

HIV Community Planning Council

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 9th, 2026

25 Van Ness, Room 330A

3:00-4:00 pm

Committee Members Present: Robert Arnold, Ed Chitty, Elaine Flores, Jesus Guillen, Ron Hernandez, Thomas Knoble, John Paul Soto, Manuel Vasquez

Committee Members Absent: Zachary Davenport [LOA]

Others Present: Johnny Rodriguez

Support Staff Present: Mark Molnar, Kira Perez, Kat Téllez

Minutes

1. Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm by CM Flores. Everyone introduced themselves and quorum was established.

2. Review/Approve April 9th, 2026 DRAFT Agenda – VOTE

The April 9th, 2026 DRAFT Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

3. Review/Approve March 12th, 2026 DRAFT Minutes – VOTE

The March 12th, 2026 DRAFT Minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.

4. Announcements

- None.

5. Public Comment

- None.

6. Council Member Attendance Report/ Council Applicants – VOTE

- Interview/Discuss Prospective Applicant:
 - Johnny Rodriguez – The Committee interviewed the prospective applicant.
 - ❖ CM Hernandez appreciated that he accesses prevention services.
 - ❖ CM Arnold spoke to how he came to refer Johnny, noting that he is active in the community and committed to his interests.
 - ❖ CM Vasquez noted that he seemed very friendly and appreciated his community-level experience, especially as someone who is negative.
 - ❖ CM Arnold spoke about the grief group that Johnny facilitates, in which he uses many Indigenous practices.
 - ❖ CM Hernandez asked if an applicant could fulfill two different categories on the demographic report?
 - a. CS Perez stated this is possible.
 - ❖ CM Chitty said the applicant would be beneficial in many ways and may be viewed as a role model in the various communities he is part of. CM Chitty said this may be helpful in recruiting new areas to the HCPC.

Motion: CM Hernandez motions to approve Johnny's application to become a new member of the Council.

Second: CM Soto seconds this motion.

Motion passes through consensus, refer to column (3).

- Review Prospective Member Application:
 - Jesse Brooks – The Committee reviewed and discussed the prospective member's application.

- ❖ CM Vasquez noted that it's great that the applicant is Black/African American and HIV+. He added that it sounds like he has a voice and a lot of experience, which would be helpful in connecting with that community.
- ❖ CM Guillen said he knows the applicant and that he has one of the most beautiful souls. CM Guillen added that he is very helpful.

The Committee votes to approve the applicant's application and move forward with an interview through consensus, refer to column (4).

- Damon Powell – The Committee reviewed and discussed the prospective member's application.
 - ❖ CS Molnar noted that this applicant would not help with the unaligned consumers.
 - ❖ CM Vasquez noted that he also works at the same place as the previous applicant.
 - ❖ CM Hernandez asked if he lives and works in Oakland?
 - a. CS Molnar said yes, but his agency is expanding into San Francisco.
 - ❖ CM Vasquez noted concern around him serving the Oakland EMA the possible competing interests present.
 - ❖ CM Chitty said this seems like a conflict of interest if they are moving into SF.
 - ❖ CM Chitty said it seems like a conflict of interest if his company is moving into San Francisco.
 - a. CS Molnar said it is also complicated because he serves on the Oakland Planning Council.
 - ❖ CM Soto stated he would prefer to move an applicant with lived experience forward.

The Committee votes not to approve the applicant's application and will not move forward with an interview through consensus, refer to column (5).

- Andre Robertson – The Committee reviewed and discussed the prospective member's application.
 - ❖ CM Hernandez noted that he lives in North Bay and commutes to the city for work.
 - ❖ CS Molnar spoke to Andre's experience working in the San Francisco care continuum.
 - ❖ CM Guillen asked why he is applying now?
 - a. CS Molnar said he was encouraged by CM Mapp.
 - ❖ CM Vasquez spoke to him not being HIV+, but he would be willing to put forward support.
 - ❖ CM Soto stated the Council hasn't had someone connected with his clinic in a long time.

The Committee votes to approve the applicant's application and move forward with an interview through consensus, refer to column (6).

- Review Renewals:
- Notice of Attendