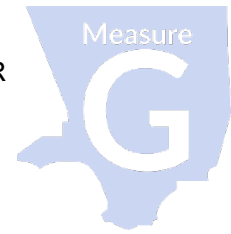




STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
GOVERNANCE REFORM TASK FORCE
SAN FERNANDO RECREATIONAL PARK & AQUATIC CENTER
300 PARK AVENUE
SAN FERNANDO, CA 91340



WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 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 Yap called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm. Andre Harmandjian, administrative staff, conducted roll.

A quorum was established with 12 members present of 13 seats, including Member Hsieh who participated in the meeting remotely based on Government Code Section 54953.8.3(c)(1) due to childcare or caregiving needs. After the initial roll call, Member Steele arrived.

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

Absent: Derek Steele

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

Member Gray read the Los Angeles County Land Acknowledgement.

Mayor Victoria Garcia of the City of San Fernando delivered opening remarks.

2. Approval of Minutes
 - Action Item: Approval of June 24, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [June 24, 2026, Meeting Minutes](#)

Chair Yap called for any discussion on or objections to the June 24, 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](#)

Four (4) members of the public addressed the Governance Reform Task Force on this item in person.

III. DISCUSSIONS

4. Presentations, Discussion, and Potential Actions: County Legislative Analyst (CLA) Position and Related Improvements to the Legislative Process

4a. Examples of Legislative Office Operations in Other Jurisdictions: Dr. Timothy B. Krebs, Professor of Political Science at University of New Mexico will describe other legislative office and legislative analyst models in other jurisdictions, such as the City of Los Angeles, as a foundation for considering approaches to the CLA in the County of Los Angeles.

4b. Modernizing Governance in Los Angeles County Report (April 2026), Prepared for the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, by KH Consulting Group (KH): Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough, Ph.D., KH Founder, will describe the County's current legislative process, including the cluster meetings and Board motions, and present KH's findings and recommendations pertaining to the CLA position and related enhancements to the legislative process.

4c. California Legislative Analyst's Office Overview: Gabriel Petek, Legislative Analyst for the California Legislative Analyst's Office, will present the purpose, roles, responsibilities, and functions of the Legislative Analyst's Office for the California Legislature, including nonpartisan fiscal and policy analysis, legislative oversight support, and government accountability and transparency.

4d. Ongoing GRTF Ad Hoc Subcommittee Work on the Elective Executive and its consultants, Ana Guerrero and Kelli Bernard from Civitas Public Affairs Group, and Ad Hoc Chair: The GRTF Ad Hoc Subcommittee on the Elective Executive will provide an update with its consultants on its ongoing work related to the elected executive provisions of Measure G. The update may include consideration of a work plan, priorities, research activities, stakeholder engagement efforts, decision points, and other related matters necessary to support the development of recommendations by the GRTF.

Attachments: [4a Presentation](#)
[4b Presentation](#)
[4c Presentation](#)
[4d Presentation](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

One (1) member of the public addressed the Task Force virtually.

5. Update and Consideration of Potential Action: GRTF Ad Hoc Subcommittee on the Establishment of an Independent Ethics Commission

The Ad Hoc Subcommittee on the Establishment of an Independent Ethics Commission will provide an update on its ongoing work related to the development of the Independent Ethics Commission appointment process. The update may include discussion of the commissioner application, selection criteria, evaluation and interview process, anticipated timeline for applicant review, interviews, and selection, and other related matters necessary to support the appointment process.

Attachments: [Presentation](#)
[Ethics Application Screening Rubric](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

One (1) member of the public addressed the Task Force virtually.

6. 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](#)

At the direction of the Chair, and with no objections, this item was moved to the July 22, 2026, Governance Reform Task Force regular meeting.

7. Discussion and Potential Action: Active GRTF Ad Hoc Subcommittee Updates

Reports by the following GRTF Ad Hoc Subcommittees on their progress and work plans:

- 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

Attachments: [Staff Report – Subcommittee on the Expansion of the Board](#)
[Staff Report – Subcommittee on the Budget Presentations/Five-Day Posting](#)
[Staff Report – Subcommittee on Public Engagement Strategy](#)
[Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

One (1) member of the public addressed the Task Force virtually.

8. Discussion and Potential Action: Administrative and Operational Updates

The Governance Reform Task Force will receive administrative and operational updates and may take action on matters related to its ongoing work. Updates may include reports from the

Executive Director, Chair of the GRTF, consultants, and other administrative matters necessary to support the continued operations and activities of the Governance Reform Task Force.

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

Member Hsieh reiterated his request to the Executive Office for financial information previously sought regarding the GRTF budget and consultant hourly rates and aggregate costs. Consultant Santos H. Kreimann stated that this information would be provided at the next regular GRTF meeting.

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

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

9. 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.

Chair Yap announced that member John Fasana will be the Chair, and member Derek Steele will be the Co-Chair, of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Commissions.

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

V. ADJOURNMENT

10. Adjournment of the July 8, 2026, Governance Reform Task Force meeting.

Chair Yap adjourned the meeting at 9:52 PM.