

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
RENT STABILIZATION COMMISSION
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 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 7:00 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner Topchian 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, and Rent Stabilization Commission Secretary Brandee Thornton

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

ACTION: Approve the agenda of February 27, 2025. **Motion by Commissioner Kurpies, seconded by Vice Chair Rorie and approved.**

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

ACTION: Approve the amended minutes of February 13, 2025. **Motion by Vice Chair Rorie, seconded by Commissioner Kurpies and approved.**

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

7. **MANAGER REPORT:** Rent Stabilization Manager Cameron Kesinger informed the Commission that only one appeal was on the agenda, as two appellants had withdrawn their applications. In response to a previous request from Commissioner Kurpies for an update on the seismic retrofit program, Mr. Kesinger stated that a report would be presented to the City Council in April, and Building and Safety staff would be available to provide further updates to the Commission thereafter. Additionally, Mr. Kesinger announced that Hernan Molina, Government Affairs Liaison, would deliver a Legislative Update at the Commission's meeting on March 27, 2025, in response to a request from Commissioner Topchian. Mr. Kesinger also reviewed the look-ahead calendar, noting that Long Range Planning is tentatively scheduled to present at the March 27, 2025, meeting. He requested that Commissioners submit any questions related to Equitable Building Performance Standards by mid-March.

Commissioner Kurpies requested that staff provide monthly updates with data from Bet Tzedek, such as the number of evictions taking place over a given month.

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Chair Bass requested clarification regarding the meaning of “DIH” in an appeal description, and the Manager clarified that this indicated that the case being appealed was a Department Initiated Hearing.

8. APPEAL

A. D-4949 1128 Larrabee Street #2

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

ADAM ROSENKRANZ, LOS ANGELES presented his oral argument.

JJ MAYES, WEST HOLLYWOOD presented his oral argument.

After Commission deliberation, **a motion was made by Vice Chair Rorie affirm the Hearing Examiner’s Decision as to application No. D-4949, seconded by Commissioner Paris. The motion passed with a vote of 5-2**, noting the ‘no’ votes of Commissioner Topchian and Chair Bass.

9. NEW BUSINESS: None.

10. ITEMS FROM STAFF: None.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADAM ROSENKRANZ, LOS ANGELES discussed agenda item 8.A.

12. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

13. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was at 8:02 p.m. The next meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Hollywood Park - Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers.

These minutes were submitted by Brandee Thornton, Commission Secretary, and approved by a motion of the Rent Stabilization Commission on this 13th day of March 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, Chair



Brandee Thornton, Commission Secretary