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SPECIAL MEETING
of the
LOS ANGELES CITY CHARTER REFORM COMMISSION

Wednesday, July 16, 2025 - 4:00 PM

John Ferraro Council Chamber, CITY HALL
200 NORTH SPRING STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

AGENDA MATERIAL: Materials for the Los Angeles City Charter Reform Commission can be found at: reformlacharter.lacity.gov.

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PUBLIC COMMENT: The Commission will only be taking in-person public comment.

Members:

Diego Andrades
Mona Field
Carla Fuentes
Robert Lewis
Andrea Mac
Interim Chair, Raymond Meza
Melinda Murray
Interim Vice Chair, Christina Sanchez
Martin Schlageter
Ted Stein
James M. Thomas
Michael Yap
Vacant

Roll call
10 members present, quorum established with 7 members (all present)

Approval of meeting minutes
Motion (Sanchez - Field) to approve the minutes of the June 17th, 2025 Commission meeting -- Approved (10 Ayes)

Item No. 1
Motion (Sanchez - Murray) to nominate Raymond Meza for the position of Chair of the Commission -- Failed (5 Ayes; 5 Nays: Field, Mac, Schlateger; Stein, Yap; Absent: Fuentes, Thomas)

Motion (Stein - Field) to nominate Ted Stein for the position of Chair of the Commission -- Failed (5 Ayes; 5 Nays: Andrades, Lewis, Murray, Sanchez, Meza; Absent: Fuentes, Thomas)

Motion (Andrades - Field) to continue items 1, 2, and 3 to the Saturday, July 19th, 2025 Commission meeting. -- Approved (10 Ayes)

Item No. 4
Motion (Schlateger - Sanchez) to approve and transmit to the City Council, the outreach and engagement plan (Pages 1-3, 6-15), with the ability to revise as the Commission continues to meet, as amended to include an additional note for Neighborhood Council engagement. -- Approved (10 Ayes)

Adjournment
Approved, (10) unanimous

General Information
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