

**Call to Order / Roll Call** (Notetaker: Lori)

Teresa Y. Hillery (Chair) [here](#)

Paul Gamberg [here](#)

Lori Aliksanian [here](#)

Shanrika McClain [absent](#)

Dennis Fried Jens Midthun (Ex-Officio) [absent](#)

Rene Ledezma [here](#)

Paul Gamberg [here](#)

Jens Midthun [Here](#)

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**General Public Comment:**

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Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. **Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting.** Public comments are limited to two minutes per speaker with a total time of ten minutes. (The chair, depending on the number of speakers and time considerations, may change these parameters.) (20 min. cap).

**Chair's Welcome / Remarks**

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**Approval of Minutes (all items subject to discussion and possible action)**

a. Approval of DRAFT October 28, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

• Teresa Y. Hillery (Chair) [yes](#)

Paul Gamberg [yes](#)

Lori Aliksanian [yes](#)

Dennis Fried [absent](#)

Jens Midthun (Ex-Officio) [yes](#)

Rene Ledezma [yes](#)

Shanrika McClain [absent](#)

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**Old Business (all items subject to discussion and possible action)**

a. Update on Board Composition & Membership (Rene) [Did not present. Will have update for next meeting.](#)

b. Update on Committee Structure & Function (Lori) [Article VII Comments - Recommend Motion to possibly remove foreign and domestic affairs committee as issues are now being addressed in other committees such as outreach and the committee has been unable to fill the required minimum 3 members for quorum. Teresa Y Hillery expressed hesitation and would like to discuss with committee chair Leonel. Jens Midthun comments that this is an important committee that should be reporting back on active city council issues. Paul Recommend Motion to add line to Section 3c of Article VII. The committee chair will be responsible for appointing and removing committee members.](#)

c. Training & Compliance (Shanrika)

d. Update on Election Reform (Paul) [Paul presented on which seats will be up for re-election based on stability and institutional memory with an equal distribution between business and resident seats. Paul presented screen share of proposed seats on attached sheet titled "Stagger Term Detail". Explained logic of principal for assigning which positions will be up for election at 2 and 4 year mark based on institutional memory and committees for each board member. Also discusses that any board member may propose changes to the by laws by coming to the rules and selection committee with their proposal.](#)

[Also proposed 2/3 members vote for by laws changes. Also proposes less standing committees for improved efficiency.](#)

e. Update on Amendments (Dennis) • [n/a](#)

**•Public comment -**

[Translator raises hand but is unable to participate on phone for comment. Phone call in option offered by Teresa. .](#)

**New Business (all items subject to discussion and possible action)**

a. Applicant Forum For Open Seats. All applicants will have an opportunity to make opening/closing statements and answer questions from committee members.

i. Central City East/Skid Row Resident Director (Announced: 9/9/2025)

First applicant Michael Williams gives an opening statement expresses interest in community and history of work with LAHSA.

Rene asks about Michael's involvement in community role. Michael explains his role at the mission bringing in resources such as medical resources for community members.

Paul asks Michael about Skid Row art event attendance. Michael did not attend. Michael discusses involvement in past in Skid Row plays and history of doing a TedX event in skid row years ago. Discusses past experiences that led him to wanting to be involved in the mission of Skid Row. Teresa asks about how more skid row stakeholders could be encouraged to participate in DLANC. Paul asks what Michael thinks could be done to improve what happens at night on Skid Row. Michael explains that skid row is a community resource center for residents. Teresa asks how Michael handles conflict. Michael discusses importance of communication to help someone understand viewpoints.

Public comment - Monique Alvarado says she recommends strong endorsement of Michael for his contribution to the community. .

Committee discusses Michael Williams candidate

**VOTE to recommend Michael Williams to the board**

**Paul makes motion. Rene seconds motion.**

Teresa Y. Hillery (Chair) *yes*

Paul Gamberg *yes*

Lori Aliksanian Shanrika McClain *yes*

Dennis Fried *absent*

Jens Midthun (Ex-Officio) *yes*

Rene Ledezma *yes*

ii. At-Large Director

Translator is contracted from DOJ for federal trial translation Gabriel Galland who will be translating for candidate Eydee Rivera. Candidate Jeremy Masys is also present. All other candidates are not present for the meeting.

Eydee begins candidate statement and discusses that she has lived in Los Angeles for the past 15 years. She expresses interest in being on DLANC board and discusses current work with law enforcement responding to natural disasters in the community.

Jeremy begins candidate statement discussing he believes downtown LA is the greatest neighborhood to live in the world and desire to make downtown for all residents. Has worked or lived in downtown since 2008. States he is a family law mediator.

COmmittee asks questions of both candidates.

Lori - asks about ideas on how to bring back businesses downtown. Jeremy recommends community building solutions such as the ones done recently by the Social District Bid. Eydee expresses pandemic has affected people's interest in going out as well as fear of ice for some of the population. She recommends promotion on social media and also recommends involvement of Mayor Bass.

Rene asks his question in Spanish about the time commitment for board members.

Eydee states she is willing to spend time and effort on the neighborhood council similar to how she is committed to her work with the police department currently.

Jeremy states he is willing to spend significant time on board responsibilities.

Paul asks how what candidates will do to improve the neighborhood. Jeremy says he envisions spending the rest of his life in this neighborhood and has noticed both the improvements and the deteriorations. Cites civic engagement.

Eydee states she will intervene and she will expose graffiti and crime on social media. She believes there is a big role for social media in Los Angeles.

Teresa asks which committee would Eydee be interested in on DLANC.

Eydee says any committee which needs her. Jeremy says liveability and outreach committee is his choice.

Closing statements from both candidates.

Committee deliberates.

Public comment from Michael Williams expressing support to committee.

**VOTE to recommend Eydee or Jeremy to the board for at large seat makes motion. seconds motion.**

Teresa Y. Hillery (Chair) *Eydee*

Paul Gamberg *Eydee*

Lori Aliksanian *Jeremy*

Shanrika McClain [absent](#)

Dennis Fried [absent](#)

Jens Midthun (Ex-Officio) [Jeremy](#)

Rene Ledezma [Jeremy](#)

**General Public Comment:none**

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