

**MINUTES  
LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
MEETING  
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2021  
7:00 PM  
TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Co-Chair Wright called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Board Member Deitch led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **INSTALLATION OF NEW MEMBER**  
Mayor Pro Tempore Lauren Meister swore in Renee Sotile as a member of the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board.

4. **ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Lauren D. Costine, Marna Deitch, Billy Francesca, Jason Frazier, Lucas Junkin, Alex Paris, Rene Sotile, Sarah Whitaker, Zekiah N. Wright, Esq.

**ABSENT:** Robert Gamboa

**ALSO PRESENT:** Hernan Molina, Mayor Pro Tempore Lauren Meister, Melissa Crowder, David Giugni, Francisco Gomez, Katie Egan, Danny Casillas

5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**ACTION:** Approve the Agenda of Thursday, February 11, 2021. Motion by Board Member Junkin, Second by Board Member Deitch and approved 9 to 0 by roll call vote.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ACTION:** Approve the minutes of January 14, 2021. Motion by Board Member Frazier, Second by Co-Chair Costine, and approved 8 Aye and 1 Abstention by roll call vote.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Eva Angeloff, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the City's **Call for Peer Review Panelists**.

Alexander Moore, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about WAY OUT, Los Angeles Chapter.

Alexis Sanchez, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about International Transgender Day of Visibility, which occurs on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Jake Rostovsky, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board and Transgender Advisory Board working together.

## **8. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Board Member Frazier welcomed Board Member Sotile, thanked Mayor Pro Tempore Lauren Meister and bid farewell to the Board, in case this is his last meeting. He asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of members of the Trans Community who were murdered; Tyianna Alexander, Samuel Edmund Damian Valentin, Bianca “Muffin” Bankz, Domminique Jackson and Fifty Bandz.

Board Member Paris welcomed Board Member Sotile and asked about the work plan and assignments.

Board Member Deitch announced that Ivy Bottini had fallen ill.

Board Member Costine welcomed Board Member Sotile and thanked the Board, as this is her last meeting.

Board Member Junkin welcomed Board Member Sotile said goodbye to Board Member Costine.

Board Member Francesca bid Farwell to Board Member Costine and thanked her for her service.

Board Member Sotile greeted the board, bid Farwell to Board Member Costine and mentioned the passing of Mary Wilson and Enya Wright.

Co-Chair Wright, for Co-Chair Gamboa, commented on Ivy Bottini’s contributions to the community and asked to adjourn in memory of all the community members that we lost to COVID-19, racial violence and health inequity in the last month.

They wished the Board a happy Black History Month.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

### **9.A. Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE) Program Update and Summary of Social Services Utilization by Service Category**

The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board received a report on the City’s GARE Program and an in-depth analysis of community members access to Social Services by service category.

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**10.B. Assistance to Legacy Local Businesses**

The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board discussed the recent closures of LGBT owned bars, nightclubs, and other businesses and reviewed the City's past and recent actions to assist local small businesses.

**ACTION:** Table Item 10.B. until March 11, 2021 Meeting

AYE: Costine, Frazier, Junkin, Paris, Sotile, Whitaker, Wright

NO: Deitch, Francesca,

**10.A. Increasing LGAB Visibility**

The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board continued to discuss opportunities to increase the visibility of its workplan including advocacy efforts on behalf of the LGBTQ community.

**ACTION:** Table Item 10.A. until March 11, 2012 Meeting

**11. ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

None.

**12. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**13. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:**

**A. LIAISON REPORTS**

Board Member Whitaker gave a summary of the last meeting of the Human Services Commission.

**B. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

Board Member Deitch gave a summary of the last meeting of the Legislative Subcommittee

**C. OTHER ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Board Member Junkin expressed gratitude to the Board.

Board Member Whitaker welcomed Board Member Sotile.

Board Member Francesca welcomed Board Member Sotile.

Board Member Costine thanked Board Member Junkin for his service.

Board Member Deitch thanked Board Member Junkin for his service, welcomed Board Member Sotile and said goodbye to Board Member Costine.

Board Member Frazier thanked the Board and Board Member

Junkin for his service.

Board Member Sotile made a **motion** to place an item discussing Domestic Violence among the LGBT Community on the next agenda.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Deitch

Approved

AYE: Costine, Deitch, Frazier, Junkin, Paris, Sotile, Whitaker

NO: Wright

Co-Chair Wright welcomed Board Member Sotile.

- 14. ADJOURNMENT:** The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board adjourned in memory Tyianna Alexander, Samuel Edmund Damian Valentin, Bianca "Muffin" Bankz, Domminique Jackson and Fifty Bandz, as well as all the community members that we lost to COVID-19, racial violence and health inequity in the last month at 9: p.m. to its next regular meeting, which is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 11, 2021, via teleconference.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE LESBIAN AND GAY  
ADVISORY BOARD ON THE 11TH DAY OF MARCH 2021

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