



STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
LGBTQ+ COMMISSION  
One Gallery  
626 North Robertson Blvd.,  
West Hollywood, California 90069

Friday, April 10, 2026

10:00 AM

AUDIO: [AUDIO LINK](#)

I. WELCOME

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

**Chair Rogers called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM. Annie Patpatian, administrative staff, called the roll.**

**A quorum was established with 15 (fifteen) members present.**

Present: Chair Sydney Rogers, Vice Chair Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Vice Chair Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Tonya Martin, Commissioner Eric Nakano, Commissioner Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela, Commissioner Luis Vasquez and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

2. Land Acknowledgement

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

3. Black Diaspora, Labor, and Inclusion Acknowledgement

**Vice Chair Lelliott read the Black Diaspora, Labor, and Inclusion Acknowledgment.**

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**4. Moment of Silence**

**Chair Rogers 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 March 13, 2026 meeting minutes**

**Chair Rogers introduced the minutes and asked the Commission if there any requests for revisions regarding the minutes for approval.**

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

**On motion of Commissioner Martin seconded by Commissioner Russell-Slavin this item was approved with the following vote:**

**Ayes: 15 -** Chair Sydney Rogers, Vice Chair Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Vice Chair Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Nic Arzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Tonya Martin, Commissioner Eric Nakano, Commissioner Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela, Commissioner Luis Vasquez and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

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**III. DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS****6. Discussion of the objectives of the Annual Retreat.**

**Commissioner Valenzuela introduced the item and opened the floor for discussion regarding the main objectives of the meeting,**

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

**After Public Comment period closed, this item was received and filed.**

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7. Review and discussion of current Commission priority categories.

**Commissioner Plascencia introduced the item and open the floor for discussion on the Commission priorities and committees.**

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

**After Public Comment period closed, this item was received and filed.**

**The Commission took a recess at 11:57 AM and reconvened at 12:07 PM.**

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8. Discussion with Assembly member Zbur on current Federal and State legislation impacting LGBTQ+ people in Los Angeles County.

**California Assemblymember Zbur presented an overview of the current federal and state legislation being addressed by his office. Assemblymember Zbur responded to questions posed by Commissioners.**

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

**After Public Comment period closed, this item was received and filed The**

**Commission took a recess at 12:55 PM and reconvened at 1:03 PM.**

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9. Discuss and take possible action on approaches to moving forward with Commission priorities.

**Commissioner Plascencia introduced the item and opened the floor for discussion regarding approaches for advancing the Commission's priorities.**

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

**After discussion, on the motion of Commissioner Plascencia, seconded by Vice Chair Lelliott, the Commission approved to create an ad hoc subcommittee comprised of Vice Chair Lelliott, Commissioner Plascencia and Commissioner Abraham tasked to develop ways the Commission can help LGBTQ+ immigrants with recent ICE confrontations with the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 15 - Chair Sydney Rogers, Vice Chair Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Vice Chair Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Tonya Martin, Commissioner Eric Nakano, Commissioner Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela, Commissioner Luis Vasquez and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

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- 10.** Review of 2026 Commission calendar and responsibilities. Discuss and take possible action on when to move forward with current Commission priorities.

**Commissioner Martin and Commissioner Valenzuela introduced the item and opened the floor for discussion regarding when the Commission wants to move forward with current Commission priorities.**

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

**Commissioner Nakano left the meeting at 1:42 PM.**

**After discussion, on the motion of Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vasquez, the Commission approved to create a standing subcommittee comprised of Vice Chair Lelliott, Commissioner Valenzuela, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Vasquez, Commissioner Russell-Slavin and Commissioner Abraham tasked to navigate the process for legislation and budget with the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 14 - Chair Sydney Rogers, Vice Chair Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Vice Chair Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Tonya Martin, Commissioner Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela, Commissioner Luis Vasquez and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Eric Nakano

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- 11.** Discussion on interpersonal connection and building relationships between commissioners

**Commissioner Valenzuela introduced the item and opened the floor for discussion regarding interpersonal connection and building relationships between commissioners.**

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

**After Comment period closed, this item was received and filed.**

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#### **IV. MISCELLANEOUS**

##### **Matters Not Posted**

- 12.** Matters not on the posted agenda to be placed on the agenda for discussion and action at a future meeting of the LGBTQ+ Commission.

**No Commissioners provided any miscellaneous matters on this item.**

##### **Public Comment**

- 13.** Public Comment

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

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##### **Adjournment**

- 14.** Adjournment of the April 10, 2026 LGBTQ+ Commission Annual Retreat.

**Chair Rogers adjourned the meeting at 2:32 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2026, at 9:30 AM**