



STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
GOVERNANCE REFORM TASK FORCE
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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90015

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2026, 5:00 P.M.



I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Land Acknowledgment.

Chair Rodarte called the meeting to order at 5:09 pm. Jose Soltero, administrative staff, conducted roll.

A quorum was initially established with 9 members present of 13 seats. Subsequently, Member Phelps, Member Sadhwani and Member Steele arrived after the initial roll call.

Present: Nancy Yap, Brian Calderón Tabatabai, Derek Steele, Rosa Soto, Sara Sadhwani, Marcel Rodarte, David Phelps, Julia Mockeridge, Derek Hsieh, Steven Neal, Gabriela Gironas, John Fasana, and Assistant Executive Officer Shadi Kardan

Absent: David Green

Present: Eva Chu, Senior Deputy County Counsel

Member Calderon-Tabatabai read the Los Angeles County Land Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Minutes

- Action Item: Approval of December 10, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Member Fasana motioned to approve December 10, 2025, Meeting Minutes, seconded by Member Neal. Hearing no objections, the Meeting Minutes were approved.

Following consultation with County Counsel, the Task Force received and filed the minutes. No public comment was taken on this item.

Attachments: [December 10, 2025, Meeting Minutes](#)

II. DISCUSSIONS

Following consultation with County Counsel, the Task Force took up Agenda Item 4 before returning to Agenda Item 3.

3. Update and Consideration of Potential Action: Next Steps on the Office of County Executive

The Governance Reform Task Force will discuss next steps related to its work on the establishment of an Office of County Executive.

Members of the Taskforce discussed a list of areas related to the elected County

Executive position they would like to research. Staff was asked to review the areas discussed to identify what items can be prioritized and what items need further consideration.

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

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

4. 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 to Identify Speakers and Experts for Long-Term Goals
- 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 the Establishment of an Independent Ethics Commission
- GRTF Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Public Engagement Strategy

Members explored the use of a QR code-based exit survey to be deployed during the departmental public budget presentations this fiscal year to collect real time data from participants. Staff was asked to explore creating the QR code in collaboration necessary departments.

The Task Force discussed preparing a draft letter from the Governance Reform Task Force to the Board of Supervisors seeking approval of incorporating the proposed QR code at the departmental public budget presentations.

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

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

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

- General requests from GRTF members to staff.

Following discussion, a motion was introduced to delegate authority to staff, with the Chair's concurrence, to select meeting venues on a rolling basis, with venues to be scheduled six months in advance and thereafter on a monthly basis if no venues are selected by the Task Force.

On motion of Member Hsieh, seconded by Member Steele, this motion was duly carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 12 – Nancy Yap, Brian Calderón Tabatabai, Derek Steele, Rosa Soto,

Sara Sadhwani, Marcel Rodarte, David Phelps, Julia Mockeridge, Derek Hsieh, Steven Neal, Gabriela Gironas, and John Fasana

Absent: 1 – David Green

1 member of the public virtually addressed the Governance Reform Task Force on this item.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

III. MISCELLANEOUS

6. 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.

IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

7. 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.

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

Attachments: [Public Comment/Written Correspondence](#)

V. ADJOURNMENT

8. Adjournment of the January 14, 2026, Governance Reform Task Force meeting.

Chair Rodarte adjourned the meeting at 8:54 pm.