



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LGBTQ+ COMMISSION
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 372 LOS
ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**

Friday, November 14, 2025

9:30 AM

AUDIO: [AUDIO LINK](#)

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

Chair Plascencia called the meeting to order at 9:34 AM. Annie Patpatian, administrative staff, called the roll.

A quorum was established with 10 (ten) members present.

Present: Chair Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Vice Chair Sydney Rogers, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Commissioner Tonya Martin, Commissioner Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Eric Nakano, Commissioner Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

Absent: Second Vice Chair Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher 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

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

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4. Moment of Silence

Chair Plascencia led the “Moment of Silence” inviting everyone to take three breaths for past, future and present trans and queer LGBTQ+ given and chosen lineage.

5. Approval of October 17, 2025 meeting minutes

Chair Plascencia 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 Vice Chair Rogers seconded by Commissioner Martin this item was approved with the following vote:

Ayes: 10 - Chair Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Vice Chair Sydney Rogers, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Commissioner Tonya Martin, Commissioner Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Eric Nakano, Commissioner Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

Absent: 5 - Second Vice Chair Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher and Commissioner Luis Vasquez

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II. DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS

6. Discuss and take action on commissioner nominations for Chair, Vice Chair, and Second Vice Chair to hold positions from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

Chair Plascencia introduced the item and explained that in the ordinance it is indicated that the Commission must make nominations for each of the three roles in a meeting before voting is held next month. Began nominations for Chair, then move to Vice Chair, then Second Vice Chair.

A discussion ensued and the following nominations were made for officers for the positions of Chair, Vice Chair, and Second Vice Chair as follows:

Chair: Chair Plascencia and Vice Chair Rogers

Vice-Chair: Vice Chair Rogers, Commissioner Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner

2nd Vice-Chair: Second Vice Chair Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Arnzen, Commissioner Martinez, Commissioner Whittington,

The Executive Director will reach out to all nominees to clarify their acceptance or declining of the nomination. This final list of commissioners who were nominated and their decision will be included in the December Commission meeting agenda.

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. Discuss and take possible action on creating an ad hoc subcommittee to identify how to provide recommendations to the County justice partners (i.e., Public Defender, District Attorney, Alternate Public Defender, the Justice, Care and Opportunities Department, Sheriff, Probation) on more effective interactions with LGBQ and TGI2S+ people in LA County.

Commissioner Khan-Valbuena introduced this item and asked to create an ad hoc subcommittee so that the Commission can advise and recommend policies by first identifying and learning about issues in county justice departments like law enforcement, public defenders, etc. Commissioner Khan-Valbuena opened the floor for discussion.

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

After discussion, on the motion of Commissioner Lelliott, seconded by Commissioner Martin, the Commission approved the motion to create an ad hoc subcommittee with Vice Chair Sydney, Commissioner Khan-Valbuena and Commissioner Lelliott tasked to a strategize and collaborate with County justice partners with the following vote:

Ayes: 10 - Chair Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Vice Chair Sydney Rogers, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Commissioner Tonya Martin, Commissioner Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Eric Nakano, Commissioner Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

Absent: 5 - Second Vice Chair Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher and Commissioner Luis Vasquez

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8. Discuss and take possible action on discharging the Annual Report ad hoc subcommittee.

Chair Plascencia introduced the item and clarified the intended purpose of this ad hoc subcommittee was to write and present the Annual Report to the full Commission for review and approval. The Annual Report content was approved during the September 2025 Commission meeting, and the Annual Report was publicized through a press release sent out in October 2025. As such, the Vice Chair recommended discharging this ad hoc subcommittee.

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

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Khan Valbuena, seconded by Commissioner Martinez the Commission approved the motion to discharge the Annual Report ad hoc subcommittee, with the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - Chair Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Commissioner Tonya Martin, Commissioner Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Eric Nakano, Commissioner Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

Absent: 6 - Vice Chair Sydney Rogers, Second Vice Chair Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher and Commissioner Luis Vasquez

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- 9. Discuss and take possible action on discharging the Best Practices and Guiding Principles ad hoc subcommittee.

Commissioner Whittington introduced the item and reminded the Commission that the Commission voted to approve the final Best Practices and Guiding Principles document, which was attached to the agenda in its final version. Commissioner Whittington opened the floor for discussion.

