

Statement of Proceedings for the Regular Meeting of the Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency Citizens' Oversight Committee Meeting

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 W. Temple Street, Room 374 A, Los Angeles, CA 90012

> Friday, June 13, 2025 11:00 AM

AUDIO FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (25-3475)

Attachments: Audio

# I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Call to Order, Land Acknowledgement, and Roll Call. (25-3210)

In the absence of Interim Chair Zerita Jones, Vice Chair Ted Chandler called the Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency Citizens' Oversight Committee (LACAHSA COC) meeting to order at 11:12 a.m. The Land Acknowledgment was played.

Martha Arana, Commission Services Division, Executive Office of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, conducted the roll. The following Committee Members were:

Present: Interim Chair Zerita Jones (joined the meeting at 1:44 p.m.)

Member Vice Chair Ted Chandler, Member Nohel Corral, Member Lisa Gooden, Member Jesus Hermosillo, Member Diana Amparo Jimenez, , Member Benjamin Kurzius, Member

Gabriel Leavell, Member Fernando Ochoa-Suarez, and

Member Melody Osuna

Absent: Member Danielle Okeith (non-voting)

**2.** Approval of the May 22, 2025 LACAHSA Citizens' Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes. (25-3200)

Due to a printing error, physical copies of the May 22, 2025, Meeting Minutes were incomplete at the time of this item's review during the meeting.

General Counsel Michael Maurer, Best Best & Krieger LLP, confirmed that the May 22, 2025 Meeting Minutes were available for review, in their entirety on the LACAHSA website. However, he indicated item could be continued to allow for review by the Committee.

Therefore, by common consent and there being no objection (Interim Chair Zerita Jones being absent), this item was continued to the July 11, 2025, LACAHSA COC meeting.

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3. Call for Disclosures/Recusals: Committee Members will disclose any item in which they have a conflict of interest under state law and acknowledge whether they will recuse from that item. Among other state laws, the Levine Act may require recusal on items involving a contract or entitlement where a campaign donor is an interested participant or applicant. (25-3211)

There were no disclosures or recusals for any item on the agenda.

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## II. DISCUSSIONS

- **4.** Consideration of "Annual Expenditure Plan & Agency Strategy" and LACAHSA FY 2025-26 Administrative and Operations Budget:
  - Approval of FY 2025-26 "Annual Expenditure Plan & Agency Strategy" with Allocation of Annual Board Priorities to the Production, Preservation, and Ownership (PPO) Category and Eligible Jurisdiction Allocations; and
  - b. Approval of LACAHSA FY 2025-26 Administrative and Operations Budget. (25-3213)

Vice Chair Ted Chandler introduced Ryan Johnson, Interim CEO of LACAHSA who introduced Landry Doyle Wiese, Director, HR&A and Connie Chung, Los Angeles Managing Partner, HR&A to lead discussion on the Annual Expenditure Plan & Agency Strategy.

Presenters Doyle Wiese and Connie Chung, along with Anna Gallicchio (joining virtually), Senior Analyst for HR&A, made a presentation and responded to questions posed by the LACAHSA COC.

Interim CEO, Ryan Johnson, also made a presentation on the LACAHSA FY 2025-26 Administrative and Operations Budget and responded to questions.

General Counsel Michael Maurer informed the LACAHSA COC that per California Senate Bill 679, LACAHSA's Annual Expenditure Plan (Plan) requires the LACAHSA COC's approval before the Plan's submission to the full LACAHSA Board.

Member Diana Amparo Jimenez raised a concern regarding wages for LACAHSA staff and suggested that wages be in line with the "Living Wage." Member Melody Osuna raised an additional concern regarding LACAHSA opting out of participating in (California Public Employees Retirement System) CalPERS and suggested that LACAHSA reevaluates participation in CalPERS, in the future. Member Gabriel Leavell suggested appropriating Technical Assistance (TA) funds towards upskilling localized developers and that funding also be available for managers working on community projects. Interim CEO, Ryan Johnson, agreed to conduct an internal CalPERS study and report back to the LACAHSA COC in the coming year. Member Suarez Ochoa questioned if a union "neutrality agreement" has been considered for LACAHA staff in the event LACAHSA staff opts to organize.

Opportunity was given for members of the public to address the LACAHSA COC. Andre Perry provided virtual public comment. There was no in person public comment.

After discussion, on motion of Member Nohel Corral, seconded by Vice Chair Ted Chandler, the LACAHSA COC took the following actions that included the friendly amendments suggested by the LACAHSA COC:

- Approved the LACAHSA FY 2025-26 Annual Expenditure Plan as presented;
- 2. Approved allocating 15% Annual Priorities to the Production, Preservation, and Ownership (PPO) category; and approved that within the 15%, a split at 70%/30% between the eligible jurisdictions and LACAHSA, also be approved;
- 3. Approved the Administrative and Operations budget as presented; and
- 4. Requested that LACAHSA staff:
  - a) reviews the living wage rates at the lower end of LACAHSA staff wages;
  - b) explores capacity building, not just for eligible jurisdictions, but also for industry partners;
  - c) reevaluates participation in CalPERS to allow LACAHSA employees to opt in to CalPERS, in the future; and
  - d) considers a union "neutrality agreement" for LACAHSA staff in the event LACAHSA opts to organize.

Ayes: 9 - Interim Chair Zerita Jones, Vice Chair Ted Chandler, Member Nohel Corral, Member Jesus Hermosillo, Member Diana Amparo Jimenez, Member Benjamin Kurzius, Member Gabriel Leavell, Member Fernando Ochoa-Suarez and Member Melody Osuna

**Absent:** 1 - Member Lisa Gooden

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**5.** Future LACAHSA Citizens' Oversight Committee Meetings and Schedule. (25-3214)

General Counsel Michael Maurer presented the LACAHSA COC regular meeting schedule and provided a brief overview of the Brown Act as it pertains to regular meetings.

Opportunity was given for members of the public to address the LACAHSA COC. There was no public comment on this item.

After discussion, by common consent, there being no objection (Member Lisa Gooden being absent), due to varying schedules of the LACAHSA COC Members, this item was continued to the July 11, 2025, LACAHSA COC meeting.

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## **III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Opportunity for members of the public to address the Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency Citizens' Oversight Committee (LACAHSA COC) on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the LACAHSA COC. (25-3212)

Opportunity was given for members of the public to address the LACAHSA COC. There was no public comment on this item.

#### **IV. MISCELLANEOUS**

## <u>Adjournment</u>

7. Adjournment of the June 13, 2025, meeting of the Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency Citizens' Oversight Committee. (25-3215)

The regular meeting of the LACAHSA Citizens' Oversight Committee was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.