

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024 – 6:00 PM**

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

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1. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Samala called the meeting to order at 6:17p.m.

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 Dae, Board member Nash, Board member Singleton, Board member Robinson.

Absent: Board member Alexander, Board member Padilla.

Also present: Moya Marquez, Transgender Advisory Board Liaison, Jennifer Del Toro, Community and Legislative Affairs Supervisor and Tatyana Rodzinek, Recording Secretary.

D. Approval of the February 7, 2024 Meeting Agenda

A. Sacramento Legislative Action Day For Appointed Officials

The Board elected a representative and one alternate to attend and represent the Board on the City Council-approved Sacramento Legislative Action Day for Appointed Officials.

ACTION: Board Vice Chair Blossom Brown was selected to serve as a representative, and Boardmember Shane Nash was selected as an alternate.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

5. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Boardmember Nash acknowledged that it was Black History Month, and congratulated Boardmember Robinson on five seasons of her podcast, A Hateful Homicide.

Board Vice-Chair Brown gave kudos to Boardmember Nash for the recent article in the Advocate about the rise of drink spiking in the Abbey. She called out Councilmembers for not speaking on the issue publicly.

Boardmember Robinson mentioned that her podcast, A Hateful Homicide, was celebrating its fifth season with a party at the Connie Norman Center on February 16th.

Board Chair Samala reported that the City Council will consider supporting a campaign spearheaded by the Matthew Shepard Foundation and the Imperial Court to introduce a Matthew Shepard commemorative stamp. She encouraged Boardmembers to support the item.

Boardmember Dae thanked the Board for their hard work and dedication and invited everyone to an exhibition of his work on March 31st on Melrose called Artful Visions.

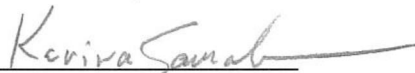
Board Chair Samala and Vice Chair Brown expressed their feelings that mandatory attendance was not being enforced for all members.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were no items from staff.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned at 7:25 p.m. to its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, **March 6, 2024**, 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


Karina Samala, Chair

Attest:


Jasmine Duckworth
Recording Secretary