

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 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 –Chair Samala

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B. Pledge of Allegiance –Chair Samala

“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.”

C. Roll Call

Present: Chair Samala, Vice-Chair Brown, Board member Robinson, Board member Baum, Board member Dae, Board member Singleton, Board member Nash.

Absent: Board member Alexander.

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

D. Approval of the September 6, 2023 Meeting Agenda

The Board was requested to approve the September 6, 2023 Meeting Agenda as posted.

ACTION: Motion to approve agenda by **Vice-Chair Brown** and seconded by **Board member Nash**. Motion passed.

E. Approval of the August 2, 2023 Meeting Minutes

The Board is requested to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2023 meeting.

ACTION: Motion to approve by **Board member Nash** and seconded by **Vice-Chair Brown**. Motion passed

F. 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.

Trevor Ladner, ONE Archives, invited board members to participate in an upcoming event pairing community leaders with members of their youth ambassador program to discuss the importance of queer history and archiving.

Nikki Abie, West Hollywood, spoke about her interest in joining the board.

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Legislative Briefing

The Board will receive a short presentation from the City's Government Affairs Liaison, Hernan Molina, about the California State Legislature and any potential impacts to the Transgender community in upcoming legislation.

ACTION: The Board agreed to put the selection of this Subcommittee on its next agenda. Vice-Chair Brown made a motion to put the selection of the Subcommittee on the state Legislature into the next meeting agenda. Seconded by Chair Samala
Motion passed.

B. Liaisons to Other Subcommittees

Board members will volunteer to be liaisons to other City bodies.

ACTION: The Board members volunteered to be liaisons to other City bodies as follows: Business License Commission - Board member Nash; LGBTQ+ Commission – Board member Robinson; Transportation & Mobility

Commission – Board member Baum; Senior Advisory Board –Chair Samala; Women’s Advisory Board – Vice-Chair Blossom Brown, and Public Safety Commission – Chair Samala.

C. Transgender Day of Remembrance 2023

The Board will make preliminary planning of the Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR).

Vice-Chair Brown spoke about the events dedicated to the Transgender Day of Remembrance.

The Board made preliminary decisions on the date and type of theme for the TDOR subcommittee to consider moving forward. The Board decided to hold the event on Sunday, November 19th, to avoid conflicting with other events in LA, including the City Council meeting scheduled for Monday, November 20, which is the traditional date of the event. The Board also encouraged the City to consider livestreaming the event and made suggestions to invite organizations to participate including Bienestar, Translatina Coalition, St Johns, and APAIT.

ACTION: no action was taken.

3. NEW BUSINESS

NONE

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

5. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Board Chair Samala requested to adjourn the meeting in memory of Dominique Ray, a transwoman who was killed by a security guard for shoplifting at the Ralphs on Hollywood and Western. She also shared that APAIT had purchased a building of 56 rooms, located at Wilcox and Selma, to provide housing for LGBTQ+ homeless individuals.

Board member Shane Nash requested to adjourn the meeting in memory of Alexia Partida, a transwoman who passed recently who was a friend and community worker.

Board Chair Brown shared that she has heard a lot of interest in joining the TAB and she attributed it to the extraordinary work the TAB engaged in the previous year

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF


There were no items from staff.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned at 7:04 p.m. to its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, October 4, 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 member Nash
Historic Preservation Commission – vacant
Human Services Commission – vacant
Public Safety Commission – Chair Samala
LGBTQ+ Advisory Board – Board member Robinson
Senior Advisory Board - Chair Samala
Women’s Advisory Board – Vice-Chair Brown


Karina Samala, Chair

Attest:


Tatyana Rodzinek, Recording Secretary