



STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
**GOVERNANCE REFORM TASK FORCE**  
HALL OF ADMINISTRATION  
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 140 A&B  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90015

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2026, 5:00 P.M.**



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## **I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

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

**Chair Rodarte called the meeting to order at 5:17 pm. Jose Soltero, administrative staff, conducted roll.**

**A quorum was initially established with 10 members present of 13 seats. Subsequently, Chair Pro Tem Yap arrived after the initial roll.**

Present: Brian Calderón Tabatabai, John Fasana, David Green, Gabriela Gironas, Julia Mockridge, David Phelps, Marcel Rodarte, Sara Sadhwani, Derek Steele, Rosa Soto

Absent: Steven Neal, Derek Hsieh, Nancy Yap

Also Present: Assistant Executive Officer Shadi Kardan and

**Member Rosa Soto read the Los Angeles County Land Acknowledgement.**

2. Approval of Minutes
  - Action Item: Approval of January 14, 2026, Meeting Minutes

**Member Fasana requested one revision to the January 14, 2026, Meeting Minutes**

**Member Gironas motioned to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Member Calderon-Tabatabai. Hearing no objections, the Meeting Minutes were approved as amended.**

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

**Attachments:** [January 14, 2026, Meeting Minutes](#)

## **II. DISCUSSIONS**

3. Presentation and Consideration of Potential Action: Presentation by UC Berkeley's Possibility Lab to Propose Stakeholder Engagement Plan

UC Berkeley's Possibility Lab will present its proposed stakeholder engagement plan and scope of work for the Governance Reform Task Force's consideration. The Governance Reform Task Force will review the proposed plan and scope of work and may take action, including adopting, modifying, or providing direction regarding the proposed engagement approach, plan, and scope of work, among other things.

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

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

4. Discussion and Presentation by Nicolas Heidorn on Establishing the Independent Ethics Commission

Nicolas Heidorn will provide an overview of his work as the GRTF Ethics consultant, including a discussion of proposed milestones, timelines, and key phases to support the establishment of an Independent Ethics Commission.

**1 member of the public addressed the Governance Reform Task Force via written correspondence.**

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

5. 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 implementation considerations for the Office of County Executive, including key issues, questions, and areas requiring further evaluation or coordination.

**Following discussion, a motion was introduced to create a new Ad Hoc Subcommittee focused on the Office of County Executive. There were 6 members identified to be in this new Ad Hoc.**

**On motion of Member Sadhwani, seconded by Member Gironas, this motion was duly carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes: 10** – Brian Calderón Tabatabai, John Fasana, David Green, Gabriela Gironas, Julia Mockridge, David Phelps, Marcel Rodarte, Sara Sadhwani, Derek Steele, Rosa Soto

**Absent: 3** – Derek Hsieh, Steven Neal, Nancy Yap

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

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

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

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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

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

**Members requested that staff look into obtaining data on the allocation of resources among Supervisors, including staffing levels and budget structures.**

**Members requested that staff contact the Chief Executive Office for an update on the implementation of the Public Budget Presentation recommendations,.**

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

7. Executive Director Oral Report: Update and Possible Action on Ongoing Requests
- General requests from GRTF members to staff.
  - Action Item: Approval of Governance Reform Task Force meeting dates up to July 22, 2026

**Following discussion, a motion was introduced to establish the regular meeting times and locations up to July 22, 2026.**

**On motion of Member Fasana, seconded by Member Greene, this motion was duly carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes: 9** – Brian Calderón Tabatabai, John Fasana, David Green, Gabriela Gironas, Julia Mockeridge, David Phelps, Marcel Rodarte, Sara Sadhwani, Derek Steele

**Absent: 4** – Steven Neal, Nancy Yap, Derek Hsieh, Rosa Soto

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

**Attachments:** [2026 Regular Meeting Schedule](#)  
[Proposed Meeting Locations](#)  
[Staff Report](#)  
Public Comment/Correspondence

### **III. MISCELLANEOUS**

8. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be presented and (if requested) referred to staff or
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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**

9. 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.

**1 member of the public addressed the Governance Reform Task Force via written correspondence.**

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

#### **V. ADJOURNMENT**

10. Adjournment of the January 28, 2026, Governance Reform Task Force meeting.

**Chair Rodarte adjourned the meeting at 9:15 pm.**