

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
RENT STABILIZATION COMMISSION
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 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 7:00 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, Senior Administrative Specialist Roger Vinalon Jr., Legal Counsel Kellan Martz, and Rent Stabilization Commission Secretary Jennifer Baram

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

ACTION: Approve the agenda of February 12, 2026. **Motion by Commissioner Kurpies to approve the February 12, 2026 agenda, seconded by Commissioner Bass, and approved with a vote of 7-0.**

5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

ACTION: Approve the minutes of January 22, 2026. **Motion by Commissioner Kurpies, seconded by Vice Chair Goldman, and approved with a vote of 7-0.**

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding concerns about losing affordable rent-stabilized units and trends in new development, including affordability impacts and development without residential parking.

7. **MANAGER REPORT:** Rent Stabilization Manager, Leona Rollins, reviewed the Look Ahead Calendar.

8. **APPEAL**

- A. D-4930 Remand (Second)**

1279 N Harper Ave. #104

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

Commissioners asked clarifying questions related to the report.

JOHN AINSWORTH, WEST HOLLYWOOD, presented his oral argument.

DANIEL MONGE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, presented his oral argument.

Following Commission deliberation, **a motion was made by Commissioner Topchian to adopt Resolution RSC 26-700, affirming the Hearing Examiner's decision as to application No. D-5049. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Copeland and approved with a vote of 7-0.**

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. 2026 SACRAMENTO LEGISLATIVE ACTION DAY FOR APPOINTED OFFICIALS DISCUSSION

Vice Chair Goldman reported on her attendance and described the City's legislative engagement, presentations, and discussions.

Chair Rorie asked follow-up questions.

Commissioners discussed the value of receiving a legislative update from Governmental Affairs Liaison Hernan Molina later in 2026.

ACTION: Receive and file.

- 10. ITEMS FROM STAFF:** Ms. Rollins noted that, per Vice Chair Goldman's request, staff is planning to present information on Assembly Bill 628 and its impact on rent-stabilized units in the spring.

- 11. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

- 12. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:** Commissioner Topchian thanked Vice Chair Goldman for her report and representation of the Rent Stabilization Commission at the 2026 Sacramento Legislative Action Day.

Chair Rorie referenced a recent article reporting that countywide average rents decreased slightly. He requested that staff identify whether comparable trend data is available for West Hollywood; and, if so, share it with the Commission at a future meeting.

Commissioner Bass mentioned his scheduled absence for the February 26 meeting.

Commissioner McCafferty mentioned her scheduled absence for the February 26 meeting.

Chair Rorie suggested that Commissioners communicate early about any other anticipated absences to confirm quorum in advance.

Vice Chair Goldman thanked the Commission and the City for the opportunity to attend Sacramento Legislative Action Day, stating it was a valuable experience.

- 13. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m. The next meeting of the Rent Stabilization Commission will be held at 7:00 p.m. on March 26, 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 26th day of March 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:

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Frank D. Rorie, Chair

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Jennifer Baram, Commission Secretary