STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION
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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2026, 3:00 P.M.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Land Acknowledgment.

   Temporary Presiding Officer Woo called the meeting to order at 3:07 PM. Andre Harmandjian, administrative staff, conducted roll.

   A quorum was established with 3 commissioners present of 3 seats.

   Present: **Wilma Franco, Amanda Susskind, and Michael Woo**

   Absent: **None**

   Also Present: **Shadi Kardan, Assistant Executive Officer, Norayr Zurabyan, Parliamentarian, and Armeen Komeili, Deputy County Counsel**

   Temporary Presiding Officer Woo read the Los Angeles County Land Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Minutes

   - Action Item: Approval of the October 23, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes

     Attachments: October 23, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes

   Temporary Presiding Officer Woo called for any discussion on, or objections to, the October 23, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes. Hearing none, Commissioner Franco made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Susskind, to approve the October 23, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

   Ayes: 3 – Wilma Franco, Amanda Susskind, and Michael Woo

   Noes: 0

   Absent: 0

No members of the public addressed the Los Angeles County Ethics Commission on this item.

II. DISCUSSIONS

3. Discussion and Potential Action: Ethics Commission Interviews – Day 1

   The Ethics Commission will conduct public interviews with the eight candidates identified below and may take related action regarding the nomination of candidates to the Board of Supervisors for appointment to the remaining seats on the inaugural Ethics Commission.

   - Frank Vram Zerunyan (Application)
   - Chun-Yen Chen (Application)
   - Jeffery Daar (Application)
   - Gregory Gorman (Application)
   - Mieczyslaw Pawel Boduszynski (Application)
   - ~~Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña (Application)~~
   - Dennis Michael Laherty (Application)
   - Bert H. Deixler (Application)

   Attachments: Candidate Interview Process and Questions
   Candidate Interview Schedule
   Public Comment/Correspondence

All of the above candidates were interviewed, with the exception of Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña. Prior to the meeting, she notified staff that she was unable to attend due to unforeseen circumstances and requested that her interview be rescheduled for the November 6 Los Angeles County Ethics Commission meeting.

Following the interviews, the Commission directed staff to:

- **Place an item on the next meeting's agenda to discuss the candidate evaluation process, including reference checks, procedures for narrowing the candidate pool, and related evaluation steps.**
- **Provide Commissioners with articles and news reports referencing the Ethics Commission or raising ethics-related issues affecting County government.**

No members of the public addressed the Los Angeles County Ethics Commission on this item in person, and one (1) member of the public addressed the Los Angeles County Ethics Commission on this item virtually.

Following public comment, Commissioner Franco raised concerns about a news article regarding a candidate scheduled for interview on November 6, 2026. All three Commissioners indicated they had read the article and discussed whether to reconsider the candidate's inclusion on the interview schedule. Assistant Executive Officer Shadi Kardan suggested notifying the candidate in advance, drawing on her experience serving on a judicial appointment committee that provides candidates an opportunity to address unfavorable information during interviews. The Commission agreed to use a similar approach and directed staff to provide the article to the

candidate in advance of the interview so the candidate could prepare to respond.

Commissioner Susskind made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Franco, to move to Adjournment.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment of the October 30, 2026, Los Angeles County Ethics Commission meeting.

Temporary Presiding Officer Woo, adjourned the meeting at 6:22 PM.