

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 6, 2017**

**6 p.m., Wednesday September 6, 2017
Community Conference Room
8300 Santa Monica Blvd.
West Hollywood, CA 90046**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** –Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – James Wen led the pledge.
3. **ROLL CALL** – Board Members present: Chair Coco Lachine, James Wen, Dr. Jaye Johnson, Alexis Sanchez, Drian Juarez, Karina Samala, Leslie Frias, and Erika De La Cruz. Also present: Bonnie Smith, Staff Liaison.

Absent: None

4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** Motion to approve the agenda by Member Samala seconded by Member De La Cruz and approved.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Motion to approve the minutes of August 2, 2017 by Member De La Cruz seconded by Member Deaton and approved with changes.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

7. **MEMBER COMMENTS**

Member Wen attended the City Council meeting of August 21, 2017. He spoke of seeing the mother of Gemmel Moore at the meeting. Attended the Coffee with the Cop and discussed with the Captain the case. Attended WAB and spoke on Equal means Equal group. Spoke to members of Equal means Equal group about views on pregnant transgender men. Spoke of working with the Communication Division on Military ban.

Member Samala spoke of an event that will take place on Sept 23, 2017. Will forward info. Spoke on Breaking the Silence event. (will forward)

Member Sanchez expressed gratitude to the board for their vote of confidence for choosing her as vice chair for the next year. Member Sanchez also discussed the negative comments being directed towards the radio show Breakfast Club following a discussion on the Transgender Community.

Chair Johnson spoke of the pop up Transgender Film School. Thanked the Arts Commission for the funding. 40 students signed up to date.

Member Deaton along with Member Samala and Wen attended?, Medals project with active and retired veterans to collect image of medals and

ribbons and their stories. Event to showcase these stories and items will be on Saturday January 20, 2018. Concert will be hosted by the Trans Chorus of Los Angeles. Member Deaton spoke of Tran's lateral violence. She spoke of wanting to start a group (place on agenda next month) or something here in West Hollywood.

Member Lachine thanked the FBI for sharing about the diverse programs they are offering and the flying of the Transgender flag during the month of June. She spoke of the work the board has done in the past year, and the joy of having a spot at the table. She wished Chair Johnson and Vice Chair Sanchez good luck in the upcoming year.

Member De La Cruz spoke the event G.A.R.R.A.S "The Fashion Show that Transcends Borders" 7 PM November 11 2017 at the Double Tree Hotel Downtown Los Angeles.

Member Johnson thanked the board for the election of him and Alexis. He also spoke of the pop up film school. He let the board know that there are 5 spots open. Register at Popupschool.com. The Wellness/Wellbeing conference is looking for abstracts, attendants can now register.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Transgender Awareness Month Events

SUBJECT: Discussion of the Transgender Day of Remembrance and events to take place during the month.

ACTION: Member Deaton motion to have a kick off and reflection march event on November 1, 2017. Seconded by Member Samala. Motion passed.

November 2, 2017 Trans 101 Training. Motion Member Juarez moves forward on Trans 101 training. Seconded by Member Wen. Motion passes Abstain De La Cruz. (more info to follow)

November 8, 2017 televised meeting

November 9, 2017 TEEP

November 11, 2017 Veterans Day Event. Motion to add to calendar Veterans Day. Seconded Member Deaton. Passes with 3 abstentions.

November 13, 2017 Film Festival

November 18th, Wellness Fair

November 20th DOR

Discussion on TDOR.

TAB brought up that there is a City Council meeting scheduled at the same time as TDOR.

Board Members Assignments for TDOR:

Community Partners Outreach, Member Sanchez

Program Design and Creation Member Samala and Deaton

Volunteers, Member Frias

Performers: Open to the board
Trans Alter Reception (issue of candles) Member Juarez
Flowers, Messages, Slide Show, Video Member Wen
Tech, Stage Management, Member Deaton and Samala
Chair Johnson will create a goggle document for the board to view.

Military Ban, Member Wen will give an update on the Military Ban

Action: Transgender active Military Member to attend the City of West Hollywood Veterans Day.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Subject: .The Transgender Advisory Board will be given a presentation by Rain Valdez, concerning a Transgender Film Festival

ACTION: Have Rain Valdez participate in November Transgender Awareness Events.

Member Wen, Samala, Juarez, Sanchez all spoke of their support.

Member Wen suggested that Ms. Valdez look into cultural arts division for a grant opportunity.

Member Deaton spoke of the importance of having a 501C to have people be able to donate money too.

Chair Johnson asked for there to be a decision made tonight

Motion Juarez made a motion to help support with space, and media outreach, and if anything else the board could help with. Motion passes 9 ayes.

Subject: The Transgender Advisory Board will be given a presentation from President of Hollywood Now concerning Vagina monologue

ACTION: Motion by Member Wen to support the Vagina Monologues. Seconded by member De La Cruz. Motion passed 9 ayes.

Subject: The Transgender Advisory Board will discuss the tweet concerning the Banning of Transgender individuals in the active military tweeted out by President Trump.

ACTION: Attempt to find a Transgender active Military Member to attend the City of West Hollywood Veterans Day.

Subject: The Transgender Advisory Board will be given a presentation from Mike Che, City of West Hollywood concerning the Transgender grants available. Mr. Che also requested a TAB member to set on board to review One City One Pride applications

Action Member Sanchez to set on board to review One City One Pride applications.

10. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff spoke concerning September events in the City.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

David, member of the FBI spoke the uptick of hate crimes against the Transgender community.

12. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Member Frias spoke of a gala event for September 30, 2017.

Member Samala spoke about APAIT event Post UP Social Support Group.

Member Wen thanked Member Juarez, for her service as a member of the Los Angeles Homeless Shelter Authority's (LAHSA) ad-hoc committee on Women and Homelessness. LAHSA commission was chaired by Wendy Greuel who's ad-hoc committee created the in-depth look and report on Women and Homelessness which included a Shelter Tips Sheet created by Member Juarez in her capacity as LA LGBT Center / TEEP.

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13. ADD TO AGENDA:

Table Olympic Games 2028 to January 2018 agenda.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned at 7:55 PM to a regularly Scheduled meeting on October 4, 2017 beginning at 6 PM at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd. in the Community Conference Room.



Transgender Advisory Board Chair



Staff Liaison

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