

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

**Meeting Minute Summary
March 11, 2026**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Commissioners, Adam Siegel, Alicia Garoupa, Brian Heyman, Bruce Boardman, Christina Gonzales, Courtney Mattley, Howard Winkler, Jack Hadjinian, Jerry Velasco, Juan Navarro, Mark Mendoza Jr., Paul Cheng, Rebecca Birotte, Tonya McKenzie (14)

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING EXCUSED ABSENCES: Commissioners, Jake Fisher, John Ho Song, Kanin Pruter, Ruben Rodriguez, Tony Bell

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES:

GUEST REGISTER: Monique Yateem, Katherine Li, Darrell Santos

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED: Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs March 11, 2026 Agenda; Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs February Meeting Summary – Draft; 2026 Strategic Priorities Draft; SAPC BHA Update; SAPC Director’s Update for March; SAPC March Legislative Update; Chief Medical Examiner Presentation

Topic	Discussion/Finding
1. Call to Order & Introduction of Commissioners and Guests	<p>Chair Tonya McKenzie, County of Los Angeles, the Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs convened the meeting at 1:00 P.M.</p> <p>Chair Tonya McKenzie asked for self-introductions from all Commissioners and guests.</p> <p>Quorum present.</p>
2. Public Comments	No Public Comment
3. Report from SAPC	<p>Katherine Li from SAPC presented on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BHA Update • To date, we’ve received 7 public comment entries that address BHA and IP topics. • Most comments request additional information or clarity rather than specific changes to the IP. • Comment topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities and BHA funding for small community-based providers to expand access and capacity • Performance metrics and evaluation methodology for integrated, co-occurring care in the LA County behavioral health system • Coordination of BHA funded-and non BHA funded programs • Recognition of recovery residences in BHA implementation • SAPC is responding to these comments by providing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information on its open contracting process • Potential metrics for co-occurring SUD and MH services • Information on braided funding structures for housing resources, and additional funding sources • Information on investment and funding structure for recovery housing
4. Action on AB2449 and Excused Absences	<p>Commissioners Jake Fisher, John Ho Song, Kanin Pruter, Ruben Rodriguez, and Tony Bell have asked to be excused from today’s meeting.</p> <p>Chair Tonya McKenzie entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Commissioner Howard Winkler and seconded by Commissioner Christina Gonzales.</p> <p>Motion was unanimously carried.</p>

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5. Action on Meeting Minutes for February 11, 2026 meeting	Chair Tonya McKenzie entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Commissioner Howard Winkler and seconded by Commissioner Jerry Velasco. Motion was unanimously carried.
6. Action on Strategic Priorities 2026	Chair Tonya McKenzie entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Commissioner Jack Hadjinian and seconded by Commissioner Rebecca Birotte. Motion was carried with one abstention from Bruce Boardman.
7. Guest Speaker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Odey Ukpo, Chief Medical Examiner provided a brief presentation on drug related deaths in Los Angeles County.
8. Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Behavioral Health Commission meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, Thursday, March 12. Commissioners are invited to join online or in-person, please check your email for meeting information. • April meeting cannot be held at Kenneth Hall; we have the option to cancel and resume in May or meet at the Alhambra – Commissioners agreed to meet in Alhambra. • Commissioner Fisher is asking for letters of support for El Monte PD to receive a new BSCC Prop 64 grant. For those interested in writing a letter, please send to Chair McKenzie with your name and email address or snail-mail address.
9. Announcements or Updates from Subcommittees	No comments.
10. Comments from Commissioners on Items of Interest	No comments.
11. Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 2:20 P.M.

Next meeting date:

April 15, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

The Alhambra

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