

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2023 – 6:00 PM**

**COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL
8300 Santa Monica Boulevard
West Hollywood, California 90069**

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1. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Samala called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.

A. Land Acknowledgment –Chair Samala

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B. Administer the Oath of Office to Newly Appointed Transgender Advisory Board Member

The Oath of Office was administered to newly appointed member Anthony Padilla by Melissa Crowder.

C. Pledge of Allegiance –Chair Samala

“I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

D. Roll Call

Present: Chair Samala, Vice-Chair Brown, Boardmember Baum, Boardmember Dae, Boardmember Nash, Boardmember Padilla.

Absent: Boardmember Alexander, Boardmember Singleton, Boardmember Robinson.

Also present: Moya Marquez, Community Programs Coordinator and TAB Liaison, Yvonne Quarker, Community Services Director, and Tatyana Rodzinek, Recording Secretary.

E. Approval of the October 4, 2023 Meeting Agenda

The Board is requested to approve the October 4, 2023 Meeting Agenda as posted

ACTION: Motion to approve agenda by **Member Nash** and seconded by **Board member Padilla**. Motion passed.

F. Approval of the September 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes

The Board is requested to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2023 meeting

ACTION: Motion to approve by **Board member Nash** and seconded by **Vice-Chair Brown**. Motion passed

G. Public Comment

The public is given the opportunity to address the Board on any item within its responsibility. Speakers are limited to two minutes each. If you would like to present a public comment at the meeting, please see the section titled "TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PUBLIC MEETING" on the first page of this Meeting Agenda.

Karen Eyres, member of the Human Services Commission, spoke about the upcoming wellness fair in West Hollywood. **Karen** invited the TAB to the Community Health and Wellness Event on October 17th from 10AM - 1PM in Plummer Park's Community Center. She also spoke on behalf of "Hollywood NOW" organization to share that the Trans Diaries had been Co-Sponsored by the City Council and would take place on November 11 and 12 in the Council Chambers.

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Legislative Subcommittee

The Board will appoint up to two members to form a joint legislative subcommittee with the LGBTQ+ Commission.

ACTION: The Board appointed members Nash and Padilla to serve on a legislative subcommittee to discuss legislative items that impact the LGBTQ community.

3. NEW BUSINESS

NONE

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

5. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Board Chair Samala shared that this month is Disability Awareness Month, as well as Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence Awareness Month. She also shared that the Black Cat Bar in Silverlake had recently been designated an LGBTQ Landmark for its role in the LGBTQ Rights Movement. She also shared that she recently attended a Hate Crime summit in Los Angeles that served as an opportunity for law enforcement and the LGBTQ community to meet about the rise of LGBTQ related hate crimes.

Boardmember Padilla requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Alexia Partida a trans woman from Los Angeles who recently passed, and friend of Boardmember Padilla.

Boardmember Baum asked staff to clarify how many contractors and staff the City employs, and what, if any, outreach the City provides to hire trans workers and contractors. She also shared her respect and admiration for Senator Feinstein, who passed earlier this week.

Board Vice Chair Brown shared that the Board should investigate hosting a Trans Career Day. The Board then elected by consensus to hold a discussion on this in the future.

Boardmember Dae shared two community events: a “**BeaTch Day**” on Sunday Oct 15th at Dockweiler Beach beginning at 2PM, and a “Trans Joy is Resistance” event on Friday October 20th at the Connie Norman Center.


Boardmember Shane shared that a government agency in Texas was now offering drink test strips, following in West Hollywood’s footsteps.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were no items from staff.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned at 6:49 p.m. to its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at 6:00p.m. to be held in- person at West Hollywood City Hall 1st floor Community Meeting Room at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90069


Karina Samala, Chair

Attest:


Tatyana Rodzinek, Recording Secretary