

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

**Meeting Minute Summary
September 10, 2025**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Commissioners, Adam Siegel, Alicia Garoupa, Bruce Boardman, Christina Gonzales, Howard Winkler, Jack Hadjinian, Jake Fisher, Johng Ho Song, Juan Navarro, Mark Mendoza Jr., Rebecca Birotte, Ruben Rodriguez, Tony Bell, Tonya McKenzie, Kanin Pruter, Amanda Cowan (16)

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING EXCUSED ABSENCES: Commissioner Deena Duncan and Jerry Velasco

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES: Commissioners Avia Rosen

GUEST REGISTER: Kyle, Kennedy, Denise Tugade, John Bundy and Ashley Nozara

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED: Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs September 10, 2025 Agenda; Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs July Meeting Summary – Draft; 2025 Strategic Priorities -Draft, and Recommendation Draft Letter.

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 1:09 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. Tsai Bureau Director of SAPC presented on: ASAM criteria 4 th Edition and White House Executive Order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core components of the ASA Criteria • Reordering the Dimensions: New Dimension 6 focuses on patient preferences, barriers to care, and need for motivational enhancement • Review of the ASAM Criteria Continuum of Care for Adult Addiction Treatment • Overview of the changes to the ASAM Criteria Continuum of Care – Adult • Notable ASAM 4th Edition Level of Care changes: The ASAM Criteria no longer uses the Level 0.5 nomenclature since early intervention and prevention services for adults are not provided by the specialty care system. These concepts are now addressed in a separate chapter. • 6/24/25 Presidential Executive Order (EO): <i>Ending Crime and Disorder on America's Streets</i>
4. Action on AB2449 and Excuse Absence	Commissioners Deena Duncan have asked to be excused from today's meeting. Chair Tonya McKenzie entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Commissioner Tony Bell and seconded by Commissioner Bruce Boardman. Motion was unanimously carried.

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	<p>Commissioner Amanda Cowan is appearing remotely in accordance to AB2449 “emergency circumstances” for today’s meeting.</p> <p>Chair Tonya McKenzie entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Commissioner Tony Bell and seconded by Commissioner Bruce Boardman.</p>
5. Action on Meeting Minutes for July 9, 2025 meeting	<p>Chair Tonya McKenzie entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Commissioner Juan Navarro and seconded by Commissioner Tony Bell.</p> <p>Motion was unanimously carried.</p> <p>Motion carried with 1 abstention from Commissioner Alicia Garoupa.</p>
6. Action on 2025 Strategic Planning	<p>Chair Tonya McKenzie entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Commissioner Kanin Pruter and seconded by Commissioner Jack Hadjinian.</p> <p>Motion was unanimously carried.</p>
7. Discussion and Action on Letter to Oppose Dispensaries	<p>Chair Tonya McKenzie entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Commissioner Tony Bell seconded by Commissioner Bruce Boardman.</p> <p>Motion was unanimously carried.</p>
8. Chair’s Report	<p>Welcome New Commissioner: <i>If in attendance</i>, Welcome new Commissioner: Adam Siegel, appointed on recommendation of Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, member of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.</p>
9. Comments from Commissioners on Items of Interest	<p>Discussion on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcomed New Commissioner Kanin Pruter from the 3rd District • AI-Impics scheduled for September 13
10. Adjournment	<p>Meeting was adjourned at 1:51 P.M.</p>

Next meeting date:
 October 8, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.
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