

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

Wednesday, July 3, 2024 – 6:30 P.M.

**West Hollywood City Hall
1st Floor - Community Meeting Room
8300 Santa Monica Boulevard
West Hollywood, CA 90069**

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1. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Samala called the meeting to order at 6:35pm

A. Land Acknowledgement – Read by Chair Samala

"The West Hollywood Transgender Advisory Board acknowledges that the land on which we gather and that is currently known as the City of West Hollywood is the occupied, unceded, seized territory of the Gabrieleño Tongva and Gabrieleño Kizh peoples."

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

The Oath of Office was administered to newly appointed member Mariana Marroquin at the TAB's next meeting.

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, Board Member Dae, Board Member Marroquin, Board Member Nash, Board Member Padilla, and Board Member Singleton.

Absent: Board Member Paniouchkine and Board Member Robinson.

Also present: Jennifer Del Toro, Community and Legislative Affairs Supervisor, Staff Liaison, Moya Marquez, and Jasmine Duckworth, Recording Secretary.

E. Approval of the July 3, 2024, Meeting Agenda

The Board was requested to approve the July 3, 2024, Meeting Agenda as posted.

ACTION: Motion to approve the July 3, 2024, Meeting Agenda by Vice Chair Brown, seconded by Board Member Dae, and approved.

F. Approval of the June 5, 2024, Meeting Minutes

The Board was requested to approve the Minutes of the June 5, 2024, meeting.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of the June 5, 2024, by Board Member Nash, seconded by Vice Chair Brown, and approved.

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.

Joseph Green, liaison from the Disabilities Advisory Board, informed the Board of an upcoming Transgender Caucus meeting taking place on Tuesday July 23rd. Joseph also shared information on the Disability Service Award Nominations.

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Update from the Job Fair Subcommittee

Staff liaison, Moya Marquez provided a brief update on the upcoming Job Fair event and informed the Board that additional details will continue to be provided to the Board at their August meeting.

Board Member Nash encouraged staff liaison, Moya Marquez to contact him or Chair Samala for questions or assistance.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. ELECTION OF CHAIR

The Board nominated and elected a Chair, for a term through June 30, 2025.

The following Board Members were nominated:

- Vice Chair Brown – did not accept the nomination
- Board Member Dae – accepted the nomination

ACTION: The Board elected Board Member Dae as Chair for a term through June 30, 2025.

B. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

The Board tabled the election of a Vice-Chair to their August meeting.

**Board Member Nash was the only Board Member present eligible to accept the nomination for Vice Chair and did not accept the nomination.*

C. PLANNING FOR 2024 TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE EVENT

The Board discussed plans for the 2024 TDOR event and considered forming a subcommittee of no more than four members to plan this year's event.

**Board Member Padilla arrived at 6:52pm*

**Board Member Singleton arrived at 6:53pm*

ACTION: Motion to create a 2024 Transgender Day of Remembrance Event subcommittee and appoint Board Member Dae, Board Member Marroquin, Board Member Padilla, and Chair Samala, by Board Member Nash, seconded by Vice Chair Brown, and approved.

Board Member Nash suggested keeping the location the same for consistency and asked staff to reserve space.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Sabel Samone – introduced herself to the Board and provided information on her organization, called GLAM, a local non-profit dedicated to providing care and services for Trans folk and MSM individuals within the greater Los Angeles County area. Her organization has identified November 15th (5:00pm-11:00pm) as a possible date for the Transgender Day of Remembrance Event and expressed interest in collaborating with the Transgender Advisory Board for this year's event.

5. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Chair Samala provided a brief event attendance report of events she attended and events taking place in the City of West Hollywood.

Board Member Nash informed the Board that beginning on July 1st, bars serving alcohol will be required to offer drug testing devices for sale or at no cost to patrons. Board Member Nash also thanked the City for a successful Pride, asked for an update on whether a live GPS program could be implemented for the Cityline shuttle, and shared information about Metro being the official transit partner for LA

Pride. Lastly, Board Member Nash thanked Vice Chair Brown for her service and contributions to the Advisory Board and larger community.

Board Member Padilla shared information about their involvement in a music album with community members.

Board Member Marroquin thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve on the Transgender Advisory Board.

Vice Chair Brown expressed gratitude for being able to serve on the Transgender Advisory Board and for the opportunity to serve as Vice Chair, and informed the Board that they will be resigning from the Transgender Advisory Board.

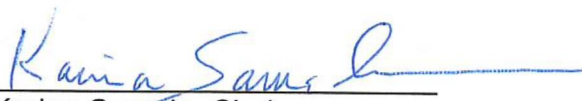
Board Member Dae expressed gratitude for the Advisory Board and community and thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as Chair.

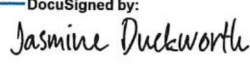
6. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF

Staff liaison, Moya Marquez thanked Vice Chair Brown for her service and contributions to the Transgender Advisory Board and welcomed Board Member Marroquin to the Transgender Advisory Board.

ADJOURNMENT

The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned at 7:20pm to its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. to be held in the West Hollywood City Hall 1st Floor Community Meeting Room at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90069.


Karina Samala, Chair

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