

**TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

***TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Chair Rostovsky called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Chair Rostovsky led the pledge of allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL** –

PRESENT: **Member Deaton
Member De La Cruz
Member Samala
Vice Chair Sanchez
Chair Rostovsky**

ABSENT: **Member Monroy**

4. **ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW BOARD MEMBER**
The item was tabled until the next regular meeting.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
ACTION: The Transgender Advisory Board approved the agenda of the March 3, 2021 meeting. **Motioned by Vice Chair Sanchez, seconded by Member Samala and approved unanimously.**
6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
ACTION: The Transgender Advisory Board approved the minutes of the February 3, 2020 regular meeting. **Motioned by Member Samala, seconded by Member Brown and approved unanimously.**
7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Marna Deitch, LGAB member, introduced herself and spoke regarding collaboration with the Transgender Advisory Board.

Lindsey Deaton spoke on behalf of the Women's Advisory Board and invited the board members to the Transvagina Diaries event on March 27 and 28.

James Wen, former member of the board, greeted new members of the board. James commended the work of staff and talked about a piece of legislation that was brought by him to the City of West Hollywood. Former member Wen thanked members Sanchez and Samala for their involvement in various events and also provided some historical overview of his work with the TAB over the last few years.

8. MEMBER COMMENTS

Member Monroy spoke about trans resources for youth.

Member Samala thanked former member Wen for his service on the board. Member Samala also said that members of the board and community can reach out to her regarding vaccinations.

Member Sanchez informed the board that this is going to be her last meeting as she is moving to Sacramento to start a new job. Member Sanchez thanked the board for the support and mutual work. She also talked about her experience with the board and emphasized the importance of the board and its role in presenting various issues pertaining to members of the Transgender community to other boards and the City Council. Member Sanchez talked about various intersections that bring many community groups together and help look at the issues from a different perspective.

Chair Rostovsky thanked outgoing members for their work, partnership, friendship, and support.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.A. Cancellation of the April 7, 2021 meeting of the Transgender Advisory Board

The Transgender Advisory Board considered cancelling the April 7, 2021 meeting considering the special Board meeting that will take place on March 31, 2021 in observance of Transgender Day of Visibility.

Action: Member Samala made a motion to cancel the April 7, 2021 meeting, member De La Cruz seconded; Member Sanchez abstained. Motion passed.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10.A. Transgender Day of Visibility Round Table – March 31, 2021

The Transgender Advisory Board received a report from the Transgender Advisory Board's subcommittee on Transgender Day of Visibility (TDOV), which was assembled to formulate ideas/options on best ways to celebrate TDOV, which is officially observed on March 31, 2021.

Chair Rostovsky invited former member James Wen and other members of the board to participate. Chair Rostovsky asked members to submit questions for the moderator so that the event could be better structured.

Member Samala asked about the flyer to promote the event.

Staff liaison Molina informed the board that subcommittee met twice to discuss ideas. Mr. Molina informed the board that he reached out to his contact at Spectrum and that a local reporter will do a story.

Mr. Molina also mentioned the possibility of a Spanish Network producing small stories from the recorded event. Communications Department will be promoting the event. Mr. Molina also reached out to the graphic designer to prepare promotional materials/graphics and suggested that the board members use social media to promote the event. Staff liaison Molina said that he is working with the designer on the flyer. He also mentioned that the event will be hosted on Zoom Webinar for better management of the event and to be able to have the Q&A function.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

11. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff liaison Molina informed the board that there might be a vacancy on the board, and he encouraged interested community members to apply for the position on the Board and reach out to Council members and set up appointments to meet with them one-on-one.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

13. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Member Samala congratulated Vice Chair Sanchez on her new position and thanked her for her work. She also talked about attending the commemoration ceremony organized by the city to celebrate the life of Ivy Bottini who recently passed away at the age of 94. She thanked the city for the ceremony.

Member Brown wished all the best to Vice Chair Sanchez and congratulated her on her new job.

Member Monroy congratulated Vice Chair Sanchez and thanked former Member James Wen.

Member De La Cruz congratulated Vice Chair Sanchez for her work and said that she is missing in person meetings at City Hall.

Member Sanchez thanked everyone for helping her grow into the person she is now; she shared her memories of working with members of the board and staff.

Chair Rostovsky talked about his personal project, which will involve interviewing people and asked the members for support. Chair Rostovsky thanked former member James Wen for his work and efforts in building the community.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned **at 7:08pm** to the special meeting and Roundtable Discussion on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at 5:00 PM via teleconference.

Jacob Rostovsky
Transgender Advisory Board Chair

Hernan Molina
Staff Liaison

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