

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
RENT STABILIZATION COMMISSION
THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025 - 7:00 PM
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK PUBLIC MEETING ROOM - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
625 N. SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD**

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chair Rorie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Vice Chair Rorie led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL:** Rent Stabilization Commission Secretary Brandee Thornton took roll call.

PRESENT: Commissioner Kimberly Copeland, Commissioner Rena Goldman, Commissioner Agassi Topchian, Vice Chair Frank D. Rorie, and Chair Adam G. Bass

ABSENT: Commissioner Josh Kurpies

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 May 22, 2025. **Motion by Commissioner Topchian to approve the May 22, 2025 agenda, seconded by Commissioner Goldman and approved with a vote of 4-0.**

Chair Bass arrived at 7:07 p.m.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

ACTION: Approve the minutes of May 8, 2025. **Motion by Commissioner Copeland, seconded by Commissioner Goldman, and approved with a vote of 3-0,** noting the abstentions of Commissioner Topchian and Vice Chair Rorie.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

7. **MANAGER REPORT:** Rent Stabilization Manager Cameron Kesinger reviewed the Look Ahead Calendar, congratulated Vice Chair Rorie on his reappointment, and noted that Commissioner McCafferty will be sworn in at the next regular meeting on June 12.

Additionally, he highlighted upcoming summer discussions including:

- Announcement of the Annual General Adjustment and relocation fee amounts
- Announcement of the updated Valuation Guidelines and security deposit interest accrual rate
- Formation of an Ad Hoc Subcommittee to review the Valuation Guidelines and prospective modification to the security deposit interest accrual rate calculation for future years.

He concluded by expressing appreciation for the Commission's progress in addressing the backlog of appeals.

8. NEW BUSINESS: None

9. APPEAL

A. D-4987 1125 N Vista St

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

BRIAN TANENBAUM, LOS ANGELES presented his oral argument.

SEAN SADGAN, LOS ANGELES presented his oral argument.

Legal Counsel to the Commission Kellan Martz provided clarification related to the subject matter of the appeal.

FABIENNE RIGAUD, WEST HOLLYWOOD presented her oral argument.

After Commission deliberation, **a motion was made by Commissioner Copeland to affirm the Hearing Examiner's Decision as to application No. D-4987, seconded by Commissioner Goldman. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.**

B. D-5006 1125 N Vista St

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

Landlord appeal:

BRIAN TANENBAUM, LOS ANGELES presented his oral argument.

FABIENNE RIGAUD, WEST HOLLYWOOD presented her oral argument.

SEAN SADGAN, LOS ANGELES presented his oral argument.

Tenant appeal:

BRENT WINTER, WEST HOLLYWOOD presented his oral argument.

BRIAN TANENBAUM, LOS ANGELES presented his oral argument.

FABIENNE RIGAUD, WEST HOLLYWOOD presented her oral argument.

After Commission deliberation, **a motion was made by Commissioner Topchian to affirm-in-part and reverse-in-part the Hearing Examiner's Decision as to both**

applications in Case No. D-5006, seconded by Commissioner Goldman. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Chair Bass recessed the meeting at 8:33 p.m. and reconvened at 8:43 p.m.

C. D-4989 1035 N Hayworth Ave #110

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

VICTOR PELAYO, WEST HOLLYWOOD presented his oral argument.

BRIAN SCHULLI, WEST HOLLYWOOD provided public comment.

JAMES LEOVY, LOS ANGELES presented his oral argument.

After Commission deliberation, **a motion was made by Chair Bass to remand the Hearing Examiner’s Decision as to the application No. D-4989, seconded by Commissioner Topchian. The motion passed with a vote of 4-1, noting the ‘no’ vote of Vice Chair Rorie.**

10. ITEMS FROM STAFF: None

11. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

12. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Vice Chair Rorie expressed appreciation for his reappointment and congratulated Commissioner McCafferty on her reappointment.

Chair Bass acknowledged Harvey Milk Day, congratulated his colleagues on their reappointments, and thanked staff.

13. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m. The next meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held on Thursday, June 12, 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 12th day of June 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