

MINUTES
LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
NOVEMBER 9, 2017
7:00 PM
FIRST FLOOR COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM
8300 SANTA MONICA BLVD
WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90069

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Co-Chair Duke Mason called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
 - A. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated.
 - B. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT:	Lauren Costine, Megan Cotanch, John Erickson, Jason Frazier, Robert Gamboa, Lucas John, Sue LaVaccare, Duke Mason, Marquita Thomas.
ABSENT:	Samantha Lavin.
ALSO PRESENT:	Jeff Book, David Escobedo.
 - C. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
The Agenda was approved on a motion by John Erickson, seconded by Robert Gamboa.
 - D. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
A motion to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2017, meeting was made by John Erickson, seconded by Duke Mason, and approved.
 - E. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
 1. David Tiktin said he was looking forward to working with the Board's Bi subcommittee.
 2. A representative of the Los Angeles office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation spoke about FBI Director Christopher Wray's support of diversity and related efforts in the community. He said the Bureau has been focused on providing support to the victims of the shooting in Las Vegas.
 - F. **ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**
John Erickson asked to adjourn in memory of the victims of the shootings at the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, TX, and in celebration of the outcome of the elections on November 7, 2017. Duke Mason asked to adjourn in celebration of the election of Danica Roem, who became the

first openly transgender state legislator by winning a seat in the Virginia House of Delegates; of Andrea Jenkins as the first openly transgender person of color by winning a seat on the Minneapolis City Council; of Ravinder Bhalla, the first Sikh mayor to be elected in New Jersey; of Jenny Durkan, the first lesbian mayor of Seattle, WA; of Michelle Kaufusi, the first woman elected mayor of Provo, UT; Vi Lyles, the first black woman elected mayor of Charlotte, NC; Kathy Tran, the first Asian-American woman elected to the Virginia House of Delegates; Zachary Wolf, Seattle's first openly gay school board member; and Melvin Carter III, the first mayor of color for St. Paul, MN. There were no objections.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar was moved by John Erickson, seconded by Duke Mason, and approved unanimously.

A. SCHEDULE FOR 2018 RAINBOW KEY AWARDS AND MELISSA ETHERIDGE AWARD

The Advisory Board adopted the schedule for the 2018 Rainbow Key Awards and Melissa Etheridge Award.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2017-2018 LGAB WORKPLAN STUDY

The Advisory Board conducted an open discussion of possible topics for the 2017-2018 Workplan, and settled on these major areas:

- Lesbian visibility
- Homelessness of Lesbian, Gay, and Bi youth
- Future of the Lesbian, Gay, and Bi community

The Advisory Board expressed interest in having the service of a facilitator for the upcoming community meeting on the future of the Lesbian, Gay, and Bi community.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no items on Excluded Consent.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were no additional items from staff.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no additional public comment.

8. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

A. LIAISON REPORTS

John Erickson spoke about attending the arts grants committee on behalf of the Advisory Board.

C. OTHER ITEMS FROM ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

Sue LaVaccare spoke about several upcoming events, including the Veterans Day recognition, and the Transgender Day of Remembrance.

Robert Gamboa said World AIDS Day, on Dec. 1, is coming up.

John Erickson spoke about a free screening of "BPM (Beats Per Minute)." He suggested that the Advisory Board hold an upcoming meeting at the June Mazer Lesbian Archive in the Werle Building.

Jason Frazier spoke about the Models of Pride conference, which had 1,500 youth and 475 parents and professionals; and about four LA LGBT Center Youth events in December.

Marquita Thomas spoke about a recent event of the Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (LAGLCC) and about a Dec. 9 event to be held at Hotel Indigo in downtown Los Angeles.

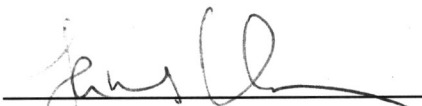
Megan Cotanch and Board members congratulated John Erickson on his appointment by Governor Jerry Brown to the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

The next regular meeting is at 7 pm, Tuesday, December 14, 2017, in the First Floor Community Conference Room at West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD ON THE 14TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2017



Co-Chair

Attest:



Staff Liaison