

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

Wednesday, December 4, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.

**West Hollywood City Hall
1st Floor - Community Meeting Room
8300 Santa Monica Boulevard
West Hollywood, CA 90069**

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1. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Dae called the meeting to order at 6:20pm

A. Land Acknowledgement – Read by Board Member Brown

“The West Hollywood Transgender Advisory Board acknowledges that the land on which we gather and that is currently known as the City of West Hollywood is the occupied, unceded, seized territory of the Gabrieleño Tongva and Gabrieleño Kizh peoples.”

B. Pledge of Allegiance – Read by Board Member 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 Dae, Vice Chair Padilla, Board Member Brown, Board Member Marroquin, Board Member Robinson, and Board Member Samala.

Absent: Board Member Paniouchkine and Board Member Singleton.

Also present: Staff liaison, Moya Márquez, and Jasmine Duckworth, Recording Secretary.

D. Approval of the December 4, 2024, Meeting Agenda

ACTION: Motion to approve the December 4, 2024, Meeting Agenda by Board Member Brown, seconded by Board Member Samala, and approved.

E. Approval of the November 6, 2024, Meeting Minutes

The Board was requested to approve the Minutes of the November 6, 2024, meeting.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of the November 6, 2024, by Board Member Robinson, seconded by Board Member Samala, and approved.

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.

None.

Joe Green, liaison from the City's Disabilities Advisory Board provided written comments to the Transgender Advisory Board.

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. 2024 TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE DEBRIEF

The Board debriefed about the November 15, 2024, TDOR event.

Board Member Marroquin thanked Staff Liaison, Moya Marquez for their work and contributions as well as the Board for their service and participation on the 2024 Transgender Day of Remembrance event. Board Member Marroquin also mentioned her gratitude for the Board and staff's support of the collaboration with the Minority AIDS Project and suggested the organization be recognized at the event as a participant in the future to highlight their work in the community.

Board Member Samala reminded the Board of other events scheduled on the same date as the TDOR event and encouraged the Board to be mindful of planning moving forward. Board Member Samala also shared information about a TDOR event that took place at Los Angeles City Hall.

Board Member Brown thanked the Board for their work in pulling off another successful TDOR event and apologized that she wasn't able to attend. Board Member Brown also suggested the Board begin planning as early as September moving forward.

Board Member Robinson encouraged the Board to prioritize increasing attendance at future TDOV and TDOR events.

Chair Dae thanked the Board for their work in coordinating a great event and notified the Board and staff that two names were left off the list and were misgendered. Chair Dae suggested that the Board and staff work on getting a more accurate list of names at least one day prior to ensure that all information is correct. Chair Dae also observed an increased attendance of Trans Women at this year's event. Lastly, Chair Dae thanked the Minority AIDS Project, Trans Chorus of Los Angeles, and all other event participants.

Moya Marquez, staff liaison informed the Board that staff can work collaboratively with the Board to begin preparing for the event earlier as suggested, enlist more sponsorships, consider moving up the event time, and confirmed that they would ensure the list at future TDOR events is accurate.

Vice Chair Padilla thanked the Board, staff, and event participants for their participation in planning the TDOR event and suggested having a more inclusive list for future TDOR events.

**Vice Chair Padilla arrived at 6:37pm.*

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. SUBCOMMITTEES AND LIAISON APPOINTMENTS

The Board reviewed their Subcommittee and Liaison appointments and made the following changes.

- Board Member Brown will no longer be the liaison to the Women's Advisory Board and will be the liaison to the Social Justice Advisory Board.
- Board Member Marroquin will now be the liaison to the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission.
- Vice Chair Padilla will be the liaison to the Planning Commission.
- Board Member Robinson will be the liaison to the Women's Advisory Board and Historic Preservation.

LGBTQ+ Suicide Memorial Subcommittee

- Vice Chair Padilla
- Board Member Robinson

Board Member Robinson suggested adding a housing element to the Trans Job Fair Subcommittee.

B. TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD JANUARY 2025 MEETING

The Board rescheduled their January 2025 meeting from Wednesday, January 1, 2025, to Wednesday, January 8, 2025.

Board Member Robinson suggested rescheduling the meeting and recommended including discussions on TDOV/Joy Day and International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia.

Chair Dae recommended adding a discussion about PRIDE Booth to the January agenda as well.

ACTION: Motion to reschedule the January 1, 2025, to Wednesday, January 8, 2025, by Chair Dae, seconded by Board Member Robinson, and approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Magnus Mann – alternate liaison for Joseph Green from the City's Disabilities Advisory Board, introduced themselves to the Board and notified the Board that the DAB has utilized the Beverly Press and bus shelter signs to advertise DAB events and encouraged the Board to take advantage of these advertising opportunities for future events.

5. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Board Member Brown thanked outgoing Councilmember Sepi Shyne for appointing her to the Transgender Advisory Board, and for her work and contributions to the City and West Hollywood community.

Additionally, Board Member Brown notified the Board that she was at a Trans-focused conference in Amsterdam which prevented her from attending the City's TDOR event this year and shared details of the event in Amsterdam.

Board Member Brown also thanked the Board for a successful year and encouraged everyone to continue their work.

Board Member Samala thanked the City of West Hollywood for putting on a successful WeHo 40 celebration event and shared her experience attending the City of Los Angeles' Transgender Advisory Council TDOR event. Board Member Samala also thanked Mayor Erickson and Vice Chair Byers for attending the Imperial Court of Los Angeles event in November.

Board Member Robinson thanked the Board for allowing her to participate in this year's TDOR event and expressed gratitude to the Board for uplifting the community.

Chair Dae thanked the City of West Hollywood, staff, the Board, and attendees for everything they have contributed to the community and beyond. Chair Dae also encouraged the community to continue to engage in work that uplifts and supports the Trans community, especially considering the new administration that will be taking office at the start of the year. Lastly, Chair Dae congratulated

Trans-Latin@ Coalition on a successful GARRAS Fashion Show and for supporting him and his work.

6. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF

Staff liaison, Moya Marquez notified the Board that the TAB has a total of 9 seats, and 1 vacancy and thanked the Board for their work throughout the year.

ADJOURNMENT

The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned at 7:16pm to its special meeting scheduled on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. to be held in Rooms 5 and 6 at the Plummer Park Community Center at 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90046.



Armani Dae, Chair

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Jasmine Duckworth, Recording Secretary