

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

**Meeting Minute Summary
July 9, 2025**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Commissioners, Bruce Boardman, Jack Hadjinian, Jerry Velasco, Juan Navarro, Rebecca Birotte, Ruben Rodriguez, Tony Bell, Tonya McKenzie, Christina Gonzales, Howard Winkler, Adam Siegel and Deena Duncan (12)

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING EXCUSED ABSENCES: Commissioner Johng Ho Song, Jake Fisher and Alicia Garoupa

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES: Commissioners Amanda Cowan, Avia Rosen and Mark Mendoza

GUEST REGISTER: N/A

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED: Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs July 9, 2025 Agenda; Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs May and June Meeting Summary – Draft; 2025 Strategic Priorities -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 1:05 P.M. Chair Tonya McKenzie asked for self-introductions from all Commissioners and guests. Quorum present.
2. Public Comments	No Public Comment
3. Report from SAPC	Dr. Brian Hurley, Chief Clinical Standards of SAPC discussed: Updates on Behavioral Health Commission Expanding Care Options for Patient -Centered Care – Medications for Addiction Treatment (MAT) and Harm Reduction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Continuum of Substance Use Interventions • Harm Reduction Services • Harm Reduction Saves Lives • Harm Reduction Encounter Trends by Quarter, Past 2 Years • Most Significant Drop in Drug-Related Overdose Deaths in LA County History • Data on Clinically Effective Addiction Medications • Data on Benefits of Medications for Opioids Use Disorder: Decreased Mortality • Data on Treatment Retention and Decreased Illicit Opioid Use on Mat • Data Treatment Retention and Decreased Illicit Opioid Use on MAT • Addiction Medication Medical Clinician Workforce Investments • Epidemics and Opportunities
4. Action on AB2449 and Excuse Absence	Commissioners Johng Ho Song, Jake Fisher and Alicia Garoupa have asked to be excused from today’s meeting. Chair Tonya McKenzie entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Commissioner Howard Winkler and seconded by Commissioner Rebecca Birotte Motion was unanimously carried.

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5. Action on Meeting Minutes for April 9, 2025 meeting	<p>Chair Tonya McKenzie entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Commissioner Jack Hadjinian and seconded by Commissioner Jerry Velasco.</p> <p>Motion was unanimously carried.</p>
6. Action on 2025 Strategic Planning	<p>Commissioner Christina Gonzalez made a motion to amend Strategic Priority 1, Goal 1. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ruben Rodriguez.</p> <p>Motion was unanimously carried.</p>
7. Chair's Report	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Announced the departure of the following Commissioners: Ana Maria Quintana and Charles Robbins 2. Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Deputy Roundtable in November • Please send Diana a point of contact for each supervisory district and who the current Health Deputy for each supervisory district is within the next two week (by 7/23). 3. Reminder: No meeting in August 4. Chair McKenzie and Commissioner Birotte discussed the following with SAPC's Chief of Prevention, Stephanie Chen: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevention will be sending the CAOD information on ways to brand Prevention and improve their language. • Stephanie will return in October • Invitations for County Events will be extended to the CAOD as we hear about them.
8. Comments from Commissioners on Items of Interest	<p>Discussion on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request to add Commissioner Rodriguez Draft Letter to Oppose Dispensaries to September agenda • Invitation to the Behavioral Health Commission Regular Meeting on October 9, 2025
9. Adjournment	<p>Meeting was adjourned at 2:32 P.M.</p>

Next meeting date:
September 10, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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