

**MINUTES
LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 08, 2021
7:00 PM
TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Co-Chair Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Board Co-Chair Gamboa led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY APPOINTED LGAB MEMBER.** Councilmember Sepi Shyne administered the Oath of Office to MoJen Jenkins.
4. **ROLL CALL**
PRESENT: Jason Frazier, Robert Gamboa, MoJen Jenkins, Alex Paris, Rene Sotile, Jackie Steele, Miss Tiger, Zekiah N. Wright, Esq.

ABSENT: Marna Deitch, Billy Francesca,

ALSO PRESENT: Hernan Molina, Melissa Crowder, Councilmember Sepi Shyne, Tara Worden, Janet Jimenez, David Wilson, and Danny Casillas.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
ACTION: Move to move item 14.B. to before Item 10.A. and Approve the Agenda of Thursday, July 8, 2021, as amended. Motion by Co-Chair Gamboa, seconded by Steele and approved 8 to 0 by roll call vote.
6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
ACTION: Approve the minutes of June 10, 2021; Motion by Wright, seconded by Steele and approved 6 to 0 by roll call vote with 2 abstentions.
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
No Comments.
8. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**
Board Member Jenkins spoke about why she wants to serve on the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board.

Board Member Sotile welcomed Board Member Jenkins.

Board Member Miss Tiger welcomed Board Member Jenkins and thanked everyone for their work.

Board Member Frazier welcomed Board Member Jenkins and requested to adjourn in the memory of EJ Boykin AKA Novaa Watson.

Board Member Steele spoke about a racially charged incident without resolution at Akbar. They requested that the Board adjourn in memory of all the Trans lives lost this year and all LGBTQ lives lost to suicide.

Board Member Paris welcomed Board Member Jenkins and expressed disappointment over the Akbar incident.

Co-Chair Wright expressed being disheartened by the incident at Akbar. They requested that the Board adjourn in memory of Suzzanne Douglas and bid farewell as Co-Chair.

Co-Chair Gamboa welcomed Board Member Jenkins, as well as other new Board Members. He asked that the Board adjourn in memory of Samuel Luiz and all lives lost to Covid-19

9. CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

**14. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS
B. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. A. RAINBOW KEY AND ETHERIDGE AWARDS.

The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board received a report and recommendations from its Rainbow Key Awards (RKA) Subcommittee. The agreed to hold the event on August 19, 2021.

10. B. SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF LGAB AND TAB

The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board received a report from members of the LGAB/TAB Ad-Hoc Working Group regarding plans for a joint special meeting of LGAB and the Transgender Advisory Board (TAB) and set a subcommittee meeting for July 26, 2021 at 6 p.m.

10. C. IVY BOTTINI DAY

The Lesbian & Gay Advisory Board received a report from the members of the Ad-Hoc Working Group comprised of members from the Women's Advisory Board and the Transgender Advisory Board, which is working on a celebration of life of the late lesbian activist and community leader Ivy Bottini.

10. D. STUDY SESSION ON LGAB'S PURVIEW AND COMPOSITION

The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board received a report from the LGAB Make-Up and Purview Subcommittee on the City Council's March 15th direction to develop recommendations on the Board's purview and composition. The Board set a Special Meeting for Saturday, September 18, 2021 at 10:30 AM. The subcommittee assembled to work on this Council direction will meet with staff to work on this.

10. E. INPUT REGARDING INSTALLATION OF A MEMORIAL IN REMEMBRANCE OF LIVES LOST TO SUICIDE IN THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY

The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board's Ad-Hoc Working Group members reported on the discussions and provided input to City staff on the appropriate design and location of a memorial to be developed in remembrance of lives lost to suicide in the LGBTQ+ community.

10. F. LEGACY BUSINESSES

The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board received an update from Tara Worden on the plans to assist legacy businesses of West Hollywood.

11. NEW BUSINESS

11. A. INPUT ON THE RENAMING OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD LIBRARY IN HONOR OF SUPREME COURT JUSTICE RUTH BADER GINSBURG

ACTION: Support the name change of the West Hollywood Library in honor of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg.

Motion: Gamboa 2nd: Wright

Aye: Jenkins, Paris, Sotile,

No: Frazier, Gamboa, Steele, Miss Tiger, Wright

Motion Failed

11. B. ANNUAL ELECTION OF CO-CHAIRS

The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board unanimously elected Board Members Jackie Steele and Jason Frazier as Co-Chairs.

Nomination: Steele, by Wright, 2nd: Sotile

All Aye

Nomination: Frazier, by Gamboa, 2nd: Steele

All Aye

12. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Molina

- Two (2) virtual sessions "Racial Justice Conversation" with national bestselling author, Dr. Robin DiAngelo on Wednesday, July 28, 2021.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments

14. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

14. A. LIAISON REPORTS

Board Member Steele gave a summary of the Transgender Advisory Board Meeting on Wednesday, July 7 at 6 PM.

14. C. OTHER ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Sotile expressed disappointment over the City Council's delay in providing funds for BiVisibility Week, as well as appreciation for Staff.

Board Member Miss Tiger expressed disappointment over the City Council's delay in providing funds for BiVisibility Week. They congratulated new Co-Chairs, Frazier and Steele and welcomed Board Member Jenkins.

Board Member Jenkins explained how to become a liaison with another Board or Commission.

Board Member Paris welcomed Board Member Frazier, congratulated new Co-Chairs, Frazier and Steele and confirmed that the recipients of the Rainbow Key Awards have been approved by the City Council.

Board Member Frazier congratulated fellow new Co-Chair Steele, welcomed Board Member Jenkins, thanked outgoing Co-Chairs Gamboa and Wright and expressed disappointment over the City Council's delay in providing funds for BiVisibility Week.

Co-Chair Wright welcomed Board Member Jenkins and expressed disappointment over the City Council's delay in providing funds for BiVisibility Week.

Co-Chair Gamboa expressed disappointment over the City Council's delay in providing funds for BiVisibility Week, welcomed Board Member Jenkins and congratulated new Co-Chairs, Frazier and Steele.

- 15. ADJOURNMENT:** The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board adjourned in memory of EJ Boykin AKA Novaa Watson, Suzzanne Douglas, Samuel Luiz, all lives lost to Covid-19, all the Trans lives lost this year and all LGBTQ lives lost to suicide at 9:26 p.m. to its next regular meeting, which is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 12, 2021, via teleconference.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD ON THE 12TH DAY OF AUGUST 2021

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Robert Gamboa

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Co-Chair

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