

**MINUTES  
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD  
MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2022  
6:00 PM  
TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** –Chair Nash called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

**A. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** – Vice Chair Ruiz provided explanation on the reason of starting the meeting with land acknowledgement.

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Member Kacy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Chair Nash, Vice-Chair Ruiz, , Board Member Robinson, Board Member Kacy, Board Member Luna, Board Member Samala, Member Alexander

**ABSENT:** Board Member Gray

**ALSO PRESENT:** Moya Marquez, Community Programs Coordinator and TAB liaison, Andi Lovano, Community and Legislative Affairs Manager, Jennifer Del Toro Community & Legislative Affairs Supervisor Tatyana Rodzinek, Acting Recording Secretary.

**D. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 7, 2022 MEETING AGENDA**

**ACTION:** Motion to move by Board Member Alexander, seconded by Member Kacy, and approved 8 to 0 by roll call vote.

**E. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 3, 2022, MINUTES**

**ACTION:** Motion to move by Board Member Kacy, seconded by Vice Chair Ruiz, and approved 8 to 0 by roll call vote.

**F. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Flora White**, a senior at Geffen Academy at UCLA, informed the board regarding a national virtual protest with fellow youth activists from across the country, which Flora is organizing. Trans resistance will take place on October 1 at 4pm and will feature trans and non-binary voices. It will include art storytelling resources, fundraising and voter education. The action is being taken because in 2021 and 2022, the community saw many transphobic laws being put in place. The purpose of the action is to raise visibility of the issue with beautiful, inspiring storytelling and performances, generating financial support for trans organizations and educating voters.

## 2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### A. Needs Assessment Workforce Outreach Plan and Ongoing Implementation Strategy Update

The Transgender Advisory Board received a presentation from the Social Services Division's Government Alliance on Race Equity (GARE) Team on plans for an awareness campaign targeting people of color working in West Hollywood. Katie Egan, Social Services Program Administrator, provided an update on the implementation of the recommendations resulting from the City's recent needs assessment focusing on community members of color.

**ACTION:** the board members received presentation and asked questions. **Member Alexander** suggested the team should reach out to organizations that are led by people of color, or queer people of color. These groups will come with their own audience, which would help to get the message out and make the campaign more visible. **Member Luna** suggested that the team conduct a nightlife outreach. **Vice Chair Ruiz** asked a question about monitoring the work of the agencies contracted by social services. **Chair Nash** asked how the board could support the effort

## 3. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Liaison Update

The Board selected new liaisons to other City Advisory Boards and Commissions.

**ACTION:** Reviewed the list of all Advisory Board and Commissions, and appointed members to serve as liaisons as follows:

- **Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission**
  - 5PM on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month
  - **Board Member Kacy**
- **Business License Commission**
  - 6:30PM on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month
  - **Chair Nash**
- **Historic Preservation commission**
  - 7PM on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month
  - **Vice Chair Ruiz**
- **Human Services Commission**
  - 6PM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month
  - **Member Luna**
- **Planning Commission**

- 6:30PM on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month
- **Public Facilities Commission**
  - 6:30PM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month
- **Public Safety Commission**
  - 6:30PM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month
  - **Board Member Alexander**
- **Rent Stabilization Commission**
  - 7PM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month
- **Transportation Commission**
  - 6:30PM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month

**Advisory Boards:**

- **Disabilities Advisory Board**
  - 6PM on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month
- **LGBTQ+ Advisory Board**
  - 7PM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month
  - **Board Member Luna**
- **Russian Speaking Advisory Board**
  - 7PM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month
- **Senior Advisory Board**
  - 2PM on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month
  - **Board Member Samala**
- **Women's Advisory Board**
  - 7PM on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month
  - **Board Member Brown (starting November)**

Chair Nash made a motion to accept the current list, Board member Kacy seconded. Motion passed by 8 to 0 roll call vote.

**B. Joint Study Session Debrief**

The Board discussed and debriefed the Joint Study Session on Nighttime Safety held on August 22, 2022, with the City Council, Public Safety Commission, Women's Advisory Board, and the LGBTQ+ Advisory Board.

**Board member Luna** provided overview of the event.

**Vice Chair Ruiz** spoke about the importance of such a conversation and how important events like that are.

**Member Luna** spoke about the importance of educational trainings.

**Vice Chair Ruiz** spoke about the importance of educating community members as well as the law enforcement on how to approach various issues.

