

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

**Meeting Minute Summary
May 13, 2026**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Commissioners, Adam Siegel, Alicia Garoupa, Bruce Boardman, Christina Gonzales, Courtney Mattley, Francisco Portillo, Johng Ho Song, Juan Navarro, Paul Cheng, Rebecca Birotte, Ruben Rodriguez, Tony Bell, Tonya McKenzie (13)

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING EXCUSED ABSENCES: Commissioners Brian Heyman, Howard Winkler, Jake Fisher, Jerry Velasco
UNEXCUSED ABSENCES: Jack Hadjinian, Mark Mendoza Jr.

GUEST REGISTER: Monique Yateem, Katherine Li, Jarrod Erdman, Tyler Cash, Gary Tsai,

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED: Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs May 13, 2026, Agenda; Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs March Meeting Summary – Draft; Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs April Meeting Summary – Draft; 2026 Strategic Priorities, SAPC Director’s Report; SAPC May Legislative Update;

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 1:07 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>Dr. Gary Tsai and Katherine Li from SAPC presented the Director’s Report for the Departments of Mental health (DMH) and Public Health – Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (DPH-SAPC) for the month of May.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DMH contracted and directly operated facilities are often subject to the Institute of Mental Disease (IMD) • DMH plans to op-in in early 2027 to Behavioral Health Community-Based Organized Networks of Equitable Care and Treatment IMD Federal Financial Participation (FFP) waiver for some of its facilities. • DPH-SAPC is already authorized to receive FFP for designated IMD settings under its existing federal waiver authority under California’s Durg Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS). • This authority includes FFP for services delivered in designated IMD settings and has enabled DPH-SAPC to expand and strengthen its SUD system over time. • Since implementing DMC-ODS in 2017, DPH-SAPC has maximized Medi-Cal reimbursement to increase overall investment in SUD treatment and recovery services across the continuum by 275%. • Despite the fact that DMH does not have a similar waiver, they have developed several restorative care campuses that follow all IMD guidelines. • With the transformation under the Behavioral Health Services Act, both departments have been working hard preparing for launch on July 1, 2026.
4. Action on AB2449 and Excused Absences	<p>Commissioners Brian Heyman, Howard Winkler, Jake Fisher, and Jerry Velasco, have asked to be excused from today’s meeting.</p> <p>Commissioner Adam Siegel 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 Gonzales and seconded by Commissioner Rebecca Birotte.</p>

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	Motion was unanimously carried.
5. Action on Meeting Minutes for March and April 2026 meetings	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.
6. Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A point of contact from each district will need to reach out to their pertaining Health Deputy for input on the 2026 Strategic Priorities and provide an update during our June meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District 1 Commissioners Portillo and Gonzales • District 2 All Commissioners • District 3 Commissioner Rodriguez • District 4 Commissioner Navarro • District 5 Commissioners Birotte and Mattley • Ask Commissioners to revisit the 2026 Strategic Priorities to discuss what goals were achieved during today's meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Priority #1, Goal #1 and Goal #2 • Strategic Priority #2, Goal #3 • All Commissioners are invited to attend the Behavioral Health Commission Meeting, tomorrow, Thursday, May 14th at 11:00am at the DMH Headquarters. Invitation will be shared via email from Mayra.
7. Announcements or Updates from Subcommittees	Education and Prevention Chair shared thoughts on the presentation from Social and Emotional Wellness Initiative and emphasized a possible overlap with the Commission's advocacy.
8. Comments from Commissioners on Items of Interest	Commissioner Mattley shared that during the month of June, Henry Mayo will be opening up an Empath-Unit, which is a behavioral health crisis management unit for the hospital, that will hold patients for up to 23 hours.
9. Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 2:06 P.M.

Next meeting date:
 June 10, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.
 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
 500 W. Temple Avenue, Sybil Brand Commission Room, Suite 372
 Los Angeles, California 90012