

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS**

**Meeting Minute Summary  
April 9, 2025**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Commissioners Tony Bell, Rebecca Birotte, Bruce Boardman, Deena Duncan, Jack Hadjinian, Tonya McKenzie, Juan Navarro, Ruben Rodriguez, Christina Gonzales, Charles Robbins, Jerry Velasco, Mark Mendoza and G. Lola Worthington **(13)**

**COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING EXCUSED ABSENCES:** Commissioners Avia Rosen, Alicia Garoupa, Amanda Cowan, Howard Winkler, Jozef Essavi, Charles Robbins and John Ho Song

**UNEXCUSED ABSENCES:** Ana Maria Quintana

**GUEST REGISTER:** N/A

**MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED:** Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs April 9, 2025 Agenda; Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs February and March Meeting Summary – Draft;

Topic	Discussion/Finding
1. Call to Order & Introduction of Commissioners and Guests	Chair Tonya McKenzie, County of Los Angeles, the Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs convened the meeting at 12:31 P.M.  Chair Tonya McKenzie asked for self-introductions from all Commissioners and guests.  Quorum present.
2. Public Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No public comment.</li></ul>
3. Report from SAPC	Michelle Gibson presented on the following: Prevention Services Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Substance Use Prevention Categories: Universal, Selective, Indicated</li><li>Designing Prevention Programming – Cannabis Example</li><li>SAPC Substance Use Prevention – Key Strategies and Examples</li><li>DPH-SAPC Funded Prevention Providers</li><li>Example – Substance Use Prevention Media Campaign</li><li>Example - Community Outreach and Education</li><li>Youth Specialty SUD Treatment in LA County</li><li>LA County Youth and Drugs Statistics</li><li>Youth Treatment Outcomes</li><li>Topic Schedule</li></ul>
4. Action on AB2449 and Excuse	Commissioners Avia Rosen, Alicia Garoupa, Amanda Cowan, Howard Winkler, Jozef Essavi, Charles Robbins and John Ho Song have asked to be excused

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Absence	<p>from the April 9, 2025 meeting.</p> <p>Chair Tonya McKenzie entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Commissioner Charles Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Ruben Rodriguez.</p> <p>Motion was unanimously carried.</p>
5. Action on Meeting Minutes for February 12, 2025 meeting	<p>Chair Tonya McKenzie entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Commissioner Tony Bell and seconded by Commissioner Jack Hadjinian.</p> <p>Motion was unanimously carried.</p>
6. Discussion and Action on Nomination of Chair for the Education & Prevention Committee and Policy & Planning Committee	<p>The 2025 Nomination Slate is as follows:  Nominee for Chair of Education &amp; Prevention Subcommittee: Rebecca Birotte  Nominee for Chair of Policy &amp; Planning Subcommittee: Bruce Boardman</p> <p>Chair Tonya McKenzie entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Commissioner Tony Bell and seconded by Commissioner Jack Hadjinian.</p> <p>Motion was unanimously carried.</p>
7. 2025 Strategic Planning	<p>Chair McKenzie asked the committee to discuss and review the Strategic Priorities.</p> <p>Diana will prepare final Strategic Priorities for final review, approval and vote to move forward for next meeting.</p>
8. Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CCJCC Vacancy Update</li> <li>• Interest to Serve Form</li> <li>• AOD Youth and Prevention Presentation Questions</li> <li>• Trainings</li> <li>• New Commissioner Virtual Training Workshop</li> <li>• Behavioral Health commission Invitation for Commission and Retreat</li> </ul>
9. Comments from Commissioners on Items of Interest	<p>Discussion on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioner Rodriguez has requested the Commissioners to review the draft letter of Opposition to the Opening of Dispensaries in L.A. County Unincorporated Areas and if they support this letter to make their Health Deputies aware.</li> </ul>
10. Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 P.M.

**Next meeting date:**  
May 14, 2025, at 12:30 p.m.  
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration

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