

**MINUTES
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD
WEDNESDAY, June 9, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

SPECIAL MEETING

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Vice Chair Alexander called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Board Member Ruiz led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT

Member Samala
Member Brown
Member Alexander
Member Ruiz
Member Luna
Member Robinson
Member Nash

ABSENT

Grey

OTHERS PRESENT:

City Staff: Larissa Fooks, Hernan Molina, Melissa Crowder, David Wilson, and DeeAna Saunders.

4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
ACTION: The Transgender Advisory Board approved the agenda of the June 9, 2021, special meeting. **Motion by Member Samala, seconded by Member Ruiz, and approved.**
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
ACTION: The Transgender Advisory Board approved the minutes of the May 5, 2021, regular meeting. **Motion by Member Ruiz, seconded by Member Brown, and approved.**
6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
None.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

None.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9.A. June Pride Trans-Focused Event on June 26, 2021

The Transgender Advisory Board received an update from City staff and the AdHoc Working Group members who were appointed to work with City staff to develop plans for a trans-focused reception that was scheduled for Saturday, June 26 or Sunday at 5 p.m. at The Abbey in West Hollywood.

Hernan Molina, Staff Liaison provided the Board with a status update on the event scheduled for Saturday, June 26 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at The Abbey in West Hollywood.

The Board also discussed the distribution of the tickets for admission to this event in an effort to make this event as accessible and open to the community.

Members Samala, Brown and Nash agreed to join Member Ruiz in the event's working group/subcommittee that was assembled to assist in the production of this event. Member Robinson, who was part of the working group will not be available to attend this event.

Genevieve Morrill, President & CEO of the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce provided a briefing on the plans developed for the June 26-27 weekend in West Hollywood, which is marketed as "Pride Lives Here".

Members Ruiz, Nash and Brown raised the issue of past incidents at The Abbey involving transgender individuals and their desire to address this issue with The Abbey's management staff and schedule a conversation.

The Board also discussed requesting The Abbey issue a joint, healing statement with the Transgender Advisory Board about the above-referenced past situations involving transgender individuals.

ACTIONS:

Request The Abbey considers issuing a joint statement, in conjunction with the Transgender Advisory Board addressing transphobia and past incidents involving transgender individuals at The Abbey. Motion by Member Luna, seconded by Member Ruiz and approved

Extend the meeting 15 minutes. Motion by Member Nash, seconded by Member Samala and approved.

Expanded Ad-Hoc Working Group of TAB comprised of Members Ruiz, Nash, Brown, and Samala to host a conversation with The Abbey's management on transphobia and past incidents at The Abbey. Motion by Member Ruiz, seconded by Vice Chair Alexander, and approved.

10. ITEMS FROM STAFF

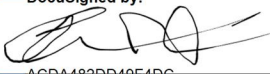
None.

11. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned at 8:06 p.m. to its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, July 7, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. via Teleconference.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD
ON THIS 7TH DAY OF JULY 2021

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Luckie Alexander, Vice Chair

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DeeAna Saunders, Recording Secretary