



STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
GOVERNANCE REFORM TASK FORCE
HACIENDA HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER
1234 VALENCIA AVENUE
HACIENDA HEIGHTS, CA 91745



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026, 5:00 P.M.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

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

Chair Rodarte called the meeting to order at 5:08 pm. Andre Harmandjian, administrative staff, conducted roll.

A quorum was established with 10 members present of 13 seats, including Member Green who participated in the meeting remotely based on Government Code Section 54953.8.3(c)(2) (remote participation for just cause -“a contagious illness that prevents a member from attending in person). After the initial roll call, Member Gray, Member Phelps and Member Steele arrived.

Present: John Fasana, David Green, Derek Hsieh, Julia Mockeridge, Marcel Rodarte, Nancy Yap, Rosa Soto, Sara Sadhwani, Brian Calderón Tabatabai, Gabriela Gironas

Absent: Derek Gray, Member Phelps, Member Steele

Also Present: Shadi Kardan, Assistant Executive Officer, and Norayr Zurabyan, Assistant County Counsel

Member Gironas read the Los Angeles County Land Acknowledgement.

At the direction of the Chair and with no objections, Item 3, General Public Comment, was heard after Item 1.

2. Approval of Minutes
 - Action Item: Approval of February 25, 2026, Meeting Minutes

A motion was introduced to receive and file the March 11, 2026 minutes.

On motion by Member Sadhwani seconded by Member Green, this motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 12 – Brian Calderón Tabatabai, John Fasana, Gabriela Gironas, David Green, Derek Hsieh, Julia Mockeridge, David Phelps, Marcel Rodarte, Sara Sadhwani, Rosa Soto, Derek Steele, Nancy Yap

Abstain: 1-Vivian Gray

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

Attachments: [March 11, 2026, Meeting Minutes](#)

At the direction of the Chair, Item 7, Executive Director Oral Report, was heard after Item 2.

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](#)

Two (2) members of the public addressed the Governance Reform Task Force in person.

At the direction of the Chair, this item was heard after Item 1.

III. DISCUSSIONS

4. Presentation and Potential Action: UC Berkeley Possibility Lab Presentation on the March 7, 2026, Community Listening Session

The UC Berkeley Possibility Lab will present a summary of the feedback gathered from the March 7, 2026, Community Listening Session.

Attachments: [Report](#)
[Presentation](#)
[Addendum](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

A motion was introduced to receive and file the Possibility Labs Report.

On motion by Member Gironas seconded by Member Calderon Tabatabai, this motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Noes: None

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

5. Presentation and Potential Action: Review Proposed County Ethics Ordinance

The Ad Hoc Subcommittee on the Establishment of an Independent Ethics Commission, in collaboration with consultant, Nicolas Heidorn, will present their draft recommendations for the creation of a County Ethics Commission and Office of Ethics Compliance, developed pursuant to Measure G. The Governance Reform Task Force will then discuss the proposal and may consider it for debate, amendment, and a potential vote.

Attachments: [Draft Report](#)

[Updated Draft Report](#)
[Presentation](#)
[Motion to Amend from Members Fasana and Gironas](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

Following discussion, a motion was introduced to bifurcate the vote, removing the Appointments section (11.67.00(c) of the Proposed Charter) so the remainder of the Draft Charter Amendment could be considered separately.

On motion by Member Rodarte, seconded by Member Fasana, this motion failed by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 –John Fasana, Vivian Gray, David Green, Derek Hsieh, David Phelps, Marcel Rodarte

Noes: 7– Brian Calderón Tabatabai, Gabriela Gironas, Julia Mockeridge, Sara Sadhwani, Rosa Soto, Derek Steele, Nancy Yap

Following discussion, a motion was introduced to add the following amendments to the proposed Charter:

- 1. Under (c)(1)(B), Appointments, remove the phrase “Chair of the Board” and insert “the Board of Supervisors”;**
- 2. Under (c)(1)(C), Appointments, remove the phrase “campaign finance” for the Assessor;**
- 3. Under (h)(3), Vacancies, remove the phrase “Chair of the” and insert “the Board of Supervisors.”**

On motion by Member Phelps, seconded by Chair Rodarte, this motion failed by the following vote:

Ayes: 1 –David Phelps

Noes: 12 – Brian Calderón Tabatabai, John Fasana, Vivian Gray, Gabriela Gironas, David Green, Derek Hsieh, Julia Mockeridge, Marcel Rodarte, Sara Sadhwani, Rosa Soto, Derek Steele, Nancy Yap

Following discussion, friendly amendments were offered by Member Steele, Member Fasana, and Member Gironas and were accepted for inclusion in the proposed Charter. A motion to vote on the recommendations with the accepted amendments was then introduced.

On motion by Member Steele, seconded by Member Hsieh, this motion was carried by a the following supermajority vote:

Ayes: 12 – Brian Calderón Tabatabai, John Fasana, Vivian Gray, Gabriela Gironas, David Green, Derek Hsieh, Julia Mockeridge, David Phelps, Sara Sadhwani, Rosa Soto, Derek Steele, Nancy Yap

Noes: 1 – Marcel Rodarte

One (1) member of the public addressed the Task Force in person; two (2) members of the public addressed the Task Force virtually; and four (4) written comments were received.

6. Update and Consideration of Potential Action: Active GRTF Ad Hoc Subcommittees

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

- GRTF Ad Hoc Subcommittee on the Elective Executive
- GRTF Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Expansion of the Board
- 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](#)
[Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

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

7. Executive Director Oral Report: Update and Possible Action on Ongoing Requests

- General requests from GRTF members to staff.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Proposed Meeting Schedule](#)
[Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

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

At the direction of the Chair and with no objections, this item was heard after Item 2.

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 March 11, 2026, Governance Reform Task Force meeting.

Chair Rodarte adjourned the meeting at 9:44 pm.