

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

**Meeting Minute Summary
November 12, 2025**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Commissioners, Adam Siegel, Alicia Garoupa, Brian Heyman, Bruce Boardman, Christina Gonzalez, Howard Winkler, Jack Hadjinian, Jake Fisher, John Ho Song, Juan Navarro, Paul Cheng, Rebecca Birotte, Ruben Rodriguez, Tony Bell, Tonya McKenzie (15)

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING EXCUSED ABSENCES: Commissioners Amanda Cowan, Jerry Velasco, Kanin Pruter
UNEXCUSED ABSENCES: Mark Mendoza Jr.

GUEST REGISTER: Michelle Gibson, Darrell Santos, Denise Tugade, Jacquelyn Garcia-Portillo, Christa Carbone

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED: Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs November 12, 2025 Agenda; Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs October Meeting Summary – Draft, 2026 Meeting Schedule 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 12:57 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 on the Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Workforce Development & Programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SAPC Treatment Workforce Overview (Unique Count) by Discipline and Percentage Totals• SUD Counselor Training Requirements• Assembly Bill (AB) 2473<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Alcohol or Other Drug (AOD) Counselor Education Requirements• Tuition Incentive Program (TIP)<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Background◦ Description• Certified Peer Workforce<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Scholarships◦ Support for provider agencies implementing Peer Support Services (PSS)• SUD Workforce Development<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Payment Reform & Value Based Incentives (VBI)<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Optional Provider Agency Supplemental Payments• Proposed Future Opportunity<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ ASAM 4th Edition Residential Capacity Building Pilot• SAPC Content on LA County's TalentWorks<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ SUD 101 Training• Future Workforce Focus Areas• Recover LA Mobile App

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4. Action on AB2449 and Excuse Absence	<p>Commissioners Amanda Cowan, Jerry Velasco, and Kanin Pruter have asked to be excused from today's meeting.</p> <p>Chair Tonya McKenzie entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Commissioner Jack Hadjinian and seconded by Commissioner Tony Bell.</p> <p>Motion was unanimously carried.</p> <p>Commissioner Rebecca Birotte is appearing remotely in accordance with AB2449 "emergency circumstances" for today's meeting.</p> <p>Chair Tonya McKenzie entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Commissioner Christina Gonzalez and seconded by Commissioner Bruce Boardman.</p> <p>Motion was unanimously carried.</p>
5. Action on Meeting Minutes for October 08, 2025 meeting	<p>Chair Tonya McKenzie entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Commissioner Tony Bell and seconded by Commissioner Juan Navarro.</p> <p>Motion was carried with 4 abstentions from Commissioners Christina Gonzalez, Paul Cheng, Howard Winkler, and John Ho Song.</p>
6. Approval of 2026 meeting schedule	<p>Chair Tonya McKenzie entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Commissioner Howard Winkler and seconded by Commissioner Jack Hadjinian.</p> <p>Motion was unanimously carried.</p>
7. Action on formation of Nominating Committee	<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>
8. Announcements or Updates from Subcommittees	N/A
9. Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcomed new Commissioner Paul Cheng who represents League of California Cities. • CAOD commissioners are welcomed to join The Behavioral Health Commission which meets the second Thursday of each month from 11:00AM to 1:30PM. Next dates are November 13th, December 11th, and January 8th. • The CAOD is being asked to participate in the Sunset Review process for this Commission. Commissioners who have served for 6 months or more, are responsible for completing a questionnaire via PDF form or by a phone interview by December 12, 2025. • Remind Commissioners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Input for the Annual Commissions report is due to Mayra by Friday, December 12th. ii. E-mail questions for December's meeting with the Health Deputies to Mayra and Diana by November 26th. iii. Complete trainings and mandatory audit form. iv. Confirm contact information with Mayra and Diana via email

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10. Comments from Commissioners on Items of Interest	Discussion on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inviting Yanira Lima for a presentation and discussion on services provided to the incarcerated population. • Commissioner Jake Fisher made an invitation to the upcoming graduation of at-risk youth from El Monte; official invitation will be shared via email.
11. Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 2:03 P.M.

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