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

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Vice Chair Rogers the Commission approved the motion to discharge the Best Practices and Guiding Principles ad hoc subcommittee, with the following vote:

Ayes: 10 - Chair Héctor Trinidad Plascencia, Vice Chair Sydney Rogers, Commissioner Talha Khan-Valbuena, Commissioner Jer-Adrienne Lelliott, Commissioner Tonya Martin, Commissioner Eddie Martinez, Commissioner Eric Nakano, Commissioner Alejandro Soria, Commissioner Tony Valenzuela and Commissioner Yolanda Whittington

Absent: 5 - Second Vice Chair Terra Russell-Slavin, Commissioner Jerry P. Abraham, Commissioner Nic Arnzen, Commissioner Steven Fisher and Commissioner Luis Vasquez

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III. UPDATES

- 10. Updates from the Community Engagement Standing Subcommittee on work to date.

Chair Plascencia provided the Commission an update on the CESS agenda, location and schedule for 2026.

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

Commissioner Abraham joined the meeting at 10:45AM.

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

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11. Update from the LGBTQ+ youth ad hoc subcommittee on work to date.

Commissioner Soria provided the Commission an update on the tasks and meetings that the LGBTQ+ Youth Ad Hoc Subcommittee is currently working on.

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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12. Update from the Department of Human Resources Transgender Awareness Training Update ad hoc subcommittee on work to date.

Vice Chair Rogers provided the Commission an update on the tasks and meetings that the DHR Trainings ad hoc subcommittee is currently working on.

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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13. Update from the Department of Mental Health Youth Allyship Training ad hoc subcommittee on work to date.

Vice Chair Rogers provided the Commission an update on the tasks and meetings that the Department of Mental Health Youth Allyship Training ad hoc subcommittee is currently working on.

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

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IV. MISCELLANEOUS**Matters Not Posted**

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

Chair Plascencia reported that the SGV LGBTQ Center is collaborating with the Solis Policy Institute to work with fellows on advancing Transgender, Gender-Nonconforming, and Intersex (TGI) Proclamations across the San Gabriel Valley. To date, five cities—El Monte, La Puente, Monterey Park, Pasadena, and Baldwin Park—have adopted proclamations recognizing TGI Health Week and the Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR).

Vice Chair Rogers announced several upcoming TDOR events:

- **City of Los Angeles – November 19 at City Hall**
- **Long Beach LGBTQ community – November 20 at Bixby Park**
- **Los Angeles LGBT Center – November 20 at the Renberg Theatre at 6:30 p.m.**
- **City of West Hollywood – November 21 at the West Hollywood Chambers at 7:00 p.m.**

Vice Chair Rogers also attended the HIV Commission’s annual conference, which provided valuable updates on HIV awareness, federal initiatives, and emerging challenges related to CDC and federal funding.

Commissioner Valenzuela shared that the ONE Institute has opened a new exhibition at the ONE Gallery featuring the work of Herb Ritts, including iconic photographs of notable figures such as Madonna and Whoopi Goldberg.

- **The AIDS Monument dedication ceremony will take place this Sunday.**
- **APLA and the Foundation for AIDS are preparing for their World AIDS Day event on December 1; promotional efforts have not yet begun.**

Commissioner Martin reported that the Long Beach City Council and Mayor have incorporated the Long Beach Pride Parade into the city’s annual budget. Additional updates included:

- **The Long Beach Queer Arts Festival begins today.**
- **“It’s a Drag to Give,” a charitable event where drag performers and local elected officials participate to raise funds for One Step Away—an organization supporting individuals at risk of losing housing and paying essential bills. Long Beach Pride is also a beneficiary. For information: info@longbeachpride.com**

Commissioner Martin also announced that Long Beach Pride is coordinating a “Thankful and Giving” initiative and is seeking families in need within Long Beach to receive turkey baskets and full holiday meal provisions. and The Long Beach Pride Community Swearing-In Ceremony will be held on November 29 at Hamburger Mary’s at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Martinez noted that several meeting attendees have requested that Justice, Care and Opportunities Department be added to a future agenda to provide a presentation.

Commissioner Soria highlighted services for youth at risk of becoming unhoused. The LGBTQ Center offers a seven-day-a-week drop-in program providing showers, hot meals, free laundry, case management, mental health services, and close coordination with housing resources.

Public Comment

15. Public Comment

Member of the public Joseph Green addressed the Commission on this item.

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Adjournment

16. Adjournment of the November 14, 2025, LGBTQ+ Commission meeting.

Chair Plascencia adjourned the meeting at 11:03 AM. The next meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2025, at 9:30 AM.