

**MINUTES  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2021  
6:00 P.M.**

**\*TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Chair Rostovsky started the meeting at 6 pm.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Chair Rostovsky led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW BOARD MEMBERS**  
The Oath of Office was administered to newly appointed Board Members Andy Ruiz, Eden Luna, Shane Nash, Deshon Gray, Luckie Alexander, and Mallery Robinson.
4. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT:           Member Samala  
                          Member Brown  
                          Member Alexander  
                          Member Nash  
                          Member Ruiz  
                          Member Luna  
                          Member Gray  
                          Member Robinson  
                          Chair Rostovsky

5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**  
**ACTION:** The Transgender Advisory Board approved the agenda of the May 5, 2021 meeting. **Motioned by Member Samala, seconded by Member Nash and approved.**
6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
**ACTION:** The Transgender Advisory Board approved the minutes of the March 3, 2021 regular meeting. **Motioned by Member Samala, seconded by Chair Rostovsky noting abstentions from the 6 new members.**
7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**  
Eva Angeloff, Grants Coordinator, shared with the Board about the availability of the Trans Initiative Grant and invited the public to apply. She also mentioned about upcoming Arts workshops.

LGAB Member Jackie Steele, who is the liaison to TAB, congratulated the new members of the Board and shared how she looks forward to working with the Board.

## **8. MEMBER COMMENTS**

Member Samala welcomed new members to the Board.

Member Nash shared his goals to fundraise for the Trans Community. He thanked the members of the Board for their service and shared how he is looking forward to working with everyone.

Member Robinson thanked everyone on the Board and shared how she looks forward to serving the Community.

Member Luna shared how they were looking forward to bringing change to the Community and shared the names of three trans siblings who have lost their lives. They also mentioned how they were looking forward to serving the Community with everyone.

Member Brown thanked everyone new on the Board and expressed her excitement and thankfulness to serve with them.

Member Alexander shared how excited he is to serve with the members of the Board and reminded everyone that their voice matters.

Member Ruiz shared their background and how excited they are to serve on the Board with the members and to serve community.

Chair Rostovsky welcomed the new members to the Board.

## **9. CONSENT CALENDAR**

None.

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

### **10.A. Welcome to New Board Members**

Current Transgender Advisory Board Members welcomed the new Members of the Board.

**ACTION: N/A.**

### **10.B. Election of Vice Chair**

The Transgender Advisory Board elected a new Vice Chair to serve the remainder of the term that was left unfinished by the resignation of the former Vice Chair. The Board will hold its regular annual election for Chair and Vice Chair during its July 2021 meeting.

**ACTION:** The Transgender Advisory Board elected Luckie Alexander as the Vice Chair. **Motioned by Member Robinson, seconded by Member Ruiz and approved.**

#### **10.C. June Pride**

The Transgender Advisory Board appointed two (2) members of the Board to join in the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce and local businesses as they develop, in conjunction with the City's Communications Department, a marketing strategy to promote local businesses' Pride-related activities in West Hollywood during the weekend of June 26-27, 2021. In addition, the TAB assembled a working group to work with City staff to develop plans for a trans-focused reception on either Saturday, June 26 or Sunday, June 27, 2021.

The Board received clarification on the point of the LA Pride event for Community engagement and celebration of Trans Lives.

Chair Rostovsky requested to agendize the Working Plan for the TAB.

Motion to extend meeting 15 mins by Chair Rostovsky, seconded by Member Luna, and unanimously approved.

The Transgender Advisory Board appointed Members Brown and Nash to serve on the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce Subcommittee.

The Transgender Advisory Board assembled an Ad Hoc Working Group with Members Robinson and Ruiz.

**ACTIONS:** 1) Appointed two (2) Board members to join in the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce and local businesses as this group develops a marketing strategy to promote local businesses' Pride-related activities in West Hollywood, June 26-27, 2021. Appointed TAB members to report back at the next Board meeting. 2) Assembled an Ad Hoc Working Group of no more than four (4) members to work with City staff to develop plans for a trans-focused reception on either Saturday, June 26 or Sunday, June 27, 2021.

