

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024 – 6:00 PM**

**COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL  
8300 Santa Monica Boulevard  
West Hollywood, California 90069**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Samala called the meeting to order at 6:17p.m.

A. Land Acknowledgment –Chair Samala

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B. Pledge of Allegiance –Chair 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 Samala, Vice-Chair Brown, Board member Dae, Board member Nash, Board member Singleton, Board member Robinson.

**Absent:** Board member Alexander, Board member Padilla.

**Also present:** Moya Marquez, Transgender Advisory Board Liaison, Jennifer Del Toro, Community and Legislative Affairs Supervisor and Tatyana Rodzinek, Recording Secretary.

**D. Approval of the February 7, 2024 Meeting Agenda**

The Board was requested to approve the February 7, 2024 Meeting Agenda as posted

**ACTION:** Motion to approve agenda by Vice Chair Brown and seconded by **Board member Nash**. Motion passed by a roll call.

**E. Approval of the December 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

The Board was requested to approve the minutes of the **December 6, 2023** meeting

**ACTION:** Motion to approve by **Vice Chair Brown** and seconded by **Board member Nash**. Motion passed

**F. Public Comment**

**NiK Kacy**, LGBTQ+ Commission Liaison to TAB, spoke about their appointment to the LGBTQ+ Commission and how they can be of service to the TAB.

**2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. TDOR Debrief**

The Board shared general debrief notes for November's Transgender Day of Remembrance event. The Board talked about the low attendance but agreed that even with low attendance, the event was beautiful and very intimate. They praised the event for being live-streamed and mentioned that in conversations with attendees, they felt that the event had the same impact as one with a larger attendance. Boardmembers mentioned that an over-saturation of TDOR events in the LA area was the likely cause of low attendance.

**ACTION:** The Board suggested that staff should convene the subcommittee earlier than in previous years. No formal action taken.

**B. Update from the Job Fair Subcommittee**

The Board received an update from staff, including elements that staff would like to include in the event including a resume-building workshop, free headshots, and the idea to partner with external organizations to ensure reach to trans-friendly employers. Staff also mentioned that the Subcommittee met and had suggestions about hosting the event on another day besides March 31<sup>st</sup> (Trans Day of Visibility). Staff proposed that the Board proceed with a marketing campaign for the job fair to kick off during TDOV, and for the TDOV budget to be used to help market this event as an extension of TDOV. Boardmember Robinson suggested partnering with the LA City Trans Board on their upcoming job fair.

**ACTION:** The Board was very supportive of this idea, and asked staff to reach out to see if there was a possibility for partnership. No formal action taken.

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Sacramento Legislative Action Day For Appointed Officials**

The Board elected a representative and one alternate to attend and represent the Board on the City Council-approved Sacramento Legislative Action Day for Appointed Officials.

**ACTION:** Board Vice Chair Blossom Brown was selected to serve as a representative, and Boardmember Shane Nash was selected as an alternate.

#### **4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

#### **5. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD**

**Boardmember Nash** acknowledged that it was Black History Month, and congratulated Boardmember Robinson on five seasons of her podcast, A Hateful Homicide.

**Board Vice-Chair Brown** gave kudos to Boardmember Nash for the recent article in the Advocate about the rise of drink spiking in the Abbey. She called out Councilmembers for not speaking on the issue publicly.

**Boardmember Robinson** mentioned that her podcast, A Hateful Homicide, was celebrating its fifth season with a party at the Connie Norman Center on February 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Board Chair Samala** reported that the City Council will consider supporting a campaign spearheaded by the Matthew Shepard Foundation and the Imperial Court to introduce a Matthew Shepard commemorative stamp. She encouraged Boardmembers to support the item.

**Boardmember Dae** thanked the Board for their hard work and dedication and invited everyone to an exhibition of his work on March 31<sup>st</sup> on Melrose called Artful Visions.

**Board Chair Samala and Vice Chair Brown** expressed their feelings that mandatory attendance was not being enforced for all members.

#### **6. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

There were no items from staff.

#### **7. ADJOURNMENT**

The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned at 7:25 p.m. to its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, **March 6, 2024**, at 6:00p.m. to be held in- person at West Hollywood City Hall 1<sup>st</sup> floor Community Meeting Room at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90069

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Karina Samala, Chair

Attest:

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Tatyana Rodzinek, Recording Secretary

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