



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE CESS MEETING OF THE
LGBTQ+ COMMISSION
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY LGBTQ+ CENTER
12127 ELLIOTT AVE
EL MONTE, CALIFORNIA 91732**

Thursday, February 26, 2026

5:30 PM

AUDIO: [AUDIO LINK](#)

I. Welcome and Introductions

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

Co-Chair Plascencia called the meeting to order at 5:48 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 Héctor Trinidad Plascencia,
Commissioner Eddie Martinez, and Commissioner Sydney Rogers

Absent: Commissioner Jer-Adrianne Lelliott and Commissioner Tony
Valenzuela

Not Counted /

Not 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 January 22, 2026, Minutes

On motion of Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Rogers, 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:

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III. Discussion and Action

- 4.** Discuss and take possible action on restructuring the purpose and activities of the CESS.

Co-Chair Arnzen introduced the item and opened the floor for discussion on the CESS purpose and objectives, and draft timeline documents.

Members of the public Camila Camaleon and Richie Do addressed the CESS on this item.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Rogers the Commission approved the new purpose and objectives to be brought to the full Commission for review and feedback, with the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Co -Chair Nic Arnzen, Co -Chair Héctor Trinidad
 Plascencia, Commissioner Eddie Martinez, and
 Commissioner Sydney Rogers

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Jer-Adrienne Lelliott and Commissioner
 Tony Valenzuela

Not Counted/ 1 - Community Member ChiChi Navarro
Not Present:

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- 5.** Discuss and take possible action on nominations and voting for the role of Chair and/or Co-Chairs of the CESS.

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

Members of the public ChiChi Navarro addressed the CESS on this item.

After public comment, motion passes with the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Co -Chair Nic Arnzen, Co -Chair Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Eddie Martinez, and Commissioner Sydney Rogers

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Jer-Adrienne Lelliott and Commissioner Tony Valenzuela

Not Counted/Not Present: 1 - Community Member ChiChi Navarro

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IV. Miscellaneous**Matters Not Posted**

6. 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.

Commissioner Rogers reported a recent meeting with the Alcohol and Other Drugs Commission and proposed exploring a potential partnership for an engagement event focused on substance abuse within the LGBTQ+ community.

Commissioner Rogers announced participation in a Purim event on March 2 at 7:00 PM at the Silverlake Independent Jewish Community Center (1110 Bates Avenue), which will include a storytelling performance about Esther and a community sing-along.

Commissioner Rogers announced details of the Lovely Bouquet of Flowers event on March 31, which will be co-sponsored by the Trans Roundtable of the Los Angeles LGBTQ Center.

Commissioner Rogers announced the upcoming DMH ARISE Mental Health Multiconference scheduled for March 17–18 at the Intercontinental Downtown Los Angeles.

Commissioner Martinez announced that GLAAD will host the Spanish Media Honoree Social Awards on March 3, 2026 at the Sofitel Hotel in West Hollywood.

Commissioner Martinez shared that Lambda Legal will hold its Stand Up for Equality event on March 4, 2026.

Co-Chair Arnzen announced that the 2026 Racial Identity Profiling Act of 2015 report has been released and contains significant information. Members were encouraged to review the report.

Co-Chair Plascencia announced an upcoming Quince Brunch Fundraiser for the SGV LGBTQ Center, scheduled for March 22 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 PM. Additionally, members were informed about a Gender Justice LA event taking place on February 27 at 6:00 PM.

Public Comment

7. 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.

Members of the public Camila Camaleon, ChiChi Navarro and Bill addressed the CESS on this item.

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Adjournment

8. Adjournment of the February 26, 2026, CESS of the LGBTQ+ Commission meeting.
- Co-Chair Arnzen adjourned the meeting at 6:52 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2026, at 5:30 PM**