



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, August 14, 2026

9:30 AM

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I. WELCOME

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

Chair Rogers called the meeting to order at 9:46 AM. Annie Patpatian, administrative staff, called the roll.

A quorum was established with 12 (twelve) members present.

Present: Chair Sydney Rogers, Vice Chair Jer-Adrianne Lelliott, Vice Chair Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Robert Allarte, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner H. Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

All Commissioners listed as “present” above, except for Commissioners Abraham, Russell-Slavin, and Valenzuela, participated from the Hall of Administration meeting location.

Commissioner Abraham participated from the alternate teleconference location provided on the meeting agenda.

Commissioner Russell-Slavin participated remotely for just cause pursuant to Government Code section 54953.8.3(c)(1) (“just cause” due to “childcare or care giving need of a child”).

Commissioner Valenzuela participated remotely for just cause pursuant to Government Code section 54953.8.3(c)(3) (“just cause” due to “[a] need related to a physical ... condition that is not subject to subdivision (c) of Section 54953.”).

Absent: Commissioner Eric Nakano, Commissioner Alejandro Soria and
Commissioner Luis Vasquez

2. Land Acknowledgement

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

3. Call to Order, Roll Call

Sunitha Menon, Executive Director, 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 July 10, 2026 meeting 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 Plascencia seconded by Commissioner Arnzen this item was approved with the following vote:

- Ayes:** 8 - Chair Sydney Rogers, Vice Chair Jer-Adrianne Lelliott, Vice Chair Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner H. Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Terra Russell-Slavin and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington
- Abstentions:** 4 - Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Robert Allarte, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena and Commissioner Tony Valenzuela
- Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Eric Nakano, Commissioner Alejandro Soria and Commissioner Luis Vasquez

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***Commissioner Abraham did not voice a vote.**

III. DISCUSSION & ACTIONS

6. Presentation by the [Los Angeles County Sexual Assault Council](#) on their strategic planning process and the inclusion of LGBTQ+ people in their ongoing and upcoming work. **Nicolle Perras, Valerie E. Coachman-Moore and Jim Rhyne, from the Sexual Assault Council presented the work of the council on the strategic planning process and the inclusion of LGBTQ+ people in their ongoing and future work. Nicolle Perras, Valerie E. Coachman-Moore and Jim Rhyne responded to questions posed by Commissioners.**

Member of the public ChiChi Navarro addressed the Commission on this item. After Public

Comment period closed, this item was received and filed.

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7. Presentation by the San Gabriel Valley LGBTQ+ Youth Advisory Coalition on their work identifying the needs of LGBTQ+ youth and the importance of identifying affirming spaces in the San Gabriel Valley.

Liliana Simpson-Caszuneda, Silver De Leon and Sofia Alvarez from the San Gabriel Valley LGBTQ+ Youth Advocacy Coalition presented on their work identifying the needs of LGBTQ+ youth and the importance of identifying affirming spaces in the San Gabriel Valley. Liliana Simpson-Caszuneda, Silver De Leon and Sofia Alvarez responded to questions posed by Commissioners.

Members of the public Camila Camaleon and Dr. Chasity Jennings Nunez 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 action regarding the regular meeting schedule and start time for the LGBTQ+ Commission between January 2027 and December 2027.

Chair Rogers introduced the item regarding the 2027 Commission schedule and opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Valenzuela left at 10:52am.

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

After discussion, on the motion of Commissioner Allarte, seconded by Commissioner Arnzen the Commission approved Option C for the regular meeting schedule for 2027 for the LGBTQ+ Commission with the following vote:

- Ayes:** 9 - Chair Sydney Rogers, Vice Chair Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Vice Chair Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Robert Allarte, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner H. Trinidad Plascencia and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington
- Abstentions:** 2 - Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena and Commissioner Terra Russell-Slavin
- Absent:** 4 - Commissioner Eric Nakano, Commissioner Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela and Commissioner Luis Vasquez

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9. Update on the work-to-date of the Los Angeles County LGBTQ+ Arts and Culture Coalition over the past year. Discuss and take possible action on the Commission being a non-fiscal sponsor for the late September convening reporting out on the data and recommendations about the state of LGBTQ+ arts and culture in Los Angeles County.

Chair Rogers requested the Commission to table this item to an upcoming meeting.

With unanimous consent the Item was tabled for an upcoming meeting.

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

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10. Discussion and updates from the Community Engagement Standing Subcommittee (CESS) on work-to-date. Discuss and take action on creating an ad hoc subcommittee to find ways to engage LGBTQ+ people in the November 2026 election.

Commission Arnzen and Commissioner Plascencia introduced the item and provided an update on CESS meeting location. Commission Arnzen and Commissioner Plascencia opened up the floor for discussion.

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

Commissioner Valenzuela returned at 11:24am.

After discussion, on the motion of Commissioner Plascencia, seconded by 2nd Vice Chair Martinez, the commission approved to create an ad hoc subcommittee focused on LGBTQ+ civic engagement for the November 2026 election, comprised of Chair Rogers, Commissioner Fisher and Commissioner Allarte with the following vote:

Ayes: 12 - Chair Sydney Rogers, Vice Chair Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Vice Chair Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Robert Allarte, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner H. Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Eric Nakano, Commissioner Alejandro Soria and Commissioner Luis Vasquez

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- 11.** Discuss and take action on dissolving the Legislation and Budget Standing Subcommittee.

Commission Abraham introduced the item and provided an update on the Legislation and Budget Standing Subcommittee meetings. Commission Abraham opened the floor for discussion.

