



STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
GOVERNANCE REFORM TASK FORCE
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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90015



WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2025, 5:00 P.M.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

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

Interim Director Shadi Kardan called the meeting to order at 5:08 pm. Jayson Chan, administrative staff, conducted roll.

A quorum was established with 13 members present of 13 seats.

Present: Brian Calderón-Tabatabai, Derek Steele, Sara Sadhwani, Marcel Rodarte, John Fasana, Nancy Yap, Rosa Soto, David Phelps, Julia Mockeridge, Gabriela Gironas, Steve Neal, David Green, Derek Hsieh and Interim Director Shadi Kardan

Absent: None

The Los Angeles County Land Acknowledgement was played.

2. Approval of Minutes
- Action Item: Approval of the May 30, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes for the May 30, 2025, Governance Reform Task Force inaugural meeting was approved with no objections.

Attachments: [May 30, 2025, Meeting Minutes](#)

3. Approval of Meeting Schedule
- Action Item: Approval of Governance Reform Task Force meeting dates for the remainder of 2025

Interim Director Shadi Kardan explained that the regular meeting schedule was created based on location availability and members' schedules. She further explained additional community meetings, such as listening sessions or town halls, can be scheduled at various locations throughout Los Angeles County.

Members raised concerns about lack of geographical dispersion in the current regular meeting schedule and discussed holding future meetings in various areas, including unincorporated areas, to better support diversity and community members. Members also requested that administrative staff share the research conducted when creating the proposed regular meeting schedule, and the locations and times other County commissions hold their meetings.

Brian Calderón-Tabatabai emphasized the importance of having a consistent regular meeting schedule and location to minimize public confusion.

Derek Hsieh motioned to adopt the proposed regular meeting dates and locations through September 3, 2025, and for the chair to work with other members to come up with a plan for meetings times and locations that meet the needs of the community.

2 members of the public addressed the Governance Reform Task Force on this item: 1 in person and 1 virtually.

On motion of Derek Hsieh, seconded by Derek Steele, this motion was duly carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 13 – Brian Calderón-Tabatabai, Derek Steele, Sara Sadhwani, Marcel Rodarte, John Fasana, David Green, Derek Hsieh, Steve Neal, Gabriela Gironas, Julia Mockeridge, David Phelps, Rosa Soto, and Nancy Yap.

Attachments: [2025 Regular Meeting Schedule](#)

II. DISCUSSIONS

4. Establishment of Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Bylaws

Discussion and Potential Action: Establish an ad hoc subcommittee to draft bylaws and report back to the Governance Reform Task Force for final approval. The bylaws should incorporate all relevant directives outlined in Board Order No. 19, dated November 26, 2024, and should include, but not be limited to, the following:

- General provisions
- Duties and selection of Officers
- Meeting procedures and protocols
- Creation of subcommittees
- Attendance policies
- Public participation
- Amendment procedures

Interim Director Shadi Kardan listed items the task force should consider when drafting their bylaws and include relevant directives outlines in Board Order No. 19, dated on the November 26, 2024.

Members discussed items to be included in the bylaws. It was added that the ad hoc subcommittee will work with County Counsel to draft these bylaws and present to the full task force for review and vote. Derek Steele expressed concern about timelines, emphasizing the need for ample time to make thoughtful decisions rather than being driven by deadlines.

John Fasana motioned to create an ad hoc subcommittee on bylaws.

The following members volunteered to be part of the ad hoc subcommittee on bylaws: Brian Calderón-Tabatabai, Derek Hsieh, Julia Mockeridge, Marcel Rodarte, Nancy Yap and Steve Neal.

3 members of the public virtually addressed the Governance Reform Task Force on this item.

On motion of John Fasana, seconded by Derek Hsieh, this motion was duly carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 13 – Brian Calderón-Tabatabai, Derek Steele, Sara Sadhwani, Marcel Rodarte, John Fasana, David Green, Derek Hsieh, Steve Neal, Gabriela Gironas, Julia Mockeridge, David Phelps, Rosa Soto, and Nancy Yap.

Attachments: [Board Order No. 19 of November 24, 2024](#)

5. Review Measure G Short-Term Goals

Discussion and Potential Action: Review short-term goals of Measure G and consider establishing additional ad hoc subcommittees to develop a work plan for key milestones, including:

- Public Budget Hearings (2025)
- Five-Day Posting Requirement for Non-Urgency Legislation (2026)
- Establishment of an Independent Ethics Commission (2026)

John Fasana referenced documents not on the agenda and stated he believed the Los Angeles County ordinance appears to repeal Measure J, with the possibility of Measure G being nullified, since the Los Angeles County Charter was not updated to include Measure J.

Interim Director Shadi Kardan explained that the Governance Reform Task Force is a Brown Act body that requires proper notice be given for an item to be discussed and proposed agendizing John Fasana's concerns for the next meeting.

