



**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, February 23, 2026
6:00 P.M.**

**West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room - Council Chambers
625 N. San Vicente Boulevard
West Hollywood, CA 90069**

THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD HAS ADOPTED BRIEF SUMMARY AND ACTION MEETING MINUTES, WHICH PROVIDE A SUMMARY OF THE ACTIONS TAKEN AND POINTS OF DISCUSSION ONLY. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSIONS REGARDING ANY ITEM SUMMARIZED IN THESE MINUTES MAY BE OBTAINED BY VIEWING THE ARCHIVED VIDEOS OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETINGS AT www.weho.org/wehotv.

1) CALL TO ORDER

Chair Harrison called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Post led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) OATH OF OFFICE

The Oath of Office was administered to Kimberly Winick by Councilmember Lauren Meister.

4) ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present:

Commissioner Eng
Commissioner Hallman
Commissioner Pilarski
Commissioner Post

Commissioner Winick
Vice Chair Blau
Chair Harrison

Commissioners Absent:

None

Others Present:

Danny Rivas, City Community Safety Director; Anita Shandi, City Public Safety Manager; Jessica Anukam, City Public Safety Specialist; Melissa Crowder, City Clerk, Assistant Fire Chief Drew Smith, Los Angeles County Fire Department; Alan Gonzales, Client Manager; and Valerie Chavez, General Manager, Allied Universal Security Services; Lieutenant Ashley Turner and Sergeant Omar Luevano, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

5) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION: Approve the agenda of February 23, 2026.

A motion was made by Commissioner Post, seconded by Commissioner Hallman, and approved by the Commission.

6) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: Approve the minutes of January 26, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pilarski, seconded by Commissioner Eng, and approved by the Commission. Commissioner Winick abstained.

7) PUBLIC COMMENTS

Edd Holman, a West Hollywood resident and Neighborhood Watch Captain, spoke about a security breach involving garage access codes and requested notification be made to the community.

Helen Krieger, a West Hollywood resident and member of the City's Transportation and Mobility Commission, provided updates on the WeHo Vision Zero Dashboard, Assembly Bill 382 related to pedestrian safety.

8) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

9) NEW BUSINESS

9A. CITY CLERK PRESENTATION REVIEW OF COMMISSION PURVIEW

Melissa Crowder, City Clerk, provided a brief presentation and overview of the Public Safety Commission's purview.

The Commission and City Clerk discussed the Commission's purview, including clarification on neighborhood livability and acknowledgment of the Los Angeles County Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission's work and purview. The discussion also addressed the Commission's role in making recommendations to the City Council, Brown Act compliance, and liaison roles between Commissions and Advisory Boards.

Melissa Crowder responded to all the Commission's questions and comments.

Anita Goswami, a West Hollywood resident, asked questions regarding the Commission's purview and shared her perspectives on the current structure.

9B. LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Chief Smith presented the January fire report, including total responses for fires, medical incidents, hazardous materials and conditions, service responses, and good intent calls, with comparisons to the prior year. He also provided an update on the transition to a new national fire reporting system, which will add rescue as a category in future monthly reports. Additional remarks addressed calls related to homelessness, the distinction between hazardous conditions and hazardous materials, and preparations for upcoming City events such as the LA Marathon.

Members of the Commission asked questions regarding potential updates to Fire Station 8, the new fire reporting system, the timing of the next Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training, collaboration between Security Ambassadors and the Fire Department, and responsibility for elevator inspections.

Chief Smith and Director Rivas responded to all the Commission's questions and comments.

9C. SECURITY AMBASSADOR PROGRAM MONTHLY REPORT

Manager Chavez presented the January Security Ambassador monthly report, providing updates on hospitality assistance interactions, business contacts, unhoused contacts, calls for service, safety escorts, improper scooter placements, Sheriff's assistance requests, EMS and Fire responses citywide, and calls from the Homeless Concern Line. She also reviewed year-over-year comparisons for January and provided updates on current Security Ambassador staffing and training completion levels.

Members of the Commission asked questions regarding a recent incident involving an unhoused individual and a Security Ambassador, de-escalation training, questions about the organization's contract affiliations, bicycle escort requests, internal Ambassador communications, potential updates to reporting and response times, current patrol routes, and the use of vehicles by Security Ambassadors.

