

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

**Meeting Minute Summary
October 8, 2025**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Commissioners, Adam Siegel, Alicia Garoupa, Bruce Boardman, Jack Hadjinian, Jake Fisher, Juan Navarro, Mark Mendoza Jr., Rebecca Birotte, Ruben Rodriguez, Tony Bell, Tonya McKenzie, Kanin Pruter, Brian Heyman (13)

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING EXCUSED ABSENCES: Commissioner Jerry Velasco, Howard Winkler, John Ho Song, Amanda Cowan, and Christina Gonzalez

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES: None

GUEST REGISTER: Michelle Gibson

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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 1:12 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	Michelle Gibson Bureau Deputy Director of SAPC provided the following updates: • The current Federal Shutdown currently has not created any direct impact for SAPC • The deadline for the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program application is upcoming, this will be the last round of funding provided by the state. • The AI-Impics Event hosted 20 SUD providers and served 1,500 clients providing naloxone and CPR training. • CAOD Commissioners are invited to attend the Behavioral Health Commission Regular Meeting on Thursday, October 9, 2025 at 11:00AM.
4. Action on AB2449 and Excuse Absence	Commissioners Jerry Velasco, Howard Winkler, John Ho Song, Amanda Cowan and Christina Gonzalez have asked to be excused from today's meeting. Commissioners Adam Siegel and Kanin Pruter are appearing remotely in accordance with AB2449 "emergency circumstances" for today's meeting. Chair Tonya McKenzie entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Commissioner Jack Hadjinian and seconded by Commissioner Juan Navarro. Motion was unanimously carried.

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5. Action on Meeting Minutes for September 10, 2025 meeting	Chair Tonya McKenzie entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Commissioner Mark Mendoza and seconded by Commissioner Rebecca Birotte. Motion was carried with 1 abstention from Commissioner Brian Heyman.
6. Formation and Action on Ad-hoc Committee	Commissioner Rebecca Birotte recommended the following commissioners for the Education and Prevention ad-hoc committee: Commissioners Rebecca Birotte, Juan Navarro, Alicia Garoupa, and Christina Gonzalez. Chair Tonya McKenzie entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Commissioner Tony Bell and seconded by Commissioner Juan Navarro. Motion was unanimously carried. Commissioner Bruce Boardman recommended the following commissioners for the Policy and Planning ad-hoc committee: Commissioners Bruce Boardman, Jack Hadjinian, Mark Mendoza, Tonya McKenzie, and Ruben Gonzalez. Chair Tonya McKenzie entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Commissioner Mark Mendoza and seconded by Commissioner Bruce Boardman. Motion was unanimously carried.
7. Announcements or Updates from Subcommittees	• Subcommittee chairs requested contact information for adhoc members • Request to re-share legislative update sheet with Commissioners
8. Chair's Report	• Informed Commissioners that input will be requested for the 2025 Annual Commissions report. Mayra will reach out via email. • Asked Commissioner Boardman and Commissioner Navarro about the AI-Impics event. • Shared that Health Deputies have confirmed their attendance to the Roundtable Meeting in December i. Requested Commissioners to e-mail questions for December's meeting with the Health Deputies to Mayra and Diana. • Discussed current CAOD Vacancies (4 total), only District 3 has filled all seats.
9. Comments from Commissioners on Items of Interest	Discussion on: • Commitment from Commissioners to recommend any nominees they find appropriate for their district seat vacancies. • Requested to share C&Y Health Initiative information link. • Requested flyer for upcoming Shatterproof Walk.
10. Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 2:02 P.M.

Next meeting date:
 November 12, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.
 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
 500 W. Temple Avenue, Sybil Brand Commission Room, Suite 372
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