**Member Brown** spoke about awareness and accountability on the part of individual businesses/bars and that something needs to be set in stone that will hold these bars accountable.

**Member Alexander** also spoke about the accountability of the law enforcement.

**Vice Chair Ruiz** spoke about communicating with the City Councilmembers. They also mentioned that a lot of people don't know how to advocate for themselves and would not report incidents.

**Vice Chair Ruiz** spoke about having more communication with the City Councilmembers, also spoke about hate crimes/hate incidents program and how to help victims to advocate for themselves specifically with hate crimes and hate incidents.

**Chair Nash** spoke about his personal experience and law enforcement accountability in the City.

**Member Brown** spoke about the importance of having the voices of trans, non-binary people heard.

**Member Luna** spoke about the importance of having a plan and specific requests to the City Council before meeting them in person.

**ACTION:** the board members discussed the Study Session.

**Vice Chair Ruiz** made a motion to appoint board members to meet with the City Councilmembers to bring up the concerns of the members of the Board and community. Seconded by member Alexander. Motion passed by 8 to 0 roll call vote. Staff Liaison Marquez provided clarification on the privilege that each board member has in speaking with the appointing Councilmember. Staff liaison Marquez reminded the board members that they shouldn't meet in a group of more than 3 people to avoid Brown Act violations.

**Vice Chair Ruiz provided clarification on why they wanted to make a motion, because the board members should meet the Councilmembers and speak on behalf of the board.**

**Member Alexander** made a motion to continue the discussion and table the final vote on this item to the next meeting agenda.

Seconded by member Kacy.

**Motion passed by 8 to 0 roll call vote.**

#### **C. SB 1194 Update**

The Board received an update from the Government Affairs Liaison, Hernan Molina, on the status of SB 1194, Senator Allen's Bathroom Bill.

**ACTION:** Received and filed.

#### **D. Trans Joy Planning and Resource/Job Fair**

Board member Luna informed the board that they hadn't been able to arrange a presentation and asked to table the item until the next meeting. Member Luna also informed the board that they could plan

the Resource/Job Fair. Member Luna asked about additional funding for the event. Staff liaison Marquez made clarification on how the board should approach the request for additional funding.

**ACTION:** Member Luna made a motion to have the planning for a job fair 2023 to be tabled for next month's discussion, **Member Alexander** seconded the item. Motion passed by 8 to 0 roll call vote.

**E. Status Report On Board Recommendations**

The Board received update from staff regarding the status of their recent recommendations and details about how recommendations move forward after the Board take actions. . Staff liaison Marques said that they know that all members are very well connected within different organizations and activist worlds, they reminded the board members if they ever invited to speak, they can speak only as themselves, as individuals. If they wanted to speak as a representative of the board, they would need the authority from the board to speak.

Vice Chair Ruiz also reminded the board members about the gift receiving policy.

**ACTION: Staff liaison Marques** informed the board that TDOR subcommittee was not able to meet this month and is planning to meet next week. Staff liaison Marques also spoke about the list of trans related events and encouraged the board members to add events that they would like to attend

**F. October and November 2022 Meeting**

The Board received update from the staff liaison Marquez regarding October and November 2022 meetings that will happen in-person.

**ACTION:** No action taken.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**5. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD**

**Board member Alexander** informed the board about the award that he will be receiving from the Williams Institute on the 15th of September at 6:30 p.m. He invited anyone who would like to attend from the board.

**Chair Nash** made a motion to let Vice Chair Ruiz to offer a presentation made by their partner to help survivors and victims of hate crimes and hate incidents. Seconded by member Kacy. Motion passed by 7 to 0 roll call vote with Vice Chair Ruiz recused from voting.

**Member Brown** asked about stipends for the board members.

**Member Luna** informed the board about the upcoming job fair with a trans Advisory Council.

**6. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF**

Staff liaison Marquez introduced the new CLA supervisor Jennifer Del Toro

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned at 8:03 PM to its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, October 5, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. to be held in person, in

room 5&6 of West Hollywood Comprehensive Service Center in Plummer Park, at  
7377 Santa Monica Blvd, CA 90046.

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Shane Nash, Chair

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Tatyana Rodzinek, Acting Recording Secretary