

**TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 7, 2018
6:00 PM
8300 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD
WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90069**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Member Sanchez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Chair Dr. Jaye Johnson, James Wen, Alexis Sanchez, Drian Juarez
Karina Samala, Leslie Monroy, and Lindsey Deaton

ABSENT: Coco LaChine, Erica De La Cruz

ALSO PRESENT: Bonnie Smith, Public Safety Supervisor

4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

SUBJECT: The Transgender Advisory Board is requested to approve the Agenda.

ACTION: Approve the Agenda of Wednesday, February 7th, 2018. Motion by Member Samala to approve the February 7th, 2018 agenda, seconded by Member Deaton, and approved. With members Johnson, Sanchez, Samala, Monroy, and Deaton voting yes.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

SUBJECT: The Transgender Advisory Board is requested to approve the minutes of prior Transgender Advisory meetings.

ACTION: Approve the minutes of January 3rd, 2017. Motion by Member Deaton, to approve the January 3rd, 2017 minutes, seconded by Member Samala and approved. With members Johnson, Sanchez, Samala, Monroy, and Deaton voting yes.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Steven Davis, Human Services Commission, spoke of being the new liaison to the board.

7. **ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Member Sanchez welcomed members of the public.

8. **NEW BUSINESS:**

8A. Dr. Maurice Garcia, Cedars-Sinai's Transgender Surgery & Health Program

Recommendation: Receive a presentation and discuss his work with the Transgender Community.

Action: Members asked questions to Doctor Garcia about his work.

8B. SB-396 Employment: gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation.

Recommendation: Review bill SB-396 and letter sent from City of West Hollywood, Mayor Heilman.

Action: Member Juarez, Member Wen, and Member Samala to work on a plan of action for SB-396. A draft of plan to be sent to staff on February 27, 2018. Draft to be shared with board at March meeting.

8C. Trans Lateral Violence

Member Deaton spoke of the community needing to be more informed and loving of each other, as well as engage and serve one another.

Member Juarez spoke of what is being privileged, and acknowledged we all have privilege in some way, but brought up how to use it to help each other.

Recommendation: Discuss if there are options for the board to educate community and council on Trans Lateral Violence.

Action: Subcommittee of Member Juarez, Member Monroy, and Member Deaton to continue a discussion on how to inform, educate, service, and embrace the Trans community.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

9A. Transgender Awareness Month Events

SUBJECT: *Discussion of the Transgender Day of Remembrance and events that will take place during the month of November.*

Recommendation: Continue to have discussions on events for the month.

Action: Discussion of March to be held on November 3, 2018. Consider and discuss at next meeting if any events should be added or taken away from the month of November, as well as discussion of budget to take place at next meeting.

10. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

N/A

11. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Karen Eyres, Women's Advisory Board spoke about The Vagina Monologue. She spoke of the performers who are Trans and will be part of the play.

12. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS/BOARD MEMBERS:

Member Monroy spoke of an event on Valentine's Day and an April Health conference.

Member Samala spoke of Viccky Gutierrez who was murdered Jan 10, 2018 and that the suspect is in custody. Member Samala spoke of a vigil that was held to raise funds for helping her family and burial costs.

Member Sanchez thanked audience members for attending. Member Sanchez also spoke of the ladies arm wrestling league.

Member Juarez thanked audience members for attending.

Member Wen thanked all the speakers and community that attended the meeting. Member Wen attended chamber of commerce, coffee with the cops, and a meeting at Acesia representing TAB. Member Wen spoke of Brave Trails and a youth mural. He spoke of the divisions inside of City Hall who could help get the youth mural completed. Member Wen added that the meeting be adjourned in the name of Crystal Lee Steel.

Member Deaton thanked audience members for attending. She spoke of a trip she is taking in March to India. She will presenting to law schools in India while on her trip.

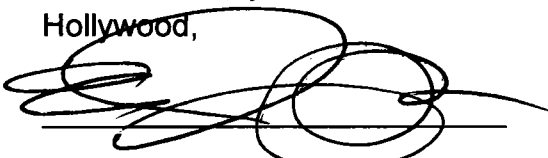
Member Johnson spoke of Trans Life LA, sponsoring the Film Festival on June 30, 2018. Submissions are now open. Information to follow.

13. ADD TO AGENDA:

Sports Festival Sponsorship and Mural for Trans Youth

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned at 7:29 PM in the names of Viccky Gutierrez and Crystal Lee Steel. The next meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2018 in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA.



Transgender Advisory Board Chair



Staff Liaison

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