



**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, May 8, 2026**

**9:30 AM**

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**I. WELCOME**

**1. Call to Order, Roll Call**

**Chair Rogers called the meeting to order at 9:36 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 Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela, Commissioner Luis Vasquez and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

Absent: Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Tonya Martin, Commissioner Eric Nakano and Commissioner Alejandro Soria

**2. Land Acknowledgement**

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

**3. Black Diaspora, Labor, and Inclusion Acknowledgement**

**Commissioner Vasquez 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 the April 10th, 2026 Annual Retreat 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 Fisher this item was approved with the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 4 - Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Tonya Martin, Commissioner Eric Nakano and Commissioner Alejandro Soria

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**III. DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS**

**6.** Presentation by the TransLatin@ Coalition of the “TGI Housing Initiative: Trans, Gender Expansive, Intersex, and Vulnerable Populations Homelessness Prevention.” Discuss and take possible action on approving a letter of support from the Commission for the TransLatin@ Coalition’s Trans, Gender Expansive, Intersex Housing Initiative, written by the Housing and Homelessness ad hoc subcommittee, to be submitted to the Housing and Homelessness Cluster, the Department of Homeless Services and Housing, and the Board of Supervisors.

**Commissioner Whittington introduced the item. Introduced the drafted Letter of Support from the Housing Ad Hoc Committee.**

**Bee Curiel, Maya Daniels, and ChiChi Navarro from the TransLatin@ Coalition**

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(TLC), presented the final iteration of the TGI housing initiative. Bee Curiel and Maya Daniels responded to questions posed by Commissioners.

Member of the public Hana Leylan addressed the Commission on this item.

After discussion, on the motion of Commissioner Whittington, seconded by Commissioner Fisher, the Commission approved the letter of support for this housing initiative to be submitted to Department of Homeless Services and Housing and the Supervisorial offices, and direct the Executive Director to request this added to the Housing and Homeless Cluster committee meeting with the following vote:

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

**Absent:** 4 - Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Tonya Martin, Commissioner Eric Nakano and Commissioner Alejandro Soria

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7. Presentation by Pride House LA/West Hollywood about their LGBTQ+ programming through the 2028 Olympics and discussion about how to ensure inclusivity and varied LGBTQ+ presentations, speakers, and topics.

**Michael Ferrara from Pride House LA/West Hollywood, presented about their LGBTQ+ programming through the 2028 Olympics. Michael Ferrara 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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8. Discuss and take possible action on dissolving the Anti-Racism Diversity and Inclusion Initiative TGI Townhall ad hoc subcommittee.

**Commissioner Russell-Slavin and Commissioner Plascencia introduced the**

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item. Recommend that this ad hoc subcommittee be dissolved, and that a community engagement event with the TGI community be organized through the Community Engagement Standing Subcommittee. Commissioner Russell-Slavin and Commissioner Plascencia opened the floor for discussion.

Member of the public Byron Jose addressed the Commission on this item.

After discussion, on the motion of Commissioner Russell-Slavin, seconded by Commissioner Arnzen, the Commission approved to dissolve the ARDI TGI Town Hall ad hoc subcommittee with the following vote:

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

**Absent:** 4 - Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Tonya Martin, Commissioner Eric Nakano and Commissioner Alejandro Soria

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#### IV. UPDATES

9. Update from the 2026 Annual Retreat ad hoc subcommittee on strategies and outcomes of the retreat conversations.

**Commissioner Plascencia and Commissioner Valenzuela introduced the item and opened the floor for discussion. Commissioners requested that the Annual Retreat Ad Hoc to look into how the Commission can better serve the TGI community with specific suggestions about how the Commission can address this as part of the existing strategic plan.**

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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10. Update from the Immigration ad hoc subcommittee on work-to-date.

**Vice Chair Lelliott and Commissioner Plascencia introduced the item. Notified**

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the Commission the Ad Hoc are hosting their first virtual event on Wednesday, May 27 to bring together LGBTQ+ immigrant serving organizations, to begin the conversation about what emerging and ongoing issues they're seeing from their communities.

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

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 Vasquez introduced the item. Notified the Commission that the Ad Hoc will be presenting their recommendations to the full Youth Commission for their feedback on May 28 and are hoping to present our final recommendations to our Commission during the June meeting.

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

Comment period closed, this item was received and filed.

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12. Update from the Department of Human Resources Training ad hoc subcommittee about work-to-date.

Chair Sydney provided the Commission an update regarding the work of the Department of Human Resources Training ad hoc.

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

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

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13. Update about the status of moving forward the Commission approved language for declaring LA County a Sanctuary County for TGI people.

Chair Sydney and Executive Director Menon provided an update on Commission approved language document for declaring Los Angeles County a Sanctuary County for TGI people

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

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

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- 14.** Announcements and updates from commissioners about Pride events taking place this year.

**Chair Sydney introduced the item and opened the floor for discussion.**

**Commissioner Valenzuela notified the Commission that there is no title yet, but there will be an exhibition on the origins of drag featuring Larry T in their gallery for approximately three weeks.**

**Chair Rogers stated that she will appear on the May 10 radio show, Tea Time with Cinnamon Rivera, and will serve as the keynote speaker for International Whores Day on June 5.**

**Vice Chair Lelliott notified the Commission about Queer Fantasia taking place on June 3. Second Vice Chair Martinez notified the Commission that a luncheon and scholarships for youth will take place on May 16.**

**Commissioner Arnzen announced that Altadena Pride will host a walkabout on June 13.**

**Commissioner Plascencia announced their new organization, the Trans Queer Institute.**

**Commissioner Abraham left the meeting at 11:48 AM.**

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

**Comment period closed, this item was received and filed.**

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**V. MISCELLANEOUS****Matters Not Posted**

- 15.** Matters not on the posted agenda to be placed on the agenda for discussion and action at a future meeting of the LGBTQ+ Commission.

**No miscellaneous matters were addressed by the Commissioners at this time.**

**Public Comment**

- 16.** Public Comment

**Member of the public Alexander Rodriguez addressed the Commission on this item.**

**Commissioner Vasquez left the meeting at 11:54 AM.**

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**Adjournment**

- 17.** Adjournment of the May 8, 2026 LGBTQ+ Commission meeting.

**Chair Rogers adjourned the meeting at 11:57 AM. The next meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2026, at 9:30 AM.**

