

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
RENT STABILIZATION COMMISSION  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025 - 7:00 PM  
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK PUBLIC MEETING ROOM - COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
625 N. SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD**

**MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Bass called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chair Bass led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL:** Rent Stabilization Commission Secretary Brandee Thornton took roll call.

PRESENT: Commissioner Rena Goldman, Commissioner Josh Kurpies, Commissioner Kaitlin McCafferty, Commissioner Alex Paris, Commissioner Agassi Topchian, Vice Chair Frank D. Rorie, and Chair Adam G. Bass

ALSO PRESENT: Rent Stabilization Manager Cameron Kesinger, Legal Counsel Kellan Martz, Senior Administrative Specialist Roger Vinalon Jr., and Rent Stabilization Commission Secretary Brandee Thornton

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**ACTION:** Approve the agenda of February 13, 2025. **Motion by Chair Bass to amend the agenda, removing item 9.A. with support from Commissioner Kurpies and Commissioner Paris.**

Legal Counsel to the Commission Kellan Martz and Rent Stabilization Manager Cameron Kesinger informed the Commission that Commissioner feedback requesting staff reports was heard and encouraged the Commission to approve the agenda without amendment.

**The motion was not seconded.**

**Motion by Commissioner Topchian to approve the February 13, 2025 agenda approved,** noting the 'no' vote of Chair Bass.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ACTION:** Approve the amended minutes of January 23, 2025. **Motion by Vice Chair Rorie, seconded by Commissioner Paris and approved,** noting the abstention of Chair Bass.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

7. **MANAGER REPORT:** Rent Stabilization Manager Cameron Kesinger reviewed the look-ahead calendar.

Commissioner Kurpies requested an update on the status of the city's retrofit project.

Commissioner Topchian requested an update from the Legislative Affairs Division.

Chair Bass requested staff reports be included with both the retrofit update and legislative affairs update.

## **8. APPEAL**

### **A. D-4750CD                    8431 Fountain Avenue #C**

Legal Counsel to the Commission Kellan Martz provided a case summary and analysis of the appeal as provided in the staff report.

JEFFREY D. CORNEY, WEST HOLLYWOOD did not attend the appeal.

JOSE RAMIREZ, presented his oral argument.

After Commission deliberation, **a motion was made by Commissioner Topchian remanding and modifying-in-part the Hearing Examiner’s Decision as to application No. D-4750CD, seconded by Commissioner McCafferty. The motion passed with a vote of 5-2**, noting the ‘no’ votes by Commissioner Kurpies and Chair Bass.

*Chair Bass recessed the meeting at 8:24 p.m. and reconvened at 8:30 p.m.*

### **B. D-4920                    1021 Edinburgh Ave #6**

Legal Counsel to the Commission Kellan Martz provided a case summary and analysis of the appeal as provided in the staff report.

TERRY BOLO, WEST HOLLYWOOD presented her public comment.

ANDRES SANTANIELLO, WEST HOLLYWOOD presented his oral argument.

LORRAINE POPIELARSKI, WEST HOLLYWOOD presented her public comment.

TAYLOR MEGDAL, LOS ANGELES presented his oral argument.

ANDRES SANTANIELLO, WEST HOLLYWOOD concluded his oral argument.

After Commission deliberation, **a motion was made by Commissioner Kurpies to remand the Hearing Examiner’s Decision as to application No. D-4920, seconded by Commissioner Paris. The motion failed with a vote of 3-4**, noting the ‘no’ votes of Commissioners McCafferty, Topchian, Vice Chair Rorie, and Chair Bass. **Vice Chair Rorie then made a motion to affirm the Hearing Examiner’s Decision, seconded by Commission McCafferty. The second motion passed with a vote of 4-3**, noting the ‘no’ votes by Commissioners Goldman, Kurpies, and Paris.

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. LONG RANGE PLANNING DIVISION ANNOUNCEMENT ON  
EQUITABLE BUILDING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS**

Senior Planner, Christine Shen presented an abbreviated overview of the City's Equitable Building Performance Standards (EBPS) project designed to improve energy performance in existing buildings as part of the carbon neutrality goal in the City's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan. The Commissioners asked clarifying questions before a motion was made to bring the item back at a future date.

**ACTION: A motion was made by Chair Bass to have this item brought back at a date uncertain. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kurpies and passed with a vote of 7-0.**

**B. HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION PRESENTATION ON THE REQUEST  
FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR  
PROGRAMS AND SERVICES IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD**

Social Services Program Administrators, Dee Saunders and Michelle Liberman presented the City's social services priorities for the 2025-2028 Human Services funding process. The Commissioners answered discussion questions and provided feedback to staff.

**ACTION:** Received and filed.

**10. ITEMS FROM STAFF:** Mr. Kesinger informed that he has received feedback from the Commission.

**11. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**12. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:** Commissioner Paris thanked staff for their presentation as well as the Rent Stabilization Commissioners for their thoughtful deliberation this evening. Commissioner Paris also spoke in support of the Transgender Community.

Commissioners Kurpies thanked staff for their presentations and spoke in support of the Transgender Community.

Chair Bass thanked Mr. Kesinger for his commitment to the Rent Stabilization Commission. Chair Bass inquired about original tenancy rights.

**13. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned in honor of the Transgender Community at 11:00 p.m. The next meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held on Thursday, February 27, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Hollywood Park - Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers.

*Rent Stabilization Commission  
Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2025*

These minutes were submitted by Brandee Thornton, Commission Secretary, and approved by a motion of the Rent Stabilization Commission on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025.

**A copy of the audio recording of this meeting can be obtained from the City Clerk's office upon request. You may also view a video of this meeting at <http://www.weho.org/weho-tv/other-city-meetings>.**

**ATTEST:**

Signed by:  
*Adam G. Bass*  
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**Adam G. Bass, Chair**

*Brandee Thornton*  
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**Brandee Thornton, Commission Secretary**