



STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
GOVERNANCE REFORM TASK FORCE
HARAMBEE MINISTRIES
1609 NAVARRO AVENUE
PASADENA CA 91103



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2026, 5:00 P.M.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

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

Chair Pro Tem Yap called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Andre Harmandjian, administrative staff, conducted roll.

A quorum was established with 11 members present of 13 seats, including Member Gray who participated in the meeting remotely based on Government Code Section 54953.8.3(c)(4) due to official business travel for a local agency. After the initial roll call, Member Soto, and Member Steele arrived.

Present: John Fasana, Gabriela Gironas, David Green, Derek Hsieh, Julia Mockeridge, Vivian Gray, David Phelps, Marcel Rodarte, Sara Sadhwani, Brian Calderón Tabatabai, and Nancy Yap

Absent: Rosa Soto, Derek Steele

Also Present: Shadi Kardan, Assistant Executive Officer, Norayr Zurabyan, Assistant County Counsel, and Gary Winuk of the Kaufman Legal Group

Member Phelps read the Los Angeles County Land Acknowledgement.

Alton Wang, Member of the Board of Trustees of Pasadena City College, delivered opening remarks under this agenda item. Brandon Lamar, Executive Director of Harambee Ministries and President of the Pasadena NAACP, delivered remarks regarding the local community under Agenda Item No. 4. Under Agenda Item No. 5, Kevin Kearney, City Manager of the City of Bradbury, and Patrice Marshall McKenzie, Member of the Pasadena Unified School District Board of Education, also delivered remarks.

2. Approval of Minutes
 - Action Item: Approval of May 27, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [May 27, 2026, Meeting Minutes](#)

Chair Pro Tem Yap called for any discussions or objections to the May 27, 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.

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](#)

One (1) member of the public addressed the Governance Reform Task Force on this Item in person.

III. DISCUSSIONS

4. Discussion and Potential Action: Selection of Governance Reform Task Force Chair and Potential Selection of Chair Pro Tem

The Governance Reform Task Force will discuss and may take action regarding the selection of a Chair. If necessary, the Task Force may also discuss and take action regarding the selection of a Chair Pro Tem.

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

Chair Pro Tem Yap opened the floor for nominations for Chair. Member Rodarte nominated Chair Pro Tem Yap. Hearing no additional nominations and no objections, Chair Pro Tem Yap was elected Chair of the Governance Reform Task Force by acclamation.

Following the election of Chair Yap, the position of Chair Pro Tem became vacant. The Chair opened the floor for nominations for Chair Pro Tem. Members Sadhwani, Phelps, and Mockeridge were nominated for the position. Member Sadhwani received the required majority vote and was elected Chair Pro Tem of the Governance Reform Task Force.

One (1) member of the public addressed the Governance Reform Task Force on this Item in person.

5. Presentation and Potential Action: Rose Institute of State and Local Government Preliminary Findings on Haynes Foundation-Funded Los Angeles County Governance Reform Research

Professor Ken Miller and representatives of the Rose Institute of State and Local Government presented preliminary findings from their ongoing Haynes Foundation Grant-funded research regarding Los Angeles County governance and Measure G implementation.

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

During discussion of Agenda Item No. 5, at approximately 7:00 p.m., Member Gray left the meeting.

Two (2) members of the public addressed the Governance Reform Task Force on this

Item in person and one (1) member of the public addressed the Task Force virtually.

6. Presentation and Potential Action: Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Branch Overview

Representatives from the Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office's Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations (LAIR) Branch provided an overview of the branch's roles, responsibilities, structure, and core functions, including the County's legislative advocacy efforts and coordination with local, state, and federal partners.

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

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

7. 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 the Independent Ethics Commission
- 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 – Subcommittee on the Elective Executive](#)
[Staff Report – Subcommittee on the Expansion of the Board](#)
[Staff Report – Subcommittee on the Independent Ethics Commission](#)
[Staff Report – Subcommittee on the Budget Presentations/Five-Day Posting](#)
[Staff Report – Subcommittee on Public Engagement Strategy](#)
[Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

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

8. Discussion and Potential Action: Review of Governance Reform Task Force Ad Hoc Subcommittee Structure and Membership

The Governance Reform Task Force will discuss and may take action regarding the current structure and membership of its existing ad hoc committees, including the potential to rearrange membership, create new ad hoc committees, or dissolve existing ones. The discussion may include consideration of ad hoc subcommittee membership assignments, the number of members serving on each ad hoc subcommittee, the creation of additional ad hoc subcommittees, the dissolution of existing ad hoc subcommittees, and other related matters necessary to support the ongoing work of the Task Force.

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

The Governance Reform Task Force discussed potential modifications to its Ad Hoc Subcommittee structure and membership. Following Member Fasana's resignation from the Elective Executive Ad Hoc Subcommittee, a motion was introduced by Member Soto, seconded by Member Hsieh, to appoint Member Rodarte to the resulting vacancy and to continue Agenda Items Nos. 8 and 9 to a future Governance Reform Task Force meeting. This motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

9. Oral Report and Potential Action: Kaufman Legal Group Research on Auditor Controller Independence, Authority, and Checks and Balances

Kauffman Legal Group will provide an oral report on its research conducted pursuant to the motion introduced on May 13, 2026, regarding the Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller's Office. The report will examine the Office's investigative and audit powers, review current and proposed amended Charter language, and assess whether the existing structure provides sufficient independence for the Auditor-Controller.

Attachments: [Draft Amended Charter Language](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

Pursuant to the motion approved under Agenda Item No. 8, Agenda Item No. 9 was continued to a future Governance Reform Task Force meeting.

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

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

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

The Governance Reform Task Force considered two potential locations for its October 14, 2026, regular meeting: Founders Hall in Calabasas and Plummer Park in West Hollywood. Following discussion, Member Gironas introduced a motion, seconded by Member Sadhwani, to select Plummer Park in West Hollywood as the meeting location for the October 14, 2026, Governance Reform Task Force meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

11. 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

12. Adjournment of the June 10, 2026, Governance Reform Task Force meeting.

Chair Yap adjourned the meeting at 10:00 PM.