



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

Thursday, May 22, 2025

11:30 AM

AUDIO FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (25-3055)

Attachments: [Audio](#)

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Call to Order and Roll Call. (25-2912)

Interim Chair Jones called the Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC) meeting to order at 11:39 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 Board Members were:

Present: Member Ted Chandler, Member Nohel Corral, Member Lisa Gooden, Member Jesus Hermosillo, Member Diana Amparo-Jimenez, Member Zerita Jones, Member Benjamin Kurzius, Member Gabriel Leavell, Member Fernando Ochoa-Suarez and Member Melody Osuna

Absent: Member Danielle Okeith (non-voting)

2. Welcome by Interim COC Chair and CEO. (25-2913)

Interim Chair Jones welcomed everyone to the COC's inaugural meeting and thanked all those involved in making this meeting happen.

Tommy Newman, LACAHS A Chief of Staff, introduced himself and expressed being proud and honored to have been involved in the coordination of this meeting. He further added he looks forward to all the conversations that will take place with the COC.

Interim Chair Jones expressed concern for all the homelessness issues Los Angeles County is currently facing but believes the COC has the ability to make a difference.

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3. Introduction of Committee Members. (25-2914)

Interim Chair Jones gave a self-introduction and a brief summary of her work history and personal background. She welcomed the following COC members who also provided a brief self-introduction: Ted Chandler, Nohel Corral, Lisa Gooden, Jesus Hermosillo, Diana Amparo Jimenez, Benjamin Kurzius, Gabriel Leavell, Fernando Ochoa Suarez and Melody Osuna.

Ryan Johnson, LACAHSAs Interim CEO, expressed excitement with the establishment of COC, as well as having a Draft Expenditure Plan. He acknowledged the importance of the work the COC has in store and is excited to the forthcoming work with the everyone appointed to the COC.

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4. General Public Comment. (25-2922)

Mike Maurer, Partner with Best Best and Krieger and General Counsel for LACAHSAs, reported that the General Public Comment item is an official business of the COC. Therefore, the COC needs to be administered an Oath of Office to enable the body to officiate business.

Martha Arana, Commission Services Division, Executive Office of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, administered the Oath of Office to the COC members.

Opportunity was given to members of the public to address the COC on all items on the agenda. There was no public comment.

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II. PRESENTATIONS

5. Orientation to LACAHSAs and the LACAHSAs Citizens' Oversight Committee.
(25-2916)

Interim Chair Jones presented this item and introduced LACAHSAs Chief of Staff, Tommy Newman.

Chief of Staff, Newman, gave a presentation and responded to questions posed by the COC. He encouraged COC members to contact him with any questions he may be able to assist with.

General Counsel Maurer also addressed the COC and responded to questions.

The COC meeting recessed at 12:51 p.m. to allow for a quick "break" from the meeting.

The COC meeting was reconvened at 12:58 p.m. with the following COC Members being present: Interim Chair Zerita Jones, Member 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. Member Danielle Okeith was absent.

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6. LACAHSAs Draft Annual Expenditure Plan Orientation
 - a. Citizens' Oversight Committee's Statutory Role in Expenditure Plan Approval
 - b. Overview of Expenditure Plan Structure and Components (25-2917)

Interim Chair Jones presented this item and called upon LACAHSAs Interim CEO, Ryan Johnson to provide an overview.

Interim CEO, Johnson, and Chief of Staff, Tommy Newman made a presentation and responded to questions posed by the COC.

General Counsel Maurer also addressed the COC and responded to questions.

Member Diana Amparo Jimenez shared that the Los Angeles Community Land Trust Coalition (LA CLT Coalition), sent a letter to the LACAHSAs Board in support of Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing (NOAH). She asked if the letter could be shared with the COC and inquired on the manner that the COC can show support of the NOAH. Interim CEO, Johnson, indicated the letter would be shared with the COC members and assured Member Jimenez that LACAHSAs supports NOAH and LACAHSAs Expenditure Plan will be allocating funds to NOAH, as NOAH is a program within the eligible use of Measure A funds.

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7. Ralph M. Brown Act, Ethics/Conflict of Interest, and Form 700 Requirements and Filing Deadlines. (25-2915)

This item was taken after Item No. 8.

General Counsel Maurer made a presentation and responded to questions posed by the COC, and encouraged COC members to contact him or his firm with questions they may have.

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III. DISCUSSIONS

8. Nominations and Election of Officers for Chair and Vice Chair. (25-2918)

This item was taken after Item No. 6.

General Counsel Maurer led this item and explained that COC is expected to hold annual nominations for Chair and Vice Chair. He further shared that the LACAHS Board voted to have Zerita Jones serve as Interim Chair for the COC and advised that Interim Chair should remain until LACAHS hires an Inspector General that could solidify the Interim Chair position. However, he added the need for a nomination and appointment of a Vice Chair for the COC.

Member Ochoa Suarez nominated Member Ted Chandler for Vice Chair and Member Gooden seconded the nomination.

Member Ted Chandler accepted the nomination.

On motion from Member Fernando Ochoa Suarez, seconded by Member Lisa Gooden, the LACAHS Board appointed Member Ted Chandler to serve as Vice Chair of the LACAHS COC. Said motion was duly carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 10 - Member Ted Chandler, Member Nohel Corral, Member Lisa Gooden, Member Jesus Hermosillo, Member Diana Amparo-Jimenez, Member Zerita Jones, Member Benjamin Kurzius, Member Gabriel Leavell, Member Fernando Ochoa-Suarez and Member Melody Osuna

Absent: 1 - Member Danielle Okeith (non-voting)

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9. Conducting Virtual Meetings. (25-2919)

This item was taken after Item No. 7.

General Counsel Maurer informed the Committee Members that there are very limited options to host virtual meetings under the Brown Act and that the Committee Members should plan to attend all meetings in person.

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10. Citizens' Oversight Committee Stipend. (25-2920)

General Counsel Maurer gave a presentation on a possible stipend available for COC members' participation in COC meetings, and their right to decline the stipend, if desired.

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IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Adjournment

11. Adjournment of the May 22, 2025, meeting of the Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency Citizens' Oversight Committee. (25-2923)

The regular meeting of the LACAHSAs Citizens' Oversight Committee was adjourned at 1:29 p.m.