

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

Wednesday, August 6, 2025 – 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 6:30pm

A. Land Acknowledgement – Read by Chair Dae

“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 Rogers, Board Member Samala, and Board Member Singleton.

Absent: Board Member Corcoran, Board Member Marroquin, and Board Member Robinson.

Also present: Community & Legislative Affairs Supervisory, Jennifer Del Toro, and Jasmine Duckworth, Recording Secretary.

D. Approval of the August 6, 2025, Meeting Agenda

ACTION: Motion to table item 3.A. to the next meeting and approve the August 6, 2025, Meeting Agenda by Board Member Samala, seconded by Board Member Rogers, and approved.

E. Approval of the June 4, 2025, Meeting Minutes

The Board was requested to approve the Minutes of the June 4, 2025, meeting.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of the June 4, 2025, by Board Member Samala, seconded by Board Member Rogers, and approved.

F. Public Comment

Karen Eyres – liaison from the Human Services Commission. Recently finished 3-year cycle for social service providers for in the City of West Hollywood.

Joe Green – reminded the Board that the City of West Hollywood is now accepting nominations for the City's 27th Annual Disability Service Awards, which will take place on Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at 6pm. Nominations are open through Thursday, August 14, 2025, at 5pm.

Joe also reminded the Board about the upcoming free Community Health and Wellness Event aimed at promoting health and well-being for all residents. The Community Health and Wellness Event is scheduled for. Joe provided his email address, for Board Members that have any questions and

Jason Jenn introduced himself to the Advisory Board and shared information on the upcoming Stuart Timmons West Hollywood LGBTQ History Tour for the City's 40th Anniversary. The Stuart Timmons self-guided walking tour is scheduled for later in the year. Jason asked the Board to identify important areas or landmarks throughout West Hollywood that should be included on the tour and notified the Board that a public screening will also be included as part of the event and will take place at the West Hollywood City Council Chambers. Jason provided his email address where he can be reached, jasonjennartist@gmail.com.

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR - TABLED

The Board will nominate and elect a new Chair and Vice Chair.

This item was tabled to the Board's September meeting.

B. 2025 TRANS DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

The Board discussed the 2025 Trans Day of Remembrance (TDOR) event including a request to partner with the Joy Who Lived Festival. Petey Gipson from the organization presented a proposal to partner with the City on the event.

Board Member Rogers emphasized the importance of having BIPOC Trans involvement and inclusion in the event.

Vice Chair Dae asked if the event could be vegan-friendly and asked if Council Chambers was available the week of November 17th.

Jennifer reminded the Board that the budget for the event is \$9,000.

Karen Eyres spoke during public comment and Works for the foundation for the AIDS Monument – and notified the Board that the Foundation for AIDS monument has an event scheduled for November 16, 2025.

Vice Chair Padilla suggested inviting Rebecca Sugar to attract more Trans youth to the event and increase promotional depth of the event.

Board will agendaize item to add additional subcommittee members to TDOR event at the next meeting.

ACTION: Motion to proceed with Petey Gipson and the Joy Who Lived organization to partner for the 2025 Trans Day of Remembrance (TDOR) event by Vice Chair Padilla, Chair Dae, and approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Vice Chair Padilla – reinforced the idea of holding a TAB meet & greet to create more visibility throughout the West Hollywood community. Vice Chair Padilla also invited the Board to Precinct Bars' tonight in downtown Los Angeles.

Board Member Rogers – also emphasized the importance of having a meet & greet.

Chair Dae – recommended having a Transgender Advisory Board Town Hall meeting in January or early spring to kick-off the year with the new Advisory Board and solicit feedback from the community on priorities and areas of concern.

Board Member Samala – informed the Board that the City of Downey is hosting their PRIDE event this Sunday, August 9th.

6. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF

Community and Legislative Affairs Supervisor, Jennifer Del Toro, notified the Board that the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce is launching a leadership program called WeLead Academy through their foundation, West Hollywood Small Business Foundation, the 501c3 philanthropic organization of the Chamber focused on supporting TLBGQ and BIPOC residents and community members, and other marginalized individuals and communities to support entrepreneurial growth and rise in management for nonprofit and private sector companies. Jennifer reminded the Board that this information has been shared with the Board via email and directed them to the event flyers for additional information about the program.

ADJOURNMENT

The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned at 7:51pm to its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. to be held in the West Hollywood City Hall 1st Floor Community Meeting Room at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90069.



Armani Dae, Chair



Moya Marquez, Staff Liaison