

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
RENT STABILIZATION COMMISSION
THURSDAY, MARCH 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 March 27, 2025. **Motion by Vice Chair Rorie to amend the agenda, moving items 8.A and 8.B, seconded by Chair Bass. The motion failed with a vote of 2-5,** noting the 'no' votes by Commissioners Goldman, Kurpies, McCafferty, Paris, and Topchian.

Motion by Commissioner Topchian to approve the March 27, 2025, agenda, seconded by Commissioner Goldman and approved.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

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

8. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FOR THE 2025-2026 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Governmental Affairs Liaison Hernan Molina provided a presentation on relevant rent-stabilization related legislation that has been introduced for this year's Legislative Session.

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

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Senior Planner Christine Shen provided a presentation and received Commissioner feedback. Commissioner comments included the recommendation to focus in on the replacement of windows and a desire to see the program expand to more buildings.

Chair Bass recessed the meeting at 8:03 p.m. and reconvened at 8:11 p.m.

9. APPEAL

A. D-4837CD1 Hampton Avenue #203

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

RICHARD MARKER, presented his oral argument.

CHRISTINA GERACI, SACRAMENTO presented her oral argument.

After Commission deliberation, **a motion was made by Chair Bass to amend and affirm the Hearing Examiner's Decision as to application No. D-4837CD, seconded by Commissioner Kurpies. The motion passed with a vote of 6-1**, noting the 'no' vote of Commissioner Kurpies.

10. ITEMS FROM STAFF: None.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

12. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Vice Chair Rorie informed that he will not be able to attend the April 10, 2025, Rent Stabilization Commission meeting.

Commissioner Goldman thanked the Manager for a flowchart that he provided for the hearings process. She also thanked staff for their presentations.

Chair Bass thanked staff for their presentations.

13. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was at 9:14 p.m. The next meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held on Thursday, April 10, 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 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:

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Signed by:

Adam G. Bass

Adam G. Bass, Chair

Brandee Thornton

Brandee Thornton, Commission Secretary