

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
RENT STABILIZATION COMMISSION  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2026 - 7:00 PM  
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK PUBLIC MEETING ROOM – COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
625 NORTH SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD**

**MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Rorie called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chair Rorie led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL:** Rent Stabilization Commission Secretary Jennifer Baram took roll call.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Rent Stabilization Manager Leona Rollins, Rent Stabilization Supervisor Gloria Aviles, Senior Administrative Specialist Roger Vinalon Jr., Legal Counsel Nathalie Camarena, and Rent Stabilization Commission Secretary Jennifer Baram

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**ACTION:** Approve the agenda of January 22, 2026. **Motion by Commissioner Bass to approve the January 22, 2026 agenda, seconded by Commissioner Topchian, and approved with a vote of 7-0.**

5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**ACTION:** Approve the minutes of November 13, 2025. **Motion by Chair Rorie, seconded by Commissioner Kurpies, and approved with a vote of 7-0.**

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

7. **MANAGER REPORT:** Rent Stabilization Supervisor Gloria Aviles introduced the new Rent Stabilization Manager, Leona Rollins, who greeted the Commission and reviewed the Look Ahead Calendar.

Commissioner Topchian requested an update on the Ad-Hoc Subcommittee on Valuation Guidelines. Ms. Aviles stated staff will provide an update by the first meeting in March.

Chair Rorie mentioned the Commission's requests for quarterly updates on evictions and Code Enforcement's multi-family compliance inspections.

8. **APPEAL**

**A. D-5049**

**1145 N Ogden Dr. 203**

Legal Counsel to the Commission, Nathalie Camarena, provided a case summary and analysis of the appeal as provided in the staff report.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions related to the report.

LUIS MEJIA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, presented his oral argument.

Following Commission deliberation, **a motion was made by Chair Rorie to adopt Resolution RSC 26-701, affirming the Hearing Examiner's decision as to application No. D-5049. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Goldman and approved with a vote of 7-0.**

**9. NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**10. ITEMS FROM STAFF:** Ms. Aviles expressed her appreciation for the Commission's support and collaboration during her Acting Manager assignment.

Ms. Rollins expressed her appreciation for the Commission's support and conveyed her commitment to housing stability and inclusion.

**11. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**12. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:** Commissioner Copeland thanked Ms. Aviles for her contributions and welcomed Ms. Rollins.

Commissioner Topchian expressed his gratitude for Ms. Aviles and her Acting Manager tenure, welcomed Ms. Rollins, and welcomed new Commission Secretary Jennifer Baram.

Vice Chair Goldman thanked Ms. Aviles for her work, highlighting her patience and work with the Ad-Hoc Subcommittee, and advised renters to take advantage of SoCalGas' free appliance inspection program.

Commissioner Bass welcomed Ms. Baram and Ms. Rollins and expressed his privilege and gratitude for working with Ms. Aviles.

Commissioner Kurpies welcomed the new Manager and Secretary and thanked Ms. Aviles for all her work and continued responsiveness.

Commissioner McCafferty welcomed the new staff and expressed appreciation for Ms. Aviles, emphasized the City's resources available to the public, and encouraged constituents to contact staff for guidance through complex processes.

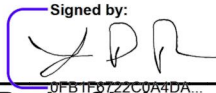
Chair Rorie suggested revisiting the policy on digital evidence submissions and suggested placing an item on the next agenda regarding Vice Chair Goldman's debrief of the Legislative Affairs Session in Sacramento.

**13. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m. The next meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held at 7:00 p.m. on February 12, 2026 in the West Hollywood Park - Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers.

These minutes were submitted by Jennifer Baram, Commission Secretary, and approved by a motion of the Rent Stabilization Commission on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

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 <https://www.weho.org/city-government/wehotv/other-city-meetings>.

**ATTEST:**

Signed by:  


Frank D. Rorie, Chair



Jennifer Baram, Commission Secretary