

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES FOR AUGUST 3, 2016**

**7:00 p.m., Wednesday August 3, 2016  
8300 Santa Monica Blvd.  
West Hollywood, CA 90048**

**1. CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Lachine called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - led by Justine Gonzalez.

**3. ROLL CALL** – Board Members present: Coco Lachine, Karina Samala, James Wen, Drian Juarez, Kean O'Brien, and Justine Gonzalez. Also present: Bonnie Smith, Public Safety Supervisor. Absent: Jaye Johnson and Erika De La Cruz.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** – Motion to approve agenda by Member Samala. Seconded by Member Juarez. Motion approved.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Motion to approve July 6, 2016 meeting minutes by Member Samala. Seconded by Member Juarez. Motion passes. Abstain Members Gonzalez and O'Brien.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

N/A

**7. MEMBER COMMENTS**

Chair Lachine spoke of Member Marroquin resigning and her great work on Transgender Day of Remembrance. Chair Lachine spoke of attending the city forum on the CSW event.

Member Wen asked that the meeting be adjourned in the names of Deeniquia Dodds, and Skye Mockabee.

Member O'Brien spoke of being glad to be back with the board.

Member Juarez spoke of Transgender Day of Remembrance.

Member Samala invited all to attend the CSW board meeting and the next CSW forum hosted by the City.

Member Gonzalez spoke of being glad to be back and excited about the vote for vice chair.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

8A. Election: Nominations Jaye Johnson and Drian Juarez.  
Vice Chair Drian Juarez

**8B. Transgender Day of Remembrance 2016**: Chair Lachine spoke of the need for a new chair for TDOR. Member Wen will chair, committee members will be Member Samala, Member O'Brien, and Member Gonzalez. Member Wen made a motion to change postcard language to March in Reflection. Motion seconded by Member Juarez. Motion passes. Member Wen asked whether we have a theme for the event, and whether we have picked a t-shirt design. Member O'Brien spoke about the subcommittee having the theme and t-shirt discussion at the subcommittee level. Chair Lachine spoke of the need for speakers. Chair Lachine spoke of a family in San Diego Raising Rylen as a potential speaker. Member Juarez spoke wanting to ask Jazz Jennings, or Isa Noyola. Member Wen spoke of wanting to ask Sarah McBride to speak at TDOR. Member Juarez spoke wanting to ask Jazz Jennings, or Isa Noyola. Member O'Kean suggested that Trans Chorus of Los Angeles be involved in the program.

Member Wen asked that a letter be provided by the board for the Transgender Advisory Council of Los Angeles to provide transportation to the event. Member Wen requested staff to check to see if the City Line or Pick Up could transport people from the Highland Station.

Member Wen nominated Michelle Dennis of the League of Women's Voters for an award.

### **8C. Transgender Month of Awareness:**

Chair Lachine asked that a lobby banner for City Hall be designed. Member O'Kean to work on the banner.

Chair Lachine asked that the board be allowed to place information on the screen that is placed in the City Hall lobby. Staff to look into being able to utilize the screens during the month of November.

Member Samala nominated Immigration Services for an award.

Chair Lachine went over calendar events.

### **9. New Business**

9A. 2017 One City One Pride Grant Review: Michael Che and Andrew Campbell from Arts and Economic spoke concerning the grants that are available for different art programs. Commissioner Wen asked questions concerning money that is available for Transgender programming. Manager Campbell talked about \$35,000 that is available for different programs. Chair Lachine thanked the division for the great pamphlet they put out for One City One Pride. Chair Lachine asked the board and staff to get out the grant information. Member O'Brien will represent the board to help pick the winners of the art grants.

### **9B. Calendar of Transgender Special Events/News**

Member Samala spoke of attending a summit with Los Angeles Sheriff's and Los Angeles Police Department. The summit came out of the shooting that happened in Orlando, Florida in June.

Member Juarez spoke of the Pride Festival being held downtown August 5<sup>th</sup> and August 6<sup>th</sup>.

Member Wen spoke about an event being hosted by St. John's Well Child and Family Center

### **10. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

Staff spoke of making sure that the board reaches out to the Transgender community members who may be interested in joining the board.

### **11. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

N/A

### **12. ITEMS FROM THE MEMBERS/MEMBER COMMENTS**

Member Wen spoke of working on the Train the Trainers program and his work on Trans 101 training.

Member Juarez thanked the board for all their support.

Member Gonzalez spoke of the tragedy that happened in Orlando, Florida and the impact that it has on the community.

Chair Lachine congratulated Member Juarez and spoke of her upcoming attendance at a meet and greet with the City Manager. Chair Lachine spoke of her upcoming attendance at an event in San Francisco and the U.S. Navy naming a ship after Harvey Milk. She also reminded everyone to register to vote.


### **13 REVIEW AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING**


Chair Lachine spoke of wanting to discuss goals. Chair Lachine asked staff to resend the goals that were discussed in the past.

Member Wen asked that job fair be placed on the agenda.

### **14. ADJOURNMENT (8:25 pm)**

The Transgender Advisory Board will meet next on September 7, 2016, at 8300 Santa Monica Blvd. West Hollywood, CA 90048. The meeting was adjourned in the names of Deeniquia Dodds, from Washington, D.C. and Skye Mockabee, from Cleveland.

  
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Transgender Advisory Board Chair

  
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Staff Liaison

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