

**MINUTES  
LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
MEETING  
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THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2021  
7:00 PM  
TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Co-Chair Gamboa called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Board Member Frazier led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL**  
**PRESENT:** Marna Deitch, Billy Francesca, Jason Frazier, Robert Gamboa, Alex Paris, Rene Sotile, Jackie Steele, Sarah Whitaker, Zekiah N. Wright, Esq.  
  
**ABSENT:** None  
  
**ALSO PRESENT:** Hernan Molina, Melissa Crowder, Danny Casillas
4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**  
**ACTION:** Move to Approve the Agenda of Thursday, May 13, 2021, as amended. Motion by Deitch, Second by Co-Chair Gamboa and approved 7 to 0 by roll call vote.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Deitch  
**ACTION:** Approve the minutes of April 8, 2021;  
Motion by Deitch, second by Frazier and approved 7 to 0 by roll call vote.
6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**  
Eva Angeloff, CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the City of West Hollywood’s Arts Grant Season.
7. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**  
Board Member Steele thanked Eva Angeloff for information on supporting the arts and asked that the Board adjourn in memory of all Trans lives lost to violence this year.

Board Member Frazier asked that the Board adjourn in memory of Ali Fazeli Monfared, who was killed in an “honor killing” in Iran, as well as members of

the Trans Community that were murdered in the past two months; Diamond Kyree Sanders, Rayanna Pardo, Jaida Peterson, Dominique Lucious, Remy Fennell, Tiara Banks, Natalia Smu, Iris Santos, Tiffany Thomas, Keri Washington, Jahaira DeAlto, Whispering Wind Bear Spirit, Sophie Vásquez, and Danika “Danny” Henso.

Board Member Paris gave a summary of the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board and Transgender Advisory Board joint subcommittee meeting.

Co-Chair Wright spoke about the importance of selfcare and care of others in the hurried return to normalcy.

Co-Chair Gamboa asked that the Board adjourn in memory of all the community members that we lost to COVID-19 in the past month. He talked about the Matthew B. Palazzolo Memorial Scholarship Fund and the Matthew B. Palazzolo LGBTQ Equity Fund. He commented on the death of Ali Fazeli Monfared.

## **9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **A. RAINBOW KEY AWARDS AND ETHRIDGE AWARD**

The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board (LGAB) received a report and recommendations from its Rainbow Key Awards (RKA) Subcommittee regarding possible dates/times for the Rainbow Key and Etheridge awards and provided additional direction to the Subcommittee to continue working on the development of this event.

#### **ACTION: Combine the Rainbow Key Awards and the Ethridge Award Presentations**

All Aye

#### **ACTION: Move the Rainbow Key Awards and the Ethridge Award Presentations to August**

All Aye

### **B. SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF LGAB AND TAB**

Board Member Steele gave a summary of the meeting of the Ad-Hoc Working group that was created for this purpose and comprised of members of each Board.

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Domestic Violence in the LGBTQIA+ Community in West Hollywood**

The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board received a set of recommendations from its Domestic Violence (DV) Subcommittee on

ways to enhance the City's efforts to increase awareness about existing resources for victims of DV in West Hollywood.

Miss Tiger, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the need for a Domestic Violence and LGBTQI Liaison at the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station, as well as real time resources.

Eden Luna, Transgender Advisory Board, agreed with the proposals in the presentation.

Minister Paula Brown, spoke about the police's lax attitudes toward victims of Domestic Violence based on sexuality.

### **B. Ivy Bottini Day**

The Lesbian & Gay Advisory Board appointed two (2) members to the Ad-Hoc Working Group comprised of members from the Women's Advisory Board and the Transgender Advisory Board.

#### **ACTION: Add Board Members Sotile and Steele to the Ad-Hoc Working Group**

All Aye

### **C. June Pride**

The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board appointed Board Member Steele to report back on the actions of the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce and local businesses group as it relates to the June Pride activities currently being discussed.

## **11. ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

Crowder

- Legacy Business Item

Molina

- LGAB Look Ahead
- LGAB Look Back

## **12. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Eden Luna, Transgender Advisory Board, spoke about the Domestic Violence Survivors Bill of Rights.

## **13. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:**

### **A. LIAISON REPORTS**

Board Member Steele gave a summary of the May 5, 2021,

Transgender Advisory Board meeting.

Board Member Sotile gave a summary of the April 22, 2021, Women’s Advisory Board meeting.

**B. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

Board Member Steele gave a summary of the Bisexual Visibility Subcommittee meeting.

Co-Chair Gamboa provided an update on Legislative items.

Board Member Steele joined the Futures Subcommittee.

Board Member Steele gave a summary of the LGAB Make-up and Purview Subcommittee meeting.

**C. OTHER ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Board Member Sotile thanked the Board for their work.

Board Member Francesca thanked the Board for their work and energy.

Board Member Frazier spoke about the Gay Men’s Chorus Los Angeles upcoming event.

Co-Chair Gamboa commended the Board for their work and spoke about Lesbian Visibility Week.

- 14. ADJOURNMENT:** The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board adjourned in memory of Ali Fazeli Monfared, Diamond Kyree Sanders, RayannaPardo, Dominique Lucious, Remy Fennell, Tiara Banks, Natalia Smu, Iris Santos, Tiffany Thomas, Jaida Peterson, Keri Washington, Jahaira DeAlto, Whispering Wind Bear Spirit, Sophie Vásquez and, as well as all the community members that we lost to COVID-19 in the past month, at 9:19 p.m. to its next regular meeting, which is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 10, 2021, via teleconference.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD ON THE 10TH DAY OF JUNE 2021

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Co-Chair

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