

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2023 – 6:00 PM

COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL
8300 Santa Monica Boulevard
West Hollywood, California 90069

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1. CALL TO ORDER – Vice Chair Ruiz called the meeting to order at 6:11pm.

A. Land Acknowledgment –Vice-Chair Ruiz

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B. Administer the Oath of Office to Newly Appointed Transgender Advisory Board Member

The Oath of Office will be administered to newly appointed member Shoshana Baum by Councilmember Byers.

C. Administer the Oath of Office to Newly Appointed Transgender Advisory Board Member

The Oath of Office will be administered to newly appointed member Armani Dae by Councilmember Byers.

D. Administer the Oath of Office to Newly Appointed Transgender Advisory Board Member

The Oath of Office will be administered to newly appointed member AJ Singleton by Councilmember Byers.

E. Administer the Oath of Office to Newly Appointed Transgender Advisory Board Member

The Oath of Office will be administered to newly appointed member Mallery Robinson. by Councilmember Byers.

F. Pledge of Allegiance – Vice Chair Ruiz

“I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

G. Roll Call

Present: Vice-Chair Ruiz, Boardmember Samala, Boardmember Brown, Boardmember Robinson, Boardmember Baum, Boardmember Dae, Boardmember Singleton.

Absent: Chair Nash, Boardmember Alexander.

Also present: Moya Marquez, Community Programs Coordinator and TAB Liaison, Jennifer Del Toro, CLA Acting Manager, and Tatyana Rodzinek, Recording Secretary.

H. Approval of the August 2, 2023 Meeting Agenda

The Board was requested to approve the August 2, 2023, Meeting Agenda as posted.

ACTION: Motion to approve agenda by **Boardmember Samala** and seconded by **Boardmember Brown**. Motion passed.

I. Approval of the May 3, 2023 Meeting Minutes

The Board was requested to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2023 meeting minutes.

Member Kacy made corrections to the Trans Joy event title

ACTION: Motion to approve by **Boardmember Brown** and seconded by **Boardmember Samala**. Motion passed

J. Public Comment

The public is given the opportunity to address the Board on any item within its responsibility. Speakers are limited to two minutes each. If you would like to present a public comment at the meeting, please see the section titled “TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PUBLIC MEETING” on the first page of this Meeting Agenda.

There were no comments.

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. WeHo Pride

The Board discussed the successes and areas for improvement of TAB's presence at WeHo Pride. This included TAB members suggesting having a longer TAB booth next year, with more giveaways and resources to accommodate the number of attendees. Feedback provided will be shared with Events Services staff. ACTION: No Action taken

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Chair and Vice Chair Elections

Lulu Moralez administered elections on the new Chair and Vice Chair positions.

ACTION: Board member Samala was elected a Chair and Boardmember Brown was elected a Vice Chair.

B. Transgender Day of Remembrance 2023

The Board began its planning of the Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) by creating a Subcommittee to assist staff on the planning and program for the Transgender Day of Remembrance event.

ACTION: The Board formed a new subcommittee to plan TDOR in 2023, and Boardmembers Samala, Brown, Dae, and Robinson volunteered to sit on the Subcommittee.

C. Liaisons to Other Subcommittees

Boardmembers will volunteer to be liaisons to other City bodies. Boardmember Ruiz suggested that the board table the action until the next meeting so that new members could be involved. Staff Liaison Marquez explained the process and informed the board that the list of all existing boards and commissions is in the agenda

ACTION: No Action taken.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

5. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Boardmember Dae talked about the proper use of names during Communication with staff and members of the community.

Chair Samala encouraged everybody to help each and be a part of chosen family inside the community. Chair Samala also praised the National Night Out Event that took place in the city.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF

All staff members introduced themselves to the boardmembers. Board liaison Marquez informed the board about the community group which is putting together a performance piece for trans folks who will be coming in and writing

their own monologues. The city will be co-sponsoring that event. Moya Marquez invited anyone interested to contact them.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned at 7:02 p.m. to its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, September 6, 2023, at 6:00p.m. to be held in- person at West Hollywood City Hall 1st floor Community Meeting Room at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90069.

Liaison List:

Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission – Vacant

Business License Commission – Board Chair Nash

Historic Preservation Commission –

Human Services Commission –

Public Safety Commission – Board Member Alexander

LGBTQ+ Advisory Board –

Senior Advisory Board - Board Member Samala

Women's Advisory Board - Board Member Brown


Karina Samala, Chair

Attest:



Tatyana Rodzinek, Recording Secretary