



**DRAFT STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR
THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR
REGIONAL HOMELESS ALIGNMENT
BEST PRACTICES FOR STANDARDIZATION OF CARE COMMITTEE**

**Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street, Conference Room 372
Los Angeles, California 90012**

Thursday, April 10, 2025

12:00 PM

AUDIO FOR ENTIRE MEETING. (25-2258)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Call to Order, Land Acknowledgement, and Roll Call. (25-2147)

Kristen Aster, ECRHA Executive Director, called the ECRHA Best Practices for Standardization of Care Committee (BPSC Committee) meeting to order at 12:14 p.m., and a recording of the Land Acknowledgment was played.

Ms. Aster conducted the roll. Board Member Miguel A. Santana appeared virtually. No statement was made indicating whether the appearance was pursuant to AB 2449. Board Member Santana was present for part of the meeting and participated in the votes noted therein. The following Committee Members were:

Present: Alternate Bevin Kuhn (for Board Member Va Lecia Adams-Kellum), Board Member Celina Alvarez, Alternate Board Member Lilit Bagdzhyan (for Board Member Kathryn Barger), Board Member Sarah Dusseault, Alternate Tricia Keane (for Board Member Tiena Johnson Hall), Alternate Leepi Shimkhada (for Board Member Sarah Mahin), Board Member Nithya Raman, Board Member Miguel A. Santana (virtual participation), Board Member Cheri Todoroff, Board Member Gary Tsai, and Alternate Board Member Maria Funk (for Board Member Dr. Lisa H. Wong)

Absent: Board Member Lourdes Castro Ramirez, Board Member Dr. Jackie Contreras and Board Member Darren Hendon

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2. Welcome and Introductions. (25-2146)

Kristen Aster, ECRHA Executive Director, introduced herself and welcomed everyone to the inaugural meeting of the BPSC Committee. She introduced Board Member Nithya Raman, Vice Chair of ECRHA, who provided opening remarks.

Board Member Nithya Raman thanked everyone for attending this meeting given the short turnaround in coordination of this special meeting. She expressed excitement for the potential work and collaboration this committee will bring towards standards of care. Board Member Nithya Raman announced that other ECRHA Board Members have expressed interest in becoming members of the BPSC Committee; therefore, County Counsel has been called upon to explore this possibility and assist with this endeavor.

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3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair. (25-2158)

Kristen Aster, ECRHA Executive Director, introduced the item and welcomed nominations from the floor for Chair and Vice Chair of the BPSC Committee.

Alternate Member Lilit Bagdzhyan (for Board Member Kathryn Barger) nominated Board Member Nithya Raman for Chair.

Board Member Nithya Raman nominated Celina Alvarez for Vice Chair.

Board Member Miguel A. Santana also nominated Board Member Nithya Raman for Chair, and Board Member Sarah Dusseault for Vice Chair. Board Member Sarah Dusseault agreed to abstain from accepting the nomination to allow Board Member Celina Alvarez the opportunity to serve as Vice Chair.

Board Member Celina Alvarez expressed being honored with the nomination to serve as Vice Chair; however, expressed uncertainty on her ability to commit to the Vice Chair position given her employment demands and commitment; the expedited timelines the BPSC Committee has in place; and the uncertainty of what the Committee is set out to achieve.

Ms. Aster suggested tabling the election of Vice Chair, moving forward with the election the Chair only, and going over the remainder of the agenda items to allow the Vice Chair nominee, Celina Alvarez, to be more informed on the BPSC Committee's next steps.

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

After discussion, on motion of Board Member Sarah Dusseault, seconded by Alternate Member Leepi Shimkhada (for Board Member Sarah Mahin), the BPSC Committee closed nominations and approved the election of Board Member Nithya Raman, as Chair. Said motion was duly carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 10 - Alternate Board Member Bevin Kuhn (for Board Member Va Lecia Adams-Kellum), Board Member Celina Alvarez, Alternate Board Member Lilit Bagdzhyan (for Board Member Kathryn Barger), Board Member Sarah Dusseault, Alternate Board Member Tricia Keane (for Board Member Tiena Johnson Hall), Alternate Board Member Leepi Shimkhada (for Board Member Sarah Mahin), Board Member Nithya Raman, Board Member Miguel A. Santana, Board Member Cheri Todoroff and Alternate Board Member Maria Funk (for Board Member Dr. Lisa H. Wong)

Absent: 4 - Board Member Lourdes Castro Ramirez, Board Member Dr. Jackie Contreras, Board Member Darren Hendon and Board Member Gary Tsai

Later in the meeting, after consideration/approval of Item Nos. 4, 5, and 6, the election of Vice Chair was conducted.

