



**4STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR
THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
LGBTQ+ COMMISSION CESS
LA PUENTE COMMUNITY CENTER
501 GLENDORA AVE,
LA PUENTE, CALIFORNIA 91744**

Thursday, July 23, 2026

5:30 PM

Audio: [AUDIO LINK](#)

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

Co-Chair Arnzen called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. Annie Patpatian, administrative staff, called the roll.

A quorum was established with four (4) members present out of six (6) total members.

Present: Co -Chair Nic Arnzen, Co -Chair H. Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Sydney Rogers, Commissioner Jer-Adrianne Lelliott

Absent: Commissioner Eddie Martinez and Commissioner Tony Valenzuela

Not Counted/Present: Community Member ChiChi Navarro

2. Land Acknowledgement

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

II. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

3. Approval of the February 26, 2026, Minutes

On motion of Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Co-Chair Plascencia, this item was moved for approval with no amendments.

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

comment, motion passes with the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Co -Chair Nic Arnzen, Co -Chair H. Trinidad Plascencia,
Commissioner Sydney Rogers, Commissioner Jer-
Adrienne Lelliott

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Eddie Martinez and Commissioner Tony
Valenzuela

Not Counted: 1 - Community Member ChiChi Navarro

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III. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

- 4.** Discuss and take action on voting for a new location for the regularly scheduled meetings of the CESS. Option 1: La Puente Community Center, 501 Glendora Ave, La Puente, CA 91744 or Option 2: Eaton Fire Collaborative, 540 W. Woodbury Road, Altadena, CA 91001.

Co-Chair Arnzen introduced the item and opened the floor for discussion regarding the CESS meeting schedule.

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

After discussion, on motion of Co-Chair Plascencia, seconded by Commissioner Lelliott the Commission approved the CESS regularly scheduled meetings to be held the Eaton Fire Collaborative, 540 W. Woodbury Road, Altadena, CA 91001 with the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Co -Chair Nic Arnzen, Co -Chair H. Trinidad Plascencia,
Commissioner Sydney Rogers, Commissioner Jer-
Adrienne Lelliott

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Eddie Martinez and Commissioner Tony
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5. Review and discussion on the updated purpose and activities of the CESS, approved by the LGBTQ+ Commission in March 2026. Discussion on the CESS anticipated activities and timeline through the end of 2026

There was a motion made by Commissioner Rogers seconded by Co-Chair Plascencia to table this item.

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

After public comment, motion passes with the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Co -Chair Nic Arnzen, Co -Chair H. Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Sydney Rogers, Commissioner Jer-Adrienne Lelliott

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Eddie Martinez and Commissioner Tony Valenzuela

Not Counted: 1 - Community Member ChiChi Navarro

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6. Discuss and take possible action on identifying topics and speakers for a virtual community engagement event, to present to the LGBTQ+ Commission.

Co-Chair Arnzen introduced the item and opened the floor for discussion regarding potential topics the CESS would like to include in discussions with the community and possibility identifying organizations or people who might be interested in a community engagement event.

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

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Lelliott, seconded by Commissioner Rogers the Commission approved to recommend to the full Commission that the Commission create a civic engagement ad hoc subcommittee through November 2026 with the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Co -Chair Nic Arnzen, Co -Chair H. Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Sydney Rogers, Commissioner Jer-Adrienne Lelliott

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Eddie Martinez and Commissioner Tony Valenzuela

Not Counted: 1 - Community Member ChiChi Navarro

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IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

7. Matters not posted: Matters not on the posted agenda to be placed on the agenda for discussion and action at a future meeting of the CESS.

Co-Chair Plascencia announced that the application period for Trans Queer Institute will close on July 31. The program supports advocacy, policy, and research initiatives benefiting transgender, gender-diverse and intersex (TGI), and immigrant communities.

Commissioners were encouraged to share the opportunity with potential candidates and remind interested individuals to submit their applications before the deadline.

Co-Chair Plascencia adding an item to the next CESS meeting, discussing modifying the CESS from a standing subcommittee to an ad hoc subcommittee.

Co-Chair Arnzen requested that there be an item on the next CESS meeting reviewing the updated purpose and objectives document, that was approved by the Commission in March 2026

Commissioner Rogers requested that an item be added to the next CESS meeting to continue the discussion on identifying topics to present to the Commission for community engagement ideas.

Public Comment

8. Public Comment: Opportunity for members of the public to address the CESS on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the subcommittee.

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

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Adjournment

9. Adjournment of the July 23, 2026, CESS of the LGBTQ+ Commission meeting.

Co-Chair Arnzen adjourned the meeting at 7:17 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for August 27, 2026, at 5:30 PM to be held the Eaton Fire Collaborative, 540 W. Woodbury Road, Altadena, CA 91001.