Michael Pacitti, a West Hollywood resident, commended the Security Ambassador program. He also provided positive feedback on the City app, raised questions about certain report data, and made a comment related to public safety contracts.

Manager Chavez, Manager Gonzales, and Director Rivas responded to all the Commission's questions and comments.

9D. LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WEST HOLLYWOOD STATION MONTHLY REPORT

Lieutenant Turner presented the Sheriff's January report, including overviews of calls for service, emergency responses, total arrests, and the citywide percentage breakdown of Part I and Part II crimes. She also provided updates on recent pickpocketing incidents, Mental Evaluation Team (MET) activity, and submissions to the Sheriff's Online Reporting and Tracking System (SORTS). Additional remarks included volunteer hours at the station, traffic and pedestrian statistics, notable recent arrests, enforcement focused on illegal vending, preparations for upcoming City events, a recent meeting with the West Hollywood Bicycle Coalition, and responses to the Commission's prior questions regarding several incidents.

Members of the Commission inquired about the recent scooter incident and related enforcement, distinctions between Part I and Part II crimes, and the roles of motorcycle versus vehicle patrol units. Additional questions addressed MET response times and performance measures, the impact of Proposition 36 on West Hollywood enforcement, reports regarding unhoused individuals, and updates and related data for the mobile security trailer and real-time fixed cameras, as well as the recognition of the passing of a West Hollywood Station deputy.

Lieutenant Turner and Director Rivas responded to all the Commission's questions and comments.

9E. PRESENTATION REVIEW OF RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY

Manager Shandi provided an informational presentation regarding resources available to the immigrant community in the City of West Hollywood.

Members of the Commission inquired about the resources, City contracts, public communication, and an update on the QR code link provided on the flyer.

Manager Shandi responded to all the Commission's questions and comments.

10) ITEMS FROM STAFF

Manager Shandi provided Public Safety Division updates, including the upcoming Public Safety Awards Ceremony, the Los Angeles Marathon, how to receive emergency text alerts, and how to update NIXLE alert notification preferences to prevent subscribers from receiving messages from other communities.

11) PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michael Pacitti, a West Hollywood resident, spoke on the importance of pedestrian safety. He also expressed concerns regarding the automated parking garage at City Hall and blocked alleyways and garage access.

12) COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Hallman requested clarification regarding several of the City's social services programs and followed up on prior questions concerning City contracts.

ACTION: Commissioner Hallman requested staff to look into placing an agenda item on a future Public Safety Commission regarding the presentation of available human services programs by the Human Services Division.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hallman, seconded by Vice Chair Blau, and approved by the Commission.

Chair Harrison expressed concerns regarding ongoing scooter-related issues in the community. He also inquired about City public safety contracts.

Commissioner Winick expressed appreciation for the welcome to the Commission and commented on shared concerns between the Public Safety Commission and the Transportation and Mobility Commission. She also shared concerns about community safety on the west side, including issues related to homelessness and residential break-ins.

Commissioner Eng responded to a prior Commissioner's comments, acknowledging the proximity to nightlife on the west side. She also noted current liaison vacancies for the other City Commission and Advisory Boards.

Commissioner Pilarski reported on her attendance at the Transportation and Mobility Commission and Women's Advisory Board meetings, referenced the previously discussed concern shared by a community member regarding garage access codes, and suggested developing a structured Commission workplan. She also suggested an update on the City's Vision Zero plan.

Commissioner Post shared his thoughts on City public safety contracts and proposed coordinating with the Women’s Advisory Board to distribute drink spiking test strips. He also reported on his attendance at Sacramento Lobby Day.

ACTION: Commissioner Post requested the Commission make a recommendation to the City Council to review all Public Safety contracts to confirm there are no connections with ICE or affiliated agencies with the City.

The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the request.

Vice Chair Blau asked additional questions regarding the Commission’s public safety purview, data trends, and related policy matters. He also inquired about red-light camera technology and requested related information be presented to the Commission at a future meeting.

Director Rivas responded to all the Commission's questions and comments. In addition, Director Rivas advised the Commission that staff would follow up with the City Clerk and Human Services Division on the requests made and follow up with the Commission.

13) ADJOURNMENT

The Public Safety Commission adjourned at 8:35 P.M. to the next Adjourned Regular Meeting on March 23, 2026.

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Bill Harrison

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Public Safety Commission Chair

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Jessica Anukam

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Public Safety Commission Secretary

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