

**MINUTES  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2022  
6:00 P.M.**

**TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Alexander called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Vice Chair Robinson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**B. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Board Member Eden Luna  
Board Member Karina Samala  
Board Member Andy Ruiz  
Vice Chair Mallery Robinson  
Chair Luckie Alexander

**Absent:** Board Member Blossom Brown  
Board Member Deshon Gray  
Board Member Shane Nash

**Also Present:** Staff Liaison Moya Marquez  
Staff Liaison Larissa Fooks  
Acting Recording Secretary Tatyana Rodzinek

**C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**SUBJECT:** The Transgender Advisory Board is requested to approve the Agenda of the January 5, 2022 meeting.

**ACTION:** Motion by **Vice Chair Robinson** to make amendment to the agenda and move items, 5A and 5B under item 3 and approve with changes the January 5, 2022, Agenda, seconded by **Chair Alexander**, and unanimously approved by consensus.

**D. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 8, 2021 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**SUBJECT:** The Transgender Advisory Board is requested to approve the minutes of the special meeting of December 8, 2021.

**ACTION:** Member Luna suggested two amendments to the minutes: a). regarding the colors of the intersex flag emphasizing that the colors should be yellow, and purple with a circle; b). regarding the representation at the LGBTQI plus commission, which should include the following groups: HIV positive folks, folks with disabilities and to be as intersectional as possible. Motion to approve the minutes with correction made by Chair Alexander, seconded by Vice Chair Robinson, and unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**E. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

None.

**3. PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD**

**A. PRESENTATION FROM WEST COAST SPORTS ASSOCIATION**

**SUBJECT:** The Board will receive, review, and discuss a presentation from West Coast Sports Association.

**ACTION:**

The presenter did not attend the meeting, the presentation will be rescheduled.

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. UPDATE REGARDING THE INSTALLATION OF THE PRIDE PROGRESS FLAG**

**SUBJECT:** The Board received a status update from staff on the installation of the Pride Progress Flag at the intersection of Santa Monica Boulevard and San Vicente Boulevard and discussed ways to support the process and community engagement.

**ACTION:**

Staff provided update on the status of the design of the Pride Progress Flag. Member Luna made a motion to recommend the city to use the most up to date version of the Progress flag, which will include the intersex community in West Hollywood. Chair Alexander seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

**B. TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD WORKPLAN**

**SUBJECT:** The Board will finalize and adopt its 2022 workplan and submit the adopted workplan to the City Clerk for filing.

**ACTION:**

- 1) Member Ruiz made a motion to finalize and adopt the workplan for 2022, Chair Alexander seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

### **C. MENTORSHIP PROGRAM FOR PROSPECTIVE BOARD MEMBERS**

**SUBJECT:** The Board will continue to discuss the development of a mentorship program for prospective TAB members.

**ACTION:**

Member Ruiz made a motion to submit the finalized letter to city council through a staff member for review. Chair Alexander seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. BOARD PARTICIPATION IN CITY ANTI-VIOLENCE EFFORTS PRESENTATION**

**SUBJECT:** The Board will receive a presentation from staff regarding some of the City's ongoing anti-violence efforts and opportunities for Board Participation and inclusion, including V-Day, Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention, the Only Yes Means Yes Campaign (sexual assault awareness and prevention), and the Joint Women's Advisory Board and Public Safety Commission Subcommittee regarding nightlife safety.

Larissa Fooks provided information on the V-day, which is a global activist movement about ending violence against all women, including cisgender, transgender, and those who hold full identities that are subject to gender-based violence, as well as girls, and the planet.

Larissa Fooks shared information regarding the city's ongoing efforts on anti-violence programming and actions and the ways that TAB can participate in those efforts.

Ms. Fooks also informed the board that January is National Slavery, prevention and Human Trafficking Awareness Month. **Chair Alexander** talked about the need for tangible resources for the victims and the hotline or other resources that can be available to victims.

Member Luna offered to invite representatives from LGBT Center to the next meeting to talk about the services that they provide. Member Luna also spoke about the campaigns that are happening in the city, which are really good as far as raising awareness and visibility, but there is a real need for tangible resources.

Member Ruiz spoke about the linkage to the care system, which is very important to the victims of sexual assault.

Member Ruiz also talked about emergency fund that can be created for victims.

**ACTION:**

Chair Alexander made a motion to:

1. To join the subcommittee with Public Safety Commission and WAB.
2. To designate representatives to the subcommittee. Members Samala, Luna, Ruiz and Chair Alexander volunteered to be on the subcommittee. Member Samala seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jackie Steele, LGAB member, spoke regarding sexual assault campaign and collaboration with the TAB. Jackie Steele also talked about her involvement in the work of WAB and Public Safety Commission on the nightlife safety.

**B. SAFETY TOWN HALL PLANNING**

**SUBJECT:** The Board will discuss the preparation for a TAB Safety Town Hall.

**ACTION:** Vice Chair Robinson made a motion to create a subcommittee to work on the project. Chair Alexander seconded. Motion unanimously approved.

Chair Alexander asked the members of the subcommittee to report back at the next meeting.

**6. EXCLUDED CONSENT**

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Cody Whitfield, local resident of Long Beach, introduced his business "Choice Designs", which specializes in designing prosthetics for the LGBT community. Cody Whitfield provided information and resources to the staff to be shared with the board.

**8. ITEMS FROM BOARD**

Member Samala informed the board about Leslie Monroy's passing who asked Member Samala for help. Asked the board to adjourn the meeting in memory of Leslie Monroy

Vice Chair Robinson announced the Vigil for Democracy event by Stonewall Democrats.

**9. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF**

There were no items from the staff

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned at 7:39 p.m. to its regularly scheduled meeting on February 2, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. via Teleconference.

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