

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

***TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Rostovsky called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Chair Rostovsky led the pledge of allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL** –

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

4. **ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW BOARD MEMBER**
The Oath of Office was postponed, pending a future appointment by City Council.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
ACTION: The Transgender Advisory Board approved the agenda of the February 3, 2021 meeting. **Motioned by Member De La Cruz, seconded by Vice Chair Sanchez and approved unanimously.**
6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
ACTION: The Transgender Advisory Board approved the minutes of the January 6, 2021 regular meeting. **Motioned by Member De La Cruz, seconded by Member Monroy and approved unanimously.**
7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dr. Shannon Kozlovich, Program Manager of Equity California, spoke in favor of item 9A and offered EQCA's services to educate the Community on the effects of tobacco use.

Karen Ayres, Women's Advisory Board (WAB) member who is the WAB's liaison to the Transgender Advisory Board, spoke in support of item 10A and shared upcoming WAB events, which are part of the Women's History Month in March 2021.

Guest Speaker: Eva Angeloff, City of West Hollywood's Arts Division's Grants Coordinator provided information about the City's **Call for Peer Review Panelists**.

8. MEMBER COMMENTS

Member Samala spoke about her attendance to the Human Rights Speakers' Series' "Disclosure" event in January, which was moderated by Councilmember John Erickson. She acknowledged Vice Chair Sanchez's and former TAB member Drian Juarez's great job on the panel. Lastly, Member Samala reminded everyone to stay safe and get vaccinated.

Member Deaton thanked public speakers and her fellow Board Members for all they do for the community.

Member Brown reminded everyone to stay safe.

Member Wen wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day and thanked Dr. Kozlovich for her public comment. He also thanked the Biden Administration for their service to the community. Lastly, Member Wen asked to adjourn the meeting in memory of community members Tyianna Alexander, Bianca "Muffin" Bankz, Dominique Jackson, and Fifty Bandz.

Member Monroy asked everyone to please spread awareness to the community on the seriousness of the pandemic.

Vice Chair Sanchez thanked the community for coming out and thanked the Board for all they do. She expressed the importance of educating others on the pandemic and to beware of mental health issues during this time. Lastly, Vice Chair Sanchez reminded everyone to take advantage of the current political climate on all levels of government.

Chair Rostovsky shared with the Board that he attended the City Council meeting. He also expressed gratitude for how things are moving with the newly formed City Council. Chair Rostovsky also shared his excitement about the changes coming to the community. He shared information on an upcoming Trans Health Symposium he is spearheading in collaboration with UCLA to shed light on mental health issues within the Trans Community.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.A. Transgender Advisory Board Workplan.

The Transgender Advisory Board discussed the development of a workplan for the Board.

ACTION: The Transgender Advisory Board agreed on a tentative timeline to begin working on the TAB workplan by having a special meeting first, pending direction from the City Clerk's Office. **Motioned by Member Wen, seconded by Member Deaton, and approved noting an abstention from Vice Chair Sanchez.**

Hernan Molina, TAB liaison, challenged the Board to think about the different issues that the Community deals with to help establish a workplan for the Transgender Advisory Board.

Member Deaton talked about the poor manner in which health services are being rendered to the Trans Community.

The Board discussed upcoming events that could potentially interfere with prepping and planning of the workflow plan.

Board discussed the benefits of having a special meeting, including the possibility of a Board retreat.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

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

ACTIONS: 1) Discussed different options as presented by the Subcommittee; (2) Defined next steps to celebrate Transgender Visibility Day on March 31, 2021 at 5 pm **Motioned by Vice Chair Sanchez, seconded by Member Brown, and approved unanimously.**

Chair Rostovsky provided an update on the items discussed by the subcommittee meeting, including the production of a roundtable discussion. The subcommittee explored three possible themes: 1. Centered around trans and non-binary participation in sports. 2. Visibility in media. 3. Visibility in the legislative process and policies.

Vice Chair Sanchez gave her feedback on the subjects presented by the subcommittee and supported the Trans in Sports' theme for the roundtable.

Member Brown spoke in favor of having a Trans in Sports' focused roundtable.

Member Deaton expressed a need for conversation around legislative policies.

Member Monroy shared her support of all the proposed options.

Member Wen shared his support of the sports conversation and expressed a greater need for Member Deaton's idea of a legislative forum.

Chair Rostovsky asked the Board to reach out to Trans Athletes to participate in the panel.

11. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff Liaison, Hernan Molina, provided the Board with an update on the Tobacco Ordinances and thanked the Board for being so enthusiastic about the development of a workplan.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

13. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Member Wen thanked the Board for their input on today's meeting and thanked staff.

Member Brown thanked the Board for a great meeting.

Member Deaton shared with the Board that this is her last meeting and thanked everyone for their commitment to the trans community.

Member Samala wished Member Deaton well in all her future endeavors and she thanked the Board for all they do to serve and help the community.

Vice Chair Sanchez thanked Member Deaton for her work in the community and all her contributions to the Board. Lastly, she reminded everyone of the Talent Show her employer is hosting and encouraged all to participate.

Chair Rostovsky wished Member Deaton the best in all her future endeavors and thanked the Board for a productive meeting.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned its meeting at 7:45 pm to its virtual roundtable and Special Meeting, which will be dedicated to observed Transgender Day of Visibility. The roundtable is scheduled for Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at 5 pm.

Jacob Rostovsky

Transgender Advisory Board Chair

Hernan Molina

Staff Liaison

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