Marcel Rodarte motioned to move forward with agenda item #5 and to agendize John Fasana's concerns on the next Governance Reform Task Force meeting agenda and asked County Counsel to report back on the concerns raised by John Fasana.

Derek Steele proposed an amendment to the motion to have independent counsel give an opinion and not County Counsel on the issue. The proposed amendment to Marcel Rodarte's motion was not accepted.

David Phelps motioned to call the question to end discussion and move to vote on the motion by Marcel Rodarte.

On motion of David Phelps, seconded by Brian Calderón-Tabatabai, this motion was duly carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 11 – Brian Calderón-Tabatabai, Sara Sadhwani, Marcel Rodarte, John Fasana, David Green, Steve Neal, Gabriela Gironas, Julia Mockeridge, David Phelps, Rosa Soto, and Nancy Yap.

Noes: 2 – Derek Steele and Derek Hsieh.

On motion of Marcel Rodarte, seconded by Derek Hsieh, this motion was duly carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 12 – Brian Calderón-Tabatabai, Sara Sadhwani, Marcel Rodarte, John Fasana, David Green, Derek Hsieh, Steve Neal, Gabriela Gironas, Julia Mockeridge, David Phelps, Rosa Soto, and Nancy Yap.

Noes: 1 – Derek Steele

Sara Sadhwani motioned to establish two ad hoc subcommittees to create the work plans for public budget hearings and five-day posting requirements for non-urgency legislation, and a second ad hoc subcommittee to create the work plans on establishment of an independent ethics commission.

6 members of the public addressed the Governance Reform Task Force on this item: 1 in person and 5 virtually.

On motion of Sara Sadhwani, seconded by Gabriela Gironas, to establish an ad hoc subcommittee to create the work plans for public budget hearings and five-day posting requirements for non-urgency legislation.

The following members volunteered to be part of the ad hoc subcommittee on public budget hearings and five-day posting requirements: Derek Hsieh, Derek Steele, and Gabriela Gironas. The motion duly carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 12 – Brian Calderón-Tabatabai, Sara Sadhwani, Marcel Rodarte, John Fasana, David Green, Derek Hsieh, Steve Neal, Gabriela Gironas, Julia Mockeridge, David Phelps, Rosa Soto, and Nancy Yap.

Abstain: 1 – Derek Steele

On motion of Sara Sadhwani, seconded by Gabriela Gironas, to establish an ad hoc subcommittee to create the work plans for an independent ethics commission.

The following members volunteered to be part of the ad hoc subcommittee on establishing an independent ethics commission: David Green, Gabriela Gironas, John Fasana, Julia Mockeridge, Rosa Soto, and Sara Sadhwani. The motion duly carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 12 – Brian Calderón-Tabatabai, Sara Sadhwani, Marcel Rodarte, John Fasana, David Green, Derek Hsieh, Steve Neal, Gabriela Gironas, Julia Mockeridge, David Phelps, Rosa Soto, and Nancy Yap.

Abstain: 1 – Derek Steele

Attachments: [Ordinance](#)
[Ethics Report](#)

6. Public Engagement Strategy

Discussion and Potential Action: Schedule community outreach meetings throughout the County to ensure that all recommendations presented to the Board of Supervisors incorporate public input.

Members provided input on public engagement strategy, such as budgeting, development of surveys, inclusion of community-based organizations, ensuring accessibility, attending community meetings and public events, and approaches to media content creation.

Marcel Rodarte motioned to establish an ad hoc subcommittee on public outreach strategy.

3 members of the public addressed the Governance Reform Task Force on this item: 1 in person and 2 virtually.

On motion of Marcel Rodarte, seconded by Rosa Soto, to establish an ad hoc subcommittee on public outreach strategy.

The following members volunteered to be part of the ad hoc subcommittee on public outreach: Brian Calderón-Tabatabai, Derek Steele, Gabriela Gironas, Nancy Yap, Rosa Soto, and Steve Neal. The motion duly carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 13 – Brian Calderón-Tabatabai, Derek Steele, Sara Sadhwani, Marcel Rodarte, John Fasana, David Green, Derek Hsieh, Steve Neal, Gabriela Gironas, Julia Mockeridge, David Phelps, Rosa Soto, and Nancy Yap.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

7. 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 situation 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.

David Phelps requested a report back on the Governance Reform Task Force budget. Marcel Rodarte also requested a staffing status report on for the Governance Reform Task Force.

IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

8. 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.

4 members of the public addressed the Governance Reform Task Force on this item: 1 in person and 3 virtually. Members of the public were also encouraged to visit the Measure G website at measureg.lacounty.gov and email their comments to us.

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

V. ADJOURNMENT

9. Adjournment of the July 9, 2025, Governance Reform Task Force meeting.

Interim Director Shadi Kardan adjourned the meeting at 8:11 pm.