



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 11, 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 5:28 pm. Andre Harmandjian, administrative staff, conducted roll.

A quorum was established with 9 members present of 12 seats (1 vacant position). After the initial roll call, Member Steele and Member Tabatabai arrived.

Present: John Fasana, David Green, Derek Hsieh, Julia Mockeridge, Marcel Rodarte, Nancy Yap, David Phelps, Rosa Soto, Sara Sadhwani

Absent: Derek Steele, Brian Calderón Tabatabai, Gabriela Gironas

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

Member Soto read the Los Angeles County Land Acknowledgement.

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

Chair Rodarte called for any discussions or objections to the February 25, 2026, Meeting Minutes. Hearing none, the Task Force received and filed the Meeting Minutes.

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

Attachments: [February 25, 2026, Meeting Minutes](#)

II. DISCUSSIONS

3. Presentation and Potential Action: Harvard Kennedy School of Government Comparative Study on Elected County Executive

The Harvard Kennedy School of Government will present on its comparative study regarding the elected County executive and participate in a discussion with the Task Force.

There was one in-person speaker, and two additional members of the public addressed the Governance Reform Task Force virtually.

Attachments: [Harvard School of Kennedy Presentation](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

Chair Rodarte pulled Item 5 from the agenda, and it was heard prior to Agenda Item 4. Hearing no objections from the Task Force Members or the public, the change was accepted.

4. Presentation and Potential Action: Review Draft County Ethics Ordinance

The Ad Hoc Subcommittee on the Establishment of an Independent Ethics Commission, in coordination with its consultant, will present an updated proposal for the creation of a County Ethics Commission and Office of Ethics Compliance, developed pursuant to Measure G. The updated proposal reflects revisions based on feedback provided by the Task Force at its February 11, 2026, and February 25, 2026, regular meetings, as well as input received from good government organizations and the public. The presentation will include additional discussion to further refine the draft County ethics ordinance.

On motion of Member Phelps, seconded by Member Hsieh, the Task Force directed staff to inquire with County Counsel about the process necessary for procuring independent counsel to support the Task Force, and to report back with initial options and recommendations by Friday. The motion carried.

There were three in-person speakers, and one additional member of the public addressed the Governance Reform Task Force virtually.

Attachments: [Summary of Subcommittee Proposal Presentation](#)
[Campaign Legal Center Letter](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

5. 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

There were two in-person speakers, and two additional members of the public addressed the Governance Reform Task Force virtually.

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

Recognizing that members of the public were present and waiting to speak, Chair Rodarte moved General Public Comment to follow public comment on Agenda Item 5.

General Public Comment: There were six in-person speakers, and two additional

members of the public addressed the Governance Reform Task Force virtually.

6. Executive Director Oral Report: Update and Possible Action on Ongoing Requests
 - General requests from GRTF members to staff.

Public comment on this item was taken during General Public Comment following agenda item 5.

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

III. MISCELLANEOUS

7. 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

8. 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.

This Item was heard before Agenda Item 6.

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

V. ADJOURNMENT

9. Adjournment of the March 11, 2026, Governance Reform Task Force meeting.

Chair Rodarte adjourned the meeting at 9:43 pm.