

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
RENT STABILIZATION COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, July 28, 2022 - 7:00 PM**

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Martz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Commission said the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL:** Rent Stabilization Commission Secretary Diane Garcia took roll call.

PRESENT: Commissioner Karen Eyres, Commissioner Josh Kurpies, Commissioner Richard Maggio, Commissioner Agassi Topchian, Commissioner Zekiah Wright, and Chair Kellan Martz

ALSO PRESENT: Rent Stabilization Manager Jonathan Holub, Legal Counsel to the Commission John Natalizio, Rent Stabilization Commission Secretary Diane Garcia, and Senior Administrative Specialist Roger Vinalon Jr.

ABSENT: Commissioner Estevan Montemayor

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Martz requested the Item 10.A. and 10.B. be moved to the last items on the agenda.

ACTION: A motion was made to move **Item 10** to last item of the agenda by **Commissioner Topchian, seconded by Commissioner Eyres and unanimously approved.**

Approve the agenda of July 28, 2022. Motion by **Commissioner Maggio to approve the July 28, 2022 agenda, seconded by Commissioner Wright and approved, as amended.**

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: Approve the minutes of July 14, 2022. **Motion by Commissioner Maggio, seconded by Commissioner Wright and approved,** noting the abstention of Commissioner Kurpies due to absence from the July 14, 2022 meeting.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

7. MANAGER REPORT: Rent Stabilization Manager Jonathan Holub reviewed the look ahead calendar.

Commissioner Maggio recommended a study session occur before the end of the year.

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Commissioner Kurpies inquired if there was additional information regarding the eviction report last month and asked if there were any issues with delayed processing of Housing is Key applications.

Mr. Holub responded he will ask Bet Zedek for clarification once receiving the eviction report but was not aware of any issues with delayed processing of Housing is Key applications.

Commissioner Kurpies stated emergency HUD vouchers were given to different housing authorities throughout the country and asked if there were any active programs for landlords to participate in.

Mr. Holub responded there are no active programs, but they are under consideration.

8. COMMISSION COMMENTS: None.

9. APPEAL:

A. D-4642 915 N. Spaulding Ave. #3

Legal Counsel to the Commission John Natalizio provided a case summary and analysis of the appeal as provided in the staff report.

ANDREA MORSE, WEST HOLLYWOOD presented her oral argument.

BONNIE TRIMBLE, LOS ANGELES presented her oral argument.

Following Commission deliberation, **a motion was made by Commissioner Eyres to adopt Resolution RSC 22-614, affirming the Hearing Examiner's decision and waiving the requirements of Regulation 60005(A)(4) related to the linoleum. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Maggio. An amended motion was made by Commissioner Wright to increase the flooring valuation to \$78.00. The amended motion was seconded by Commissioner Kurpies and did not pass with a vote of 1-5, noting the "no" votes of Commissioners Eyres, Kurpies, Maggio, Topchian and Chair Martz.**

The original motion was approved with a vote of 6-0.

Chair Martz recessed the meeting at 8:24 p.m. and reconvened at 8:31 p.m.

(Item 10 was heard after Item 13)

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

1) ELECTION OF CHAIR

Nominations will be opened for Chairperson. Nominations are then closed and the vote is taken.

Commissioner Maggio nominated Commissioner Topchian.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Eyres to close the nominations and elect Agassi Topchian as Chair of the Rent Stabilization Commission for a term through June 30, 2023, seconded by Commissioner Wright, and passed with a vote of 6- 0.

2) *ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR*

New Chairperson will open nominations for Vice-Chairperson. Nominations are then closed and the vote is taken.

Commissioner Maggio nominated Commissioner Eyres.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Martz to close the nominations and elect Karen Eyres as Vice Chair of the Rent Stabilization Commission for a term through June 30, 2023, seconded by Commissioner Wright, and passed with a vote of 6- 0.

Chair Topchian thanked Commissioner Martz for his service as a Chair and congratulated Vice Chair Eyres.

Commissioner Maggio commented on the upcoming City Council election and the Commission's seniority rotation. He also thanked Commissioner Martz for his service as a Chair.

Commissioner Kurpies thanked Commissioner Martz for his service as Chair.

Commissioners Maggio and Wright congratulated Chair Topchian and Vice Chair Eyres.

B. COMMISSION LIAISON APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER COMMISSIONS AND ADVISORY BOARDS

SUBJECT: Rent Stabilization Commission Chair will appoint Commission liaison(s) to other City Commissions and Advisory Boards.

The Commissioners identified the other commissions and advisory boards they were interested in to serve as a liaison.

Commissioner Maggio was appointed as liaison to Public Safety Commission, Transportation Commission and Human Services Commission.

Vice Chair Eyres was appointed as liaison to Senior Advisory Board, Women's Advisory Board and Transgender Advisory Board.

Commissioner Wright was appointed as liaison to Public Facilities Commission and Planning Commission.

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Commissioner Martz appointed himself as the liaison to the Historic Preservation Commission.

Chair Topchian will share Public Safety Commission with Commissioner Maggio.

Commissioner Kurpies stated he is currently unable to attend other commission/advisory board meetings.

11. ITEMS FROM STAFF: None.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

13. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS: Vice Chair Eyres stated she attended the Senior Advisory Board meeting at which Mr. Holub presented on topics related to housing.

Commissioner Kurpies highlighted Assemblymember Richard Bloom's 6th Annual Hollywood Family Health and Resource Fair occurring on July 30th. He also mentioned a press conference with UCLA Luskin Institute on Inequality and Democracy and other organizations was held to inform the public of the Tenant Power Toolkit, a resource available to tenants facing eviction. More information is available at tenantpowertoolkit.org.

Commissioner Wright stated they attended the Planning Commission meeting and provided updates. They highlighted National Night Out occurring on Tuesday, August 2nd. They also thanked the landlords in the city.

14. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. The next meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held on Thursday, August 11, 2022, at 7:00 PM in the West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers.

These minutes were submitted by Diane Garcia, Commission Secretary, and approved by a motion of the Rent Stabilization Commission on this 11th day of August 2022.

A copy of the audio recording of this meeting can be obtained from the City Clerk's office upon request. You may also view a video of this meeting at <http://www.weho.org/weho-tv/other-city-meetings>.

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Diane Garcia, Commission Secretary

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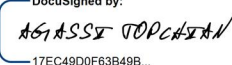
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