Board Member Celina Alvarez accepted the nomination as Vice Chair.

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

On motion of Board Member Sarah Dusseault, seconded by Alternate Board Member Leepi Shimkhada (for Board Member Sarah Mahin), the BPSC Committee approved the nomination of Celina Alvarez, as Vice Chair. Said motion was duly carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 10 - Alternate Board Member Bevin Kuhn (for Board Member Va Lecia Adams-Kellum), Board Member Celina Alvarez, Alternate Board Member Lilit Bagdzhyan (for Board Member Kathryn Barger), Board Member Sarah Dusseault, Alternate Board Member Tricia Keane (for Board Member Tiena Johnson Hall), Alternate Board Member Leepi Shimkhada (for Board Member Sarah Mahin), Board Member Cheri Todoroff, Board Member Gary Tsai, Alternate Board Member Maria Funk (for Board Member Dr. Lisa H. Wong) and Chair Nithya Raman

Absent: 4 - Board Member Lourdes Castro Ramirez, Board Member Dr. Jackie Contreras, Board Member Darren Hendon and Board Member Miguel A. Santana

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4. Discussion and Action to Establish a Meeting Schedule. (25-2159)

Kristen Aster, ECRHA Executive Director, introduced the item and welcomed Sarah Solon, Senior Advisor, HR&A, Inc.

Ms. Solon presented the proposed BPSC Committee meeting schedule and explained that initially the Committee plans to meet six times, on every other Thursday from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., beginning on May 1, 2025 to July 10, 2025 (excluding July 5, 2025), and thereafter transition to monthly meetings on the second Thursday each month from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

In response to questions posed by the BPSC Committee on the initial frequency of the meeting, Ms. Solon responded that the meeting schedule was determined to meet deadlines for two reports due to the Los Angeles County Executive Committee for Regional Homeless Alignment (ECHRA) on June 15, 2025 and July 15, 2025, respectively.

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

After discussion, on motion of Board Member Sarah Dusseault, seconded by Board Member Cheri Todoroff, the BPSC Committee approved to meet six times, on every other Thursday from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., beginning on May 1, 2025 to July 10, 2025 (excluding July 5, 2025), and thereafter transition to monthly meetings on the second Thursday each month from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Said motion was duly carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 10 - Alternate Board Member Bevin Kuhn (for Board Member Va Lecia Adams-Kellum), Board Member Celina Alvarez, Alternate Board Member Lilit Bagdzhyan (for Board Member Kathryn Barger), Board Member Sarah Dusseault, Alternate Board Member Tricia Keane (for Board Member Tiena Johnson Hall), Alternate Board Member Leepi Shimkhada (for Board Member Sarah Mahin), Board Member Miguel A. Santana, Board Member Cheri Todoroff, Alternate Board Member Maria Funk (for Board Member Dr. Lisa H. Wong), and Chair Nithya Raman

Absent: 4 - Board Member Lourdes Castro Ramirez, Board Member Dr. Jackie Contreras, Board Member Darren Hendon, and Board Member Gary Tsai

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II. DISCUSSIONS

5. Role and responsibilities of Sub-Committee members and their designees.
(25-2152)

This item was discussed concurrently with Item No. 6. (See Actions taken under Item No. 6)

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 [Public Comment/Written Correspondence](#)

6. Review and discuss objectives, timeline, and work plan for the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Standards of Care. (25-2151)

This item was discussed concurrently with Item No. 5.

Chair Nithya Raman welcomed Sarah Solon, Senior Principal with HR&A, Inc. and Sara Tanberg, Senior Advisor for the City of Los Angeles, Fourth District.

Ms. Solon and Ms. Tanberg made a presentation and responded to questions posed by the BPSC Committee.

