

**LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
JULY 11, 2019
7 PM
WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY HALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Co-Chair Lauren D. Costine.

1. A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

John Erickson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. INSTALLATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Marna Deitch and Sarah Whitaker were installed as Members of the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board by Mayor Pro Tempore Lindsey Horvath.

C. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Lauren D. Costine, Marna Deitch, Billy Francesca, Jason Frazier, Robert Gamboa, Lucas John Junkin, James Duke Mason, Alana Roshay, Sarah Whitaker, Zekiah N. Wright, Esq.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Corri Planck, Hernan Molina, Jenny Ivanova, Jeff Book.

Mayor Pro Tempore Lindsey Horvath was also present.

D. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

ACTION: Approve the Agenda of Thursday, July 11, 2019. Motion by Board Member Gamboa, seconded by Board Member Junkin, and approved.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: Approve the minutes of May 9, 2019. Motion by Co-Chair Frazier, seconded by Board Member Gamboa, and approved, with Board Members Deitch, Mason, and Whitaker abstaining.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

John Erickson congratulated the new Board Members. He said spoke the ROAR Resistance Group, meeting this Sunday at The Chapel at The Abbey. He will speak about the legal status of abortion at the state level nationwide. He also spoke about Lights for Liberty meeting in West Hollywood Park.

G. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board Members welcomed the new members.

Board Member Francesca spoke about the need to educate young gay men about HIV and STDs; the distribution of fentanyl testing strips at the PRIDE Festival; and the need to inform people that drugs they purchase may be laced with a potentially fatal additive.

Board Member Wright spoke about distributing fentanyl testing strips at bars and places where people purchase or use drugs, so the opportunity to test substances is present where it will do the most good. She requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Michelle Levy, co-host of Michelle's XXX nightclub, who passed away in June.

Co-Chair Costine asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Viken Mar.

Board Member Mason spoke about what seems to be an increase in deaths by overdose during the last two years, due to meth and GHB. He asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Julian Perez, a community member who passed away just after the PRIDE Festival.

Co-Chair Frazier asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Trans women who have been murdered since the Board's most recent meeting in May: Muhlaysia Booker, Michelle "Tamika" Washington, Paris Cameron, Zoe Spears, Chynal Lindsey, Johana Medina Leon, and Chanel Scurlock. He noted that July 12 is the 40th anniversary of the first meeting of the Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles, which was held in Plummer Park. Four men present at the first meeting are still with the Chorus.

Board Member Deitch said that Michelle Levy requested no memorial. Friends are gathering at the beach this weekend.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR: There were no Consent Calendar items.

Without objection, Items 4A and 4B were taken up ahead of Item 3A.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Advisory Board received a presentation from Hernan Molina, the City's Governmental Affairs Liaison, on how the City establishes legislative priorities, monitors state legislation, and takes positions on specific bills.

B. CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD CENSUS 2020 COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE (CCC)

The Advisory Board considered electing one member to serve on the City's Census 2020 Complete Count Committee (CCC), which will develop strategies to make sure every resident of the City is counted.

ACTION: Motion by Co-Chair Costine to designate Robert Gamboa as the Board's representative to the 2020 Complete Count Committee, with Alana Roshay as alternate. Seconded by Board Member Junkin and approved.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES

Board Member Gamboa reported for the Bi Visibility Committee. The City Council approved co-sponsorship of the West Hollywood Bi Pride event on September 21. The event includes an art installation, march, and dance.

ACTION: By consensus, the Advisory Board approved Board Member Wright to join the Bi Visibility Committee.

B. REVIEW OF 2019 RAINBOW KEY AWARDS

The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board discussed the 2019 Rainbow Key Awards and ways to improve the process. The Board also discussed early plans for next year's award.

ACTION: By consensus, the Advisory Board selected Wednesday, June 10, 2020, as the date of the next Rainbow Key event.

C. PLANNING FOR 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF LGAB

Board Member Roshay reported that a walk-through of the site for the 30th Anniversary event on Sept. 11, 2019, took place. Plans call for Board Members to arrive at 6 pm; doors to open at 6:30 pm, with tray-passed appetizers and a cash bar; the Anniversary program from 7:30 to 8:30 pm, and a possible DJ from 8:30 to 9 pm.

ACTION: By consensus, the Advisory Board approved Board Members Junkin and Whitaker to join this committee.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

C. UPDATE ON THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY LESBIAN, BISEXUAL AND QUEER WOMEN'S HEALTH COLLABORATIVE

Corri Planck provided the update on the LA County Lesbian, Bisexual and Queer Women's Health Collaborative.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR: No items on Excluded Consent Calendar.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Corri Planck spoke about concerns raised under Board Member Comments by Board Member Francesca and said aspects of these issues are involved with the City's contract with the LA LGBT Center. Staff will request the LA LGBT Center to attend an upcoming meeting to discuss this further.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no additional Public Comment.

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The floor was opened for nominations for Male Co-Chair. Board Members Junkin and Costine nominated Board Member Gamboa. There were no further nominations. Board Member Frazier moved to close nominations and declare Board Member Gamboa elected. This was seconded by Board Member Costine and unanimously approved.

The floor was opened for nominations for Female Co-Chair. Board Member Costine nominated Board Member Roshay. This was seconded by Board Member Gamboa. There were no further nominations. Board Member Gamboa moved to close nominations and declare Board Member Roshay elected. This was seconded by Board Member and Frazier and unanimously approved.

9. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

A. LIAISON REPORTS

ACTION: Without objection, the Advisory Board designated Board Member Frazier as liaison to Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission, and removed him as liaison to Public Safety Commission. Also without objection, the Advisory Board designated Board Member Deitch as liaison to the Disabilities Advisory Board, and Board Member Wright as liaison to the Transgender Advisory Board and Women's Advisory Board. These changes as a whole were moved by Board Member Frazier, seconded by Board Member Costine, and approved.

B. OTHER ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Wright spoke about Black Pride, which is being held this week, with further information on the website.

Board Member Frazier spoke about the 40th Anniversary concert of Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles, being held August 16 at Walt Disney Concert Hall, featuring an enormous group of singers from around the country, representing other Gay Men's Choruses. There will be a free performance in the City Council Chambers on Saturday, August 17.

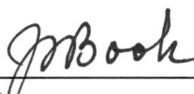
Board Member Mason asked that the meeting be adjourned in celebration of the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team, which won the World Cup on July 7, 2019, with a 2-0 victory over the Netherlands, and in celebration of team captain Megan Rapinoe.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** In memory of Michelle Levy, Viken Mar, Julian Perez, Muhlaysia Booker, Michelle "Tamika" Washington, Paris Cameron, Zoe Spears, Chynal Lindsey, Johana Medina Leon, and Chanel Scurlock, and in celebration of the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team and team captain Megan Rapinoe, the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board was adjourned at 9:13 pm to its next regular meeting, to be held Thursday, August 8, 2019, beginning at 7:00 pm, in the First-Floor Conference Room at West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD ON THE 8TH DAY OF AUGUST 2019


Co-Chair

Attest:


Secretary