



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**  
Telephonic / Video Conference Meeting  
455 North Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

**HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

**MINUTES**

Monday, November 23, 2020  
4:00 p.m.

**OPEN MEETING**

Date/Time: November 23, 2020 / 4:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Felsenthal, Hilborne, and Chang, Vice Chair Baker, Chair Nazarian

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Fire Chief Gregory Barton, Deputy Fire Chief Joseph Matsch, Alvin Cuna, Meena Janmohamed, Gabrielle Ressa, Karen Gutierrez

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

There were no public comments.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

By Order of the Chair, the agenda was approved as presented.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- Consideration of minutes from the Health and Safety Commission Regular Meeting on October 26, 2020

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Hilborne, SECONDED by Vice Chair Baker to approve the minutes (5-0).

**REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES**

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- Beverly Hills School District – Rachele Marcus, Board Vice President, introduced BHUSD President Isabel Hacker and Director of School Safety Scott Lovelace who provided an oral presentation to the Commission. Topics included school board elections, in-person and online instruction, safety, academics, sports, special education instruction, emergency supplies, and programs offered through The Maple Counseling Center. Isabel Hacker highlighted a partnership with Living Fit Nation to assist with COVID-19 testing and safety measures. Beverly Hills High School student liaison Yoni Kashanian addressed the Commission and shared information about the NormanAid Wellness Center focusing on mental health.
- Beverly Hills Police Department – Sergeant Jesse Perez updated the Commission on election safety information, crime information and prevention, protests and ongoing demonstrations, and the associated new ordinances that went into effect. Fire Chief Gregory Barton and community member Vera Markowitz provided an overview of the Just in Case, BH program currently in the development stage.

**CONTINUED BUSINESS**

**1. Health and Safety Recognition Program**

Commissioner Felsenthal honored the following individuals for their contributions to the mission of the Health and Safety Commission:

- Sonja Rosen, M.D., FACP, AGSF – Chief, Section of Geriatric Medicine, Department of Medicine, Medical Director Geriatrics, Cedars-Sinai.
- Allison Mays M.D., MAS – Geriatrician/Assistant Professor of Medicine/Physician Quality Specialist.

**2. Health and Safety Employee Excellence Award**

The Health and Safety Commission Employee Excellence Award recognizes employees who have gone beyond their daily responsibilities to contribute to the City's health and safety efforts. During the meeting, this award was given to the following staff who administer and facilitate the COVID-19 Senior Meal Program:

- Tito Bautista
- Carson Blaker
- Matthew Brown
- Steven Chavez
- Monica Collier
- Ernie Dominguez
- Evan Doyle
- Steve Eichinger
- Craig Farotto
- Patrick Ferris
- Alex Figueroa
- Raudel Frias
- Yael Hecht
- Maksim Koretskiy
- Jonathan Lim
- Beatriz Martinez

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- Vy Nguyen
- Darrin Nogales
- Nikolas Orr
- Justin Palafox
- Cody Prieto
- Hector Romero
- Juan Romero
- Carton Shigg
- Pam Shinault
- Patricia Soria
- Ashley Sylvester
- Tiarra Warner

**3. Minute of Mindfulness**

Commissioner Erica Felsenthal, PhD, led the Commission in a “Minute of Mindfulness”, to help promote mental health and mindfulness. This meeting’s topic was gratitude and the many positive impacts it has on our wellbeing.

**4. COVID-19 Update**

Meena Janmohamed, Emergency Management Manager, updated the Commission on COVID-19 statistics in the City and LA county, health orders, education and enforcement, holiday and day-to-day safety measures, contact tracing, vaccine planning, and the upcoming flu season. An informational video was shown.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**5. 2021 Health and Safety Commission Meeting Dates**

The Commission approved the revised proposed 2021 meeting date schedule.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Hilborne, SECONDED by Commissioner Felsenthal to approve the schedule (5-0).

**6. 2021 Health and Safety Commission Recognition Program Schedule**

The Commission approved the proposed 2021 recognition program schedule.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Hilborne, SECONDED by Commissioner Chang to approve the schedule (5-0).

**PROJECT UPDATES**

None

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**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION**

- Chair's Report
  - Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Highlights – October 12, 2020
- Commissioner Items

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF**

- Director's Report - Deputy Fire Chief Joseph Matsch addressed the Commission and expressed anticipation in working with the Health and Safety Commission. On behalf of the Commission, Chair Nazarian congratulated staff for their efforts during the meeting.
- Information Only
  - a) Commission Calendar
  - b) City of Beverly Hills Police Department Media Release

**ADJOURNMENT**

Date / Time: November 23, 2020 / 5:39 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020

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Daniel Nazarian, DMD, Chair