#### **10.D. Invitation by the Lesbian & Gay Advisory Board (LGAB) to Join Domestic Violence Sub-Committee**

The Transgender Advisory Board discussed joining the LGAB to work with that and any other City Board on a joint initiative focused on raising awareness about domestic violence (DV) in the LGBTQIA+ community.

Staff provided background information on agenda item.

The Transgender Advisory Board appointed Vice Chair Alexander, Members Luna and Samala to serve on LGAB's DV Subcommittee.

**ACTIONS:** 1) Reviewed the invitation from LGAB for the TAB to join in on a collaborative effort to make recommendations to the City Council on ways to enhance the City's awareness and education campaign on DV. 2) Appointed three (3) Board members to participate in the Joint DV Subcommittee. **Motioned by Chair Rostovsky, seconded by Member Robinson, and approved.**

#### **10.E. Special Joint Meeting of TAB and the Lesbian & Gay Advisory Board (LGAB)**

The Transgender Advisory Board appointed no more than four (4) members to the Ad Hoc Working Group that was created by LGAB to follow up on the City Council direction to hold a joint special meeting of LGAB and TAB. The special meeting will be held in-lieu of the regularly scheduled meeting.

Staff provided background information and clarification of the purpose of the Ad Hoc.

The Transgender Advisory Board appointed Vice Chair Alexander, Members Robinson, Gray and Luna to the Ad Hoc Working Group.

**ACTIONS:** 1) Appointed no more than four (4) members to the Ad Hoc Working Group with members of the LAGB. 2) Appointed members will work with LGAB members to plan for a joint special meeting as directed by the City Council. 3) Appointed Ad Hoc Working Group members to report back at the next Board meeting. **Motioned by Chair Rostovsky, seconded by Member Brown and approved.**

#### **10.F. Ivy Bottini Day**

The Transgender Advisory Board will consider appointing two (2) members to an Ad-Hoc Working Group that will plan for a celebration of life of lesbian community leader Ivy Bottini, who has recently passed away.

Staff provided background information on Ivy Bottini Day.

The Transgender Advisory Board appointed Members Nash and Samala to the Ad Hoc Working Group.

**ACTIONS:** 1) Appointed two (2) members to the Ad-Hoc Working Group that has been formed by members of the Women's Advisory Board and the Lesbian & Gay Advisory Board to celebrate the life of lesbian community member Ivy Bottini. 2) Appointed TAB members to report back on any discussions and deliberations at the next Board meeting. **Motioned by Chair Rostovsky, seconded by Vice Chair Alexander and approved.**

**10.G. Selection of a Non-Profit Organization as the Recipient of Proceeds Raised at the Transvagina Diaries' event**

The Transgender Advisory Board selected a non-profit organization serving the needs of the transgender community to be the recipient of the proceeds raised by the Transvagina Diaries, which were held March 27-28, 2021.

The Transgender Advisory selected the Unique Women's Coalition, TransLatina Coalition, Trans Defense Fund LA, and Invisible Men to receive the proceeds.

**ACTIONS:** 1) Motion to select four organizations to receive the proceeds, divided evenly at 25% of profit to each organization, **by Member Nash second by Member Ruiz and approved.** 2) Selected four (4) non-profit organizations to be the recipients of the funds raised at the Transvagina Diaries. 3) Directed staff to remit funds to the selected organizations.

**11.UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**11.A. Debriefing on Transgender Day of Visibility's Round Table**

The Transgender Advisory Board will debrief on the Transgender Day of Visibility's Let Them Play roundtable discussion, which took place on March 31, 2021.

**ACTION:** This item was tabled due to time constraints.

**12.ITEMS FROM STAFF**

None.

**13.PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**14.ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Member Gray wished everyone a goodnight.

VC Alexander wished everyone a goodnight.

Chair Rostovsky wished everyone a goodnight.

**15.ADJOURNMENT**

The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned at 8:23 pm to its regularly scheduled meeting on June 2, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via Teleconference.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS  
9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2021.

*Luckie Alexander*

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Luckie Alexander, Vice Chair

Attest:

*DeeA'na Saunders*

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DeeA'na Saunders, Recording Secretary