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

After discussion, on the motion of Commissioner Abraham, seconded by 2nd Vice Chair Martinez, the commission approved to dissolve the Legislation and Budget Standing Subcommittee with the following vote:

Ayes: 12 - Chair Sydney Rogers, Vice Chair Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Vice Chair Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Robert Allarte, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner H. Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Eric Nakano, Commissioner Alejandro Soria and Commissioner Luis Vasquez

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- 12.** Discuss and take action on creating an ad hoc subcommittee to identify ways to provide advice and recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on 2026 - 2027 legislation impacting LGBTQ+ people in Los Angeles County and to relevant County Departments on budget recommendations for programming that supports LGBTQ+ people in Los Angeles County.

Commissioner Abraham introduced the item and opened up the floor for discussion.

Members of the public Camila Camaleon and ChiChi Navarro addressed the Commission on this item.

After discussion, on the motion of Commissioner Abraham, seconded by Commissioner Arnzen, the commission approved to create a 2026 – 2027 legislation and budget ad hoc subcommittee, comprised of Vice Chair Lelliott, 2nd Vice Chair Martinez, Commissioner Abraham, Commissioner Plascencia, Commissioner Valenzuela, Commissioner Allarte with the following vote:

Ayes: 12 - Chair Sydney Rogers, Vice Chair Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Vice Chair Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Robert Allarte, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner H. Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Eric Nakano, Commissioner Alejandro Soria and Commissioner Luis Vasquez

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- 13.** Discuss and take action on dissolving the Housing and Homelessness ad hoc subcommittee.

Commissioner Fisher and Commissioner Whittington introduced the item and updated the Commission on the completed work of the 2026 housing and homelessness ad hoc subcommittee. Commissioner Fisher and Commissioner Whittington opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Russell-Slavin left at 11:54am

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

After discussion, on the motion of Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Whittington the Commission approved to dissolve the LGBTQ+ youth ad hoc subcommittee with the following vote:

Ayes: 10 - Chair Sydney Rogers, Vice Chair Jer-Adrianne Lelliott, Vice Chair Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Robert Allarte, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner H. Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

Noes: 1 - Commissioner Steven Fisher

Absent: 4 - Commissioner Eric Nakano, Commissioner Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Alejandro Soria and Commissioner Luis Vasquez

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- 14.** Discuss and take action on dissolving the 2026 annual retreat ad hoc subcommittee.

Commissioner Valenzuela and Commissioner Plascencia introduced the item and updated the Commission on the completed work of the 2026 annual retreat ad hoc subcommittee. Commissioner Valenzuela and Commissioner Plascencia and opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Russell-Slavin returned at 12:00pm.

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

After discussion, on the motion of 2nd Vice Chair Martinez seconded by Commissioner Allarte the Commission approved to dissolve the 2026 annual retreat ad hoc subcommittee with the following vote:

Ayes: 12 - Chair Sydney Rogers, Vice Chair Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Vice Chair Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Robert Allarte, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner H. Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Eric Nakano, Commissioner Alejandro Soria and Commissioner Luis Vasquez

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IV. UPDATES

- 15.** Update from the Immigration ad hoc subcommittee about outcomes from the July 15, 2026 LGBTQ+ immigrant virtual discussion.

Commissioners Plascencia, Abraham, and Vice Chair Lelliott introduced the item and provided the Commission with an update of the upcoming October 14, 2026 LGBTQ+ immigrant virtual discussion.

Commissioner Khan Valbuena left at 12:01pm.

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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- 16.** Update from the ad hoc subcommittee working with the Department of Human Resources on the new LBTQ+ and TGI 101 Awareness Training

Chair Rogers introduced the item and provided the Commission with an update of the work to date of Department of Human Resources on the new LGBTQ+ and TGI 101 Awareness Training Ad Hoc.

Member of the Public ChiChi Navarro addressed the Commission on this item.

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17. Announcements and/or updates from commissioners about past and upcoming LGBTQ+ related events in Los Angeles County.

Commissioner Allarte announced the 3rd Annual Q Film Festival in Long Beach will take place from September 17th to 20th, showcasing diverse documentaries and films, with full details available on the LGBTQ Center of Long Beach's website.

Executive Director Sunitha Menon announced that Downey Pride was August 8th.

Chair Rogers announced that West Hollywood Trans Advisory Board's Trans Community Picnic is scheduled for August 30th from 3 to 6 PM at Plummer Park, focusing on building community connections and engagement.

Commissioner Plascencia announced that they and Commissioner Russell-Slavin went to Equality California's LGBTQ Leadership Summit and they found the summit enhanced their knowledge sharing and advocacy strategies.

Commissioner Abraham announced they attended Pride Night at Angel City Football Club and encouraged participation in Non-Traditional LGBTQ Spaces

Vice Chair Lelliott announced that the Newcomers Access Center is hosting an event at Claremont United Church of Christ on August 29th from 10 AM to 12 PM will address rising ICE arrests and detainee conditions affecting immigrant and LGBTQ+ communities.

Member of the public ChiChi Navarro addressed the Commission on this item. After Public

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V. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

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

Commissioner Whittington requested there is an item in the next agenda for the Commission to discuss the Care with Pride: Third Spaces Motion presentation youth request.

Commissioner Allarte announced that August is Transgender History Month.

Public Comment

19. Public Comment

Member of the public ChiChi Navarro addressed the Commission on this item.

LA County Assessor Jeff Prang provided Public Comment previously at 10:30am.

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Adjournment

20. Adjournment of the August 14, 2026 LGBTQ+ Commission meeting.

Chair Rogers adjourned the meeting at 12:45 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2026, at 9:30 am.