Board Member Cheri Todoroff suggested that the BPSC Committee reconsider language on Page 4 under “Objectives for the Committee,” of the PPT that read as follows, by removing the reference of “Measure A” because the goals and the metrics that were approved and recommended by ECRHA and the LTRHA were not specific to Measure A funding, but inclusive of Measure A funding as well as other funding streams. There was discussion of a desire to incorporate these standards of care across programs to the extent allowable by other funders.

- **“Progress to establish practice standards and performance indicators that will ensure that funded strategies contribute to Measure A’s regional goals, including equity goals.”**
- **“The standards recommended by the Committee should be added to service contracts that are funded through Measure A, to ensure regional alignment on practice standards and data collection and reporting to monitor progress.”**

Alternate Board Member Lilit Bagdzhyan (for Board Member Kathryn Barger) reported that a report back to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (BOS) is also due on September 25, 2025.

Given the establishment of the BPSC Committee, Board Member Sarah Dusseault recommended exercising caution to avoid the duplication of efforts with other entities that may also be working to align standards of care. She further recommended that leadership roles be identified to achieve an aligned process, and that a process be created to support participation of individuals with lived experience.

Chair Raman agreed that there needs to be clarity on leadership roles for inter-jurisdictional issues on standards of care and suggested seeking collaboration with LTRHA's Data Ad-Hoc committee. Chair Raman concurs with adding language to the BPSC Committee's objective to clarify why this committee was established.

There was consensus by the BPSC Committee that additional members from LTRHA and other entities should be explored to bring in their knowledge and expertise to the work of the BPSC Committee.

Opportunity was given for members of the public to address the BPSC Committee. Jaleen Gillian and Leslie Wise addressed the BPSC Committee.

After, discussion on motion of Chair Nithya Raman, seconded by Board Member Sarah Dusseault, the BPSC Committee approved a report back to the with the following amendments to the language as to the objective of the Committee and Committee Membership as follows:

1. Remove or adjust the reference to "Measure A" Funding on Page 4 under "Objectives for the Committee," of the PPT (as the work of the BPSC Committee advances) because the goals and the metrics that were approved and recommended by ECRHA and the LTRHA were not specific to Measure A funding, but inclusive of Measure A funding as well as other funding streams to the extent allowed by those funders;
2. Exercise caution to avoid the duplication of efforts with other entities that may also be working to align standards of care (given the establishment and work of the BPSC Committee), and to identify leadership roles to ensure an aligned process, and that a process be created to support participation of individuals with lived experience; and
3. Explore the feasibility to include additional members from the LTRHA and other entities in the BPSC Committee to bring in their knowledge and expertise.

Said motion was duly carried by the following

10 - Ayes: Alternate Board Member Bevin Kuhn (for Board Member Va Lecia Adams-Kellum), Board Member Celina Alvarez, Alternate Board Member Lilit Bagdzhyan (for Board Member Kathryn Barger), Board Member Sarah Dusseault, Alternate Board Member Tricia Keane (for Board Member Tiena Johnson Hall), Alternate Board Member Leepi Shimkhada (for Board Member Sarah Mahin), Board Member Cheri Todoroff, Board Member Gary Tsai, Alternate Board Member Maria Funk (for Board Member Dr. Lisa H. Wong) and Chair Nithya Raman

Absent: 4 - Board Member Lourdes Castro Ramirez, Board Member Dr. Jackie Contreras, Board Member Darren Hendon and Board Member Miguel A. Santana

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III. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

7. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be presented and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Los Angeles County Executive Committee for Regional Homeless Alignment Best Practices for Standardization of Care Committee (ECRHA SPBC Committee), or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take immediate action came to the attention of ECRHA BPRS Committee Care Committee subsequent to the posting of the ECRHA Standards of Care Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (25-2154)

They were none.

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Public Comment

8. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Los Angeles County Executive Committee for Regional Homeless Alignment Best Practices for Standardization of Care Committee (ECRHA Standards of Care Committee) on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of ECRHA Standards of Care Committee. (25-2156)

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

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Adjournment

9. Adjournment for the April 10, 2025 special meeting of the Los Angeles County Executive Committee for Regional Homeless Alignment Best Practices for Standardization of Care Committee (BPSC Committee). (25-2157)

The special meeting of the BPSC Committee was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.