

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

**Wednesday, May 7, 2025 – 6:30 P.M.**

**West Hollywood City Hall  
1<sup>st</sup> 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 6:31pm
  - A. Land Acknowledgement** – Read by Board Member Rogers  
*“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. ADMINISTER THE OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY APPOINTED ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER**  
The Oath of Office was administered to newly appointed member Sydney Rogers by Mayor Chelsea Byers.
  - D. ADMINISTER THE OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY APPOINTED ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER**  
The Oath of Office was administered to newly appointed member Chloe Corcoran by Councilmember Danny Hang.
  - E. Roll Call**

**Present:** Chair Dae, Vice Chair Padilla, Board Member Corcoran, Board Member Marroquin, Board Member Robinson, Board Member Rogers, Board Member Samala, and Board Member Singleton.

**Absent:** Board Member Robinson

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

**F. Approval of the May 7, 2025, Meeting Agenda**

**ACTION:** Motion to approve the May 7, 2025, Special Meeting Agenda by Board Member Rogers, seconded by Board Member Samala, and approved.

**G. Approval of the December 4, 2024, Meeting Minutes**

The Board was requested to approve the Minutes of the December 4, 2024, meeting.

**ACTION:** Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of the December 4, 2024, by Board Member Samala, seconded by Chair Dae, and approved.

**H. 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.*

Mayor Chelsea Byers welcomed the new Advisory Board Members and encouraged the Board to continue their work and service to the West Hollywood community.

**2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. TRANS JOB DEBRIEF**

The Board debriefed on its participation at the Trans Job Fair in partnership with the Los Angeles Trans Advisory Council. Staff liaison, Moya Marquez provided a brief summary of the event.

*\*Vice Chair Padilla arrived at 6:43pm*

**Board Member Rogers** notified the Board that she hosted and coordinated a workshop on the same day and emphasized the importance of participants being able to secure jobs and careers for future job fairs. She also suggested holding interview sessions, and other educational components as part of upcoming job fairs hosted by or in collaboration with the Board.

**Board Member Corcoran** asked if employers received follow-up or post-event surveys to capture critical event details (number of attendees, list of employers, number of individuals that secured a job due to the event etc.) and suggested that this be implemented moving forward.

**Board Member Marroquin** thanked the Board for the conversation and suggested that the Board begin having discussions with critical non-profit organizations dedicated to increasing employment and job opportunities for the Trans community.

**Board Member Singleton** expressed interest in participating in the next job fair and emphasized the importance of remaining inclusive of Trans-masculine individuals.

## **B. ARTS GRANT PROGRAM – APPOINT PEER REVIEW PANELIST**

Eva Angeloff, the City's Grants Coordinator, provided an overview of the City's community-based peer review process for evaluating applications to the Arts Grant Program. The Board discussed appointing a Board Member and alternate to participate on the Arts Project Grant Peer Review Panel on Wednesday, August 20, 2025; as well as potentially join the Thursday, September 11, 2025, meeting of the Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee at 5pm at West Hollywood City Hall – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor – Community Meeting Room.

**Board Member Rogers** notified the Board that she has served as a peer reviewer and thanked staff for creating a clear outline of expectations for peer reviewers.

**Board Member Corcoran** asked if organizations with fiscal sponsors are eligible to apply.

**Chair Dae** asked for clarification about the April 30<sup>th</sup> date and notified the Board that he served as a peer reviewer last year. Chair Dae also noted that the guidelines state that peer reviewers are on the roster for 3 years and asked if he was on the roster.

**Board Member Marroquin** notified the Board that she will be applying for a grant and will likely be ineligible from participating as a peer reviewer for this grant cycle.

**Board Member Corcoran** notified the Board that she will be applying for a grant and will likely be ineligible from participating as a peer reviewer for this grant cycle.

