



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, July 10, 2026

9:30 AM

AUDIO: [AUDIO LINK](#)

I. WELCOME

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

Vice Chair Lelliott called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM. Annie Patpatian, administrative staff, called the roll.

A quorum was established with 8 (eight) members present

Present: Vice Chair Jer-Adrianne Lelliott, Vice Chair Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner H. Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Alejandro Soria and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

Absent: Chair Sydney Rogers, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Eric Nakano, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela and Commissioner Luis Vasquez

2. Land Acknowledgement

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

3. Black Diaspora, Labor, and Inclusion Acknowledgement

Second Vice Chair Martinez read the Black Diaspora, Labor, and Inclusion Acknowledgment.

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4. Moment of Silence

Vice Chair Lelliott 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 June 12, 2026 meeting minutes.

Vice Chair Lelliott 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 Russell-Slavin seconded by Second Vice Chair Martinez this item was approved with the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - Vice Chair Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Vice Chair Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner H. Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Alejandro Soria and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

Absent: 6 - Chair Sydney Rogers, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Eric Nakano, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela and Commissioner Luis Vasquez

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III. DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS

- 6.** Discuss and take action on approving the content of the LGBTQ+ Commission 2nd Annual Report documenting work between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026.

Vice Chair Lelliott introduced the item and opened the floor for discussion. No

members of the public addressed the Commission on this item.

After discussion, on the motion of Commissioner Arnzen, seconded by Commissioner Fisher, the Commission approved the content of the LGBTQ+ Commission's 2nd Annual Report with discussed edits with the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - Vice Chair Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Vice Chair Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner H. Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Alejandro Soria and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

Absent: 6 - Chair Sydney Rogers, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Eric Nakano, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela and Commissioner Luis Vasquez

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- 7.** Discuss and take possible action on approving the recommendations from the DHR LGBTQ+ Training Review ad hoc subcommittee on the newly developed LGBTQ+ and TGI Awareness Training developed by the Department of Human Resources.

Vice Chair Lelliott introduced the item along with the recommendations document and opened the floor for discussion.

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

After discussion, on the motion of Second Vice Chair Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Fisher, the Commission approved the LGBTQ+ and TGI 101 Awareness training recommendations and to have the recommendation submitted to DHR with the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - Vice Chair Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Vice Chair Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner H. Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Alejandro Soria and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

Absent: 6 - Chair Sydney Rogers, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Eric Nakano, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela and Commissioner Luis Vasquez

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8. Discuss and take action on reviewing and approving the updated document: “Recommendations for Responding to the TGI State of Emergency” to be utilized as a resource for all County employees, Departments, and County constituents to support and protect TGI people in this time of crisis.

Commissioner Plascencia introduced the item along with the recommendations document and opened the floor for discussion.

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

After discussion, on the motion of Commissioner Whittington, seconded by Commissioner Russell-Slavin the Commission approved the Recommendations for Responding to the TGI State of Emergency document as is, and submitting the recommendations to the supervisory offices, and including it on the LGBTQ+ Commission website as a resource for County departments and community with the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - Vice Chair Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Vice Chair Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner H. Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Alejandro Soria and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

Absent: 6 - Chair Sydney Rogers, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Eric Nakano, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela and Commissioner Luis Vasquez

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9. Discuss and take action on recommendations from the 2026 Annual Retreat ad hoc subcommittee including implementing the Recommendations for Responding to the TGI State of Emergency in the Commission's work and strategic plan.

Commissioner Plascencia introduced the item along with the recommendations for implementing the TGI State of Emergency into the Commissions work and strategic plan. Commissioner Plascencia opened the floor for discussion.

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

After discussion, on the motion of Commissioner Arnzen, seconded by Second Vice Chair Martinez the Commission approved the TGI state of Emergency with the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - Vice Chair Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Vice Chair Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner H. Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Alejandro Soria and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

Absent: 6 - Chair Sydney Rogers, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Eric Nakano, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela and Commissioner Luis Vasquez

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10. Discuss and take action on dissolving the LGBTQ+ youth ad hoc subcommittee.

Commissioner Soria introduced the item and provided an update of the completed work of the LGBTQ+ youth ad hoc subcommittee and opened the floor for discussion.

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

After discussion, on the motion of Commissioner Plascencia, seconded by Second Vice Chair Martinez the Commission approved to dissolve the LGBTQ+ youth ad hoc subcommittee with the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - Vice Chair Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Vice Chair Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner H. Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Alejandro Soria and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

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IV. UPDATES

11. Update from the Immigration ad hoc subcommittee on the upcoming July 15, 2026 LGBTQ+ immigrant virtual discussion.

Commissioner Plascencia introduced the item and provided an update on the Immigration ad hoc subcommittee on the upcoming July 15, 2026 LGBTQ+ immigrant virtual discussion. Commissioner Plascencia opened the floor for discussion.

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

Comment period closed, this item was received and filed.

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12. Announcements and/or updates from commissioners about LGBTQ+ related events.

Vice Chair Martinez announced that LEA will host its Annual Gala, the Purple Lily Awards, on July 23, 2026.

Commissioner Plascencia shared that the Trans Queer Institute has launched applications for the TGI Academy.

The application period closes on July 21. The 10-month program is designed for adults ages 21 and older and supports the San Gabriel Valley (SGV) community.

Executive Director Menon provided an update on Board motions and agenda items from the June 30 and July 14 Board meetings.

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

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V. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

- 13.** 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 that the Office of Immigration Affairs and current immigration-related developments be included as an agenda item for the Commission's next meeting. Commissioner Whittington noted that this discussion could help identify additional partners and allies for collaboration and strategic engagement.

Commissioner Whittington also raised concerns regarding a reported national pattern of suicides by hanging among Black youth and emphasized the importance of continued awareness and discussion of the issue.

Public Comment

- 14.** Public Comment

Members of the public Charli Gross, ChiChi Navarro and Yardenna Aaron addressed the Commission on this item.

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Adjournment

- 15.** Adjournment of the July 10, 2026 LGBTQ+ Commission meeting.

Vice Chair Lelliott adjourned the meeting at 11:08 AM. The next meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2026, at 9:30 AM.