

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

Wednesday, June 4, 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 6:31pm

A. Land Acknowledgement – Read by Board Member Samala

“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 Corcoran, Board Member Marroquin, Board Member Rogers, and Board Member Samala.

Absent: Board Member Robinson and Board Member Singleton.

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

D. Approval of the June 4, 2025, Meeting Agenda

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

E. Approval of the May 7, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes

The Board was requested to approve the Minutes of the May 7, 2025, special meeting.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of the May 7, 2025, by Board Member Corcoran, seconded by Board Member Marroquin, and approved.

F. Public Comment

Jason Jenn introduced himself to the Advisory Board and shared information on the upcoming West Hollywood LGBTQ History Tour for the City's 40th Anniversary. The 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.

Andy Sacher, Founder and Director of the Lavender Effect introduced himself to the Board and shared information about a new exhibit at West Hollywood Park called Young City at War – Stories from West Hollywood During the AIDS Epidemic. The exhibit is a narrated tour. Andy encouraged the Board to attend and provide feedback, and provided his email address, Andy@thelavendereffect.com.

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2025-2028 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The Transgender Advisory Board received a brief presentation from the Governmental Affairs Liaison, Hernan Molina about how the legislative affairs team monitors legislative initiatives introduced in Sacramento and Washinton, D.C., and works with different parties to develop a City position on a given legislative initiative (bill), following the Council approved legislative priorities.

Board Member Rogers thanked Hernan for attending the meeting and providing this information and asked how the TAB could support the City's legislative priorities.

Vice Chair Padilla asked about the City's stance on civil acts of disobedience and asked if and how the City could collaborate with Advisory Board members interested in taking more of an active stance in the community.

B. WEHO PRIDE DEBRIEF

The Board debriefed on its participation at WeHo Pride.

Vice Chair Padilla expressed gratitude for being able to participate, share information about the City's Transgender Advisory Board, and fellowship with members of the Trans community in West Hollywood. Vice Chair Padilla mentioned that there should be more Trans flags and Lesbian flags and more swag/merchandise, in the future. Vice Chair Padilla also notified staff that the Board was positioned in what used to be the Will – Call area so there were many attendees that assumed the TAB Booth was the location to pick-up their Pride tickets.

Board Member Samala also shared a positive experience about participating, provided an update on her experience at Long Beach Pride, and reminded the Board that LA Pride is taking place this coming weekend.

Board Member Corcoran expressed gratitude for being able to participate and encouraged the Board to implement metrics to be able to measure the impact of TAB's efforts, and thanked Christian Penny in Facilities and City staff for their help and assistance

Board Member Marroquin expressed gratitude for being able to participate and emphasized the importance of continuing to provide Naloxone and Narcan at community events, especially Pride.

Board Member Rogers apologized to the Board for not being able to attend and thanked the Board Members for committing their time and service.

Chair Dae mentioned the importance of enhancing communication, being on time for shifts that Board Members registered for and encouraged the Board to commit time for events like this. Chair Dae asked if vegan snacks options could be provided in the future, as well as more towels that said Trans Pride, cooling methods, and charging stations for volunteers dedicating multiple hours at Pride booths. Chair Dae asked if it was possible to have business cards that included generic contact information for the Board, for Board Members that are not comfortable sharing their personal information. Also Chair Dae thanked the Board for all their contributions and efforts and notified staff that the Board was positioned in what used to be the Will – Call area so there were many attendees that assumed the TAB Booth was the location to pick-up their Pride tickets.

C. 2025 TRANS DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

The Board reviewed previous Trans Day of Remembrance (TDOR) events and considered forming a subcommittee to plan this year's event and made general recommendations to steer the subcommittee.

Board Member Rogers encouraged the Board to be mindful of the various other TDOR events that community members must choose from and suggested not holding the event on November 20th. Board Member Rogers also expressed gratitude for the structure of the TAB's TDOR event last year and shared information about an event she attended organized by the Queer Events Coalition and suggested them as a possible organization to coordinate with.

Board Member Marroquin notified the Board of the work she did to organize a TDOR event in years past and suggested making a motion to identify an organization to partner with for the TDOR event.

Vice Chair Padilla asked staff liaison, Moya Marquez about the timeline for the event.

Board Member Rogers asked for a list of the City event consultants.

Staff liaison Moya Marquez encouraged the Board to form a subcommittee to begin discussing this year's event.

Board Member Corcoran suggested having one main partner and incorporating a virtual component to the event to make it more accessible and provided an online memory board as an example. Board Member Corcoran also suggested tying the event to another positive event to bring more awareness and visibility to the event.

Chair Dae emphasized the importance of having a different artist or performer for the TDOR events to create more opportunities for community members. Additionally, Chair Dae encouraged the Board to seek other Trans-led partnerships outside of MAPP to give them an opportunity to participate and asked if organizations could participate in the event as partners instead of co-sponsors.

ACTION: Motion to form a TDOR subcommittee and appoint Board Member Marroquin and Chair Dae to the subcommittee by Board Member Corcoran, seconded by Board Member Rogers, and approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD
Board Member Corcoran

Board Member Marroquin informed the Board that she previously served as the liaison for the Arts and Cultural Affairs liaison and is open to letting someone else serve as liaison for this year.

Board Member Padilla reintroduced Board Member Roger's idea of holding a TAB meet-and-greet to introduce TAB to the community.

Board Member Rogers spoke about her vision for the TAB meet-and-greet and suggested having something in the fall or beginning of the year next year. Board Member Rogers also provided an overview of the events that she is participating in for the remainder of the month including Drag Bingo at Solidarity, Drag Bingo at the Skirball, and hosting the AIDS Lifecycle Finishing Line Festival.

Board Member Samala invited the Board to participate in an ACLU inviting the TAB to participate in a protest on June 14, 2025.

Chair Dae notified the Board that Trans Pride LA is at the LGBT Center from 2pm-7pm and encouraged the Board to attend.

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 informed the Board that Council may be making the at-large appointment as early as the June 9th City Council meeting.

Moya also asked the Board if they were interested in moving their meeting time to 6:00pm instead of 6:30pm. The board agreed to keep the meeting time of 6:30pm for the time being.

ADJOURNMENT

The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned at 8:14pm to its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, July 2, 2025, at 6:30 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