**ACTION:** Motion to appoint Board Member Rogers and Vice Chair Padilla as an alternate to participate on the Arts Project Grant Peer Review Panel on Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at the West Hollywood Aquatic and Recreation Center from 10:00am-4:00pm; as well as potentially join the Thursday, September 11, 2025, meeting of the Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee at 5pm at West Hollywood City Hall – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor – Community Meeting Room.

Motion by Board Member Rogers, seconded by Board Member Corcoran.

**C. 2025 WEST HOLLYWOOD PRIDE PRESENCE**

Staff liaison, Moya Marquez provided background on TAB's presence at Pride and notified the Board that the City's Event staff is recommending that the Advisory Board Members participate in the City's booth for this year's Pride due to low Board Member attendance. Moya stated that the goal is that the Advisory Board will be available to participate in a TAB Booth for Pride 2026.

**Chair Dae** emphasized the importance of the Transgender Advisory Board creating visibility at City events, especially at WeHo Pride and implored the Advisory Board Members to commit their time moving forward. Chair Dae also informed the newly appointed members that the TAB has discussed the possibility of holding a town hall meeting to discuss important issues and concerns.

**Vice Chair Padilla** asked for clarification on the City Booth details.

**Board Member Rogers** suggested having a kick-off meet-and-greet in advance of WeHo Pride as an opportunity to meet community members and expressed support for the idea of participating in the City booth. Additionally, Board Member Rogers articulated the need for Board Members and members of the community to prioritize their capacity and strategize on how to productively use everyone's time and strengths. Lastly, Board Member Rogers asked about what steps the Board needs to take in order to coordinate a Town Hall.

Staff liaison, Moya Marquez notified the Board of the process for approving additional events that will be added to the Board's workplan.

**Board Member Singleton** emphasized the importance of having a TAB booth as someone who worked the booth last year. Board Member Singleton stressed the importance of the Board fighting for their presence to be recognized and validated.

**Board Member Samala** asked if funding was a potential determining factor in City staff's decision.

**Board Member Marroquin** reminded the Board that because the Board didn't have meetings in the months of January, February, and April, there wasn't a discussion about whether there was capacity to host a TAB Booth at Pride, but the Board did express interest in having educational events and workshops.

**Board Member Corcoran** stressed the importance of not only creating visibility for the Transgender community but also for the larger community.

**Vice Chair Padilla** expressed support for Board Member Roger's suggestion of holding a meet-and-greet before the event.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Councilmember Danny Hang congratulated the Board on making quorum and for having meaningful conversations and a productive meeting.

**5. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD**

**Board Member Corcoran** notified the Board of an event she attended called **the Joy Who Lived Festival** and suggested it as a potential partnership opportunity for next year.

**Vice Chair Padilla** – shared information about Addison Rose Vincent's event next Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> on the intersection between arts and Queer Culture. Vice Chair Padilla also notified the Board about Flux's Annual Trans Joy Day on Sat. May 10<sup>th</sup> at the Connie Norman Empowerment Center located at 1001 N. Martel Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90046. Lastly, Vice Chair Padilla also shared information on Special Care Services and their new hours throughout the week.

**Board Member Rogers** notified the Board that she is the keynote speaker for an upcoming event at Long Beach City College and shared information about the LA LGBT Center's upcoming events.

**Board Member Samala** notified the Board about a panel discussion scheduled on May 15<sup>th</sup> and shared information about Eugene Maysky's Classical Night at Council Chambers on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Chair Dae** notified the Board about an event he will be participating in on Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the 910 N. La Cienega Blvd from 6pm-11pm.

**6. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF**

Staff liaison, Moya Marquez notified the Board that the TAB has a total of 7 seats and 1 vacancy. Moya also thanked the Board for their work throughout the year and welcomed the new Board Members.

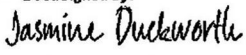
**ADJOURNMENT**

The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned at 8:01pm to its special meeting on Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at 6:30p.m. to be held in the West Hollywood City Hall 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Community Meeting Room at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90069.



Armani Dae, Chair

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Jasmine Duckworth, Recording Secretary