



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, FEBRUARY 25, 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 5:18 pm. Andre Harmandjian, administrative staff, conducted roll.**

**A quorum was established with 9 members present of 13 seats, including Member Steele who participated in the meeting remotely based on Government Code section 54953.8.3 (remote participation for just cause – family medical emergency). After the initial roll call, Member Phelps, Member Soto, and Member Sadhwani arrived.**

Present: Brian Calderón Tabatabai, John Fasana, Gabriela Gironas, David Green, Derek Hsieh, Julia Mockeridge, Marcel Rodarte, Derek Steele, Nancy Yap

Absent: David Phelps, Rosa Soto, Sara Sadhwani

Also Present: Shadi Kardan, Assistant Executive Officer, and Norayr Zurabyan, Assistant County Counsel

**Member Tabatabai read the Los Angeles County Land Acknowledgement.**

2. Approval of Minutes
  - Action Item: Approval of February 11, 2026, Meeting Minutes

**Chair Rodarte called for any discussions or objections to the February 11, 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.**

**Attachments:** [February 11, 2026, Meeting Minutes](#)

## **II. DISCUSSIONS**

3. Presentation, Discussion, and Potential Action: Establishment of an Independent Ethics Commission and the Draft County Ethics Ordinance

Representatives from Common Cause and the League of Women Voters will share their perspectives on the establishment of an Independent Ethics Commission and the Draft County Ethics Ordinance and engage in discussion with the Task Force to inform its ongoing deliberations.

**Presenters:**

- Representative(s) from Common Cause
- Representative(s) from League of Women Voters

Following stakeholder input, the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on the Establishment of an Independent Ethics Commission, in coordination with its consultant, will present an updated draft County Ethics Ordinance developed pursuant to Measure G and revised in response to feedback provided by the Task Force during the February 11, 2026, regular meeting. The presentation will include additional discussion to further refine the Draft County Ethics Ordinance, as well as supplemental information regarding County reorganization and budget considerations as they relate to the establishment of the Independent Ethics Commission.

**Attachments:** [Presentation and Letter \(Common Cause\)](#)  
[Letter from League of Women Voters](#)  
[Presentation \(Ad Hoc Subcommittee\)](#)  
[Draft County Ethics Ordinance](#)  
[Staff Report](#)  
[Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

**A straw poll was conducted during the discussion to gauge Task Force members' preferences among the three options for appointing Ethics Commissioners.**

**One member of the public virtually addressed the Governance Reform Task Force on this item, and two members of the public addressed the Governance Reform Task Force via written correspondence.**

**4. 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 Public Budget Presentations and Five-Day Posting Requirement for Non-Urgent Legislation
- GRTF Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Public Engagement Strategy

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

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

**5. Executive Director Oral Report: Update and Possible Action on Ongoing Requests**

- General requests from GRTF members to staff.

**Action Item: Task Force member requested that the GRTF website be updated to include a listing of Ad Hoc Subcommittees and their respective members.**

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

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

### **III. MISCELLANEOUS**

6. 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.

### **IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

7. 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.

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

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

### **V. ADJOURNMENT**

8. Adjournment of the February 25, 2026, Governance Reform Task Force meeting.

**Chair Rodarte adjourned the meeting at 9:12 pm.**