absent: 3 - Khan-Valbuena and Commissioner Eric Nakano

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- 10.** Discuss and take possible action on approving the 2026 annual retreat to take place on Friday, April 10th, 2026, at the One Institute, 626 N. Robertson Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069, starting at 10:00am.

Commissioner Plascencia and Commissioner Valenzuela introduced the item and provided an update about the Annual Retreat. Commissioner Plascencia and Commissioner Valenzuela 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 Russell-Slavin, the Commission approved annual retreat taking place during April 10, 2026 meeting at the One Institute starting at 10:00 AM with the following vote:

Ayes: 12 - Chair Sydney Rogers, Vice Chair Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Vice Chair Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Nic Arzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Tonya Martin, Commissioner Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela, Commissioner Luis Vasquez and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington
Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Talha

Absent: 3 - Khan-Valbuena and Commissioner Eric Nakano

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- 11.** Discuss and take possible action on approving language to be used to create a motion declaring LA County a Sanctuary County for Transgender, Gender Expansive, and Intersex people.

Commissioner Russell-Slavin introduced the item and provided the drafted language that could be used in writing a motion declaring LA County a sanctuary County for TGI people. Commissioner Russell-Slavin opened the floor for discussion.

Members of the public ChiChi Navarro, Bryon Jose, Maya Daniels and Jovan Wolf addressed the Commission on this item.

Commissioner Soria left the meeting at 12:50 PM.

After discussion, on the motion of Commissioner Russell-Slavin, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, the Commission approved of adopting this language with the change that on 1: Counties commitment to actively protect, support and champion with the following vote:

Ayes: 11 - Chair Sydney Rogers, Vice Chair Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Vice Chair Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Tonya Martin, Commissioner Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela, Commissioner Luis Vasquez and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

Absent: 4 - Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Eric Nakano and Commissioner Alejandro Soria

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- 12.** Discuss and take possible action on changing the purpose and objectives of the Community Engagement Standing Subcommittee.

Commissioner Arnzen and Commissioner Plascencia introduced the item and provided the draft revamp at the CESS purpose and objectives, and draft timeline based on our discussions. Commissioner Arnzen and Commissioner Plascencia opened the floor for discussion.

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

After discussion, on the motion of Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Martin, the Commission approved of the new CESS purpose and objectives with the following vote:

Ayes: 11 - Chair Sydney Rogers, Vice Chair Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Vice Chair Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Tonya Martin, Commissioner Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela, Commissioner Luis Vasquez and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

Absent: 4 - Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Eric Nakano and Commissioner Alejandro Soria

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- 13. Discuss and take possible action on discharging the 2025 Wildfire Town Hall ad hoc subcommittee.

Commissioner Arnzen introduced the item and opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Russell-Slavin left the meeting at 1:13 PM.

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

After discussion, on the motion of Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Fisher, the Commission approved to discharge the 2025 Wildfire Town Hall ad hoc subcommittee with the following vote:

Ayes: 10 - Chair Sydney Rogers, Vice Chair Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Vice Chair Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Tonya Martin, Commissioner Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela, Commissioner Luis Vasquez and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Eric Nakano, Commissioner Terra Russell-Slavin and Commissioner Alejandro Soria

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- 14.** Discuss and take possible action on discharging the Know Your Rights and Resources 2.0 ad hoc subcommittee.

Commissioner Plascencia introduced the item and opened the floor for discussion. No members of the public addressed the Commission on this item.

After discussion, on the motion of Commissioner Arnzen, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, the Commission approved to discharge Know Your Rights and Resources 2.0 ad hoc subcommittee with the following vote:

Ayes: 10 - Chair Sydney Rogers, Vice Chair Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Vice Chair Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Tonya Martin, Commissioner Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela, Commissioner Luis Vasquez and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Eric Nakano, Commissioner Terra Russell-Slavin and Commissioner Alejandro Soria

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- 15.** Discuss and take possible action on discharging the County Department Review ad hoc subcommittee.

Commissioner Whittington introduced the item and opened the floor for discussion. No members of the public addressed the Commission on this item.

After discussion, on the motion of Commissioner Whittington, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, the Commission approved to discharge the County Departments ad hoc subcommittee with the following vote:

Ayes: 10 - Chair Sydney Rogers, Vice Chair Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Vice Chair Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Tonya Martin, Commissioner Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela, Commissioner Luis Vasquez and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Eric Nakano, Commissioner Terra Russell-Slavin and Commissioner Alejandro Soria

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IV. 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 Valenzuela announced the upcoming Circa: Queer History Festival, which takes place in October. The open call for proposals is available this month.

Chair Rogers reported that on March 21, an in-session event will be held featuring three Managing Directors (MDs). Attendees will have the opportunity to schedule one-on-one meetings with an MD and access additional resources through the LGBT Center website. Also highlighted the “Lovely Bouquet of Flowers” event scheduled for March 31 at the West Hollywood Chambers, along with ongoing TGI WEI initiatives and the upcoming TGI RISE application deadline.

Commissioner Martin shared updates on Long Beach Pride, scheduled for May 17. Parade applications were released yesterday and are free on a first-come, first-served basis via www.longbeachpride.com.

Additionally, Teen Pride will take place on May 15 for teens and parents; further information is available at info@longbeachpride.com. Nominations are now open for the Community Grand Marshal.

Commissioner Lelliott acknowledged and reflected on the life of Jett.

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 March 13, 2026 LGBTQ+ Commission meeting.

Chair Rogers adjourned the meeting at 1:36 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2026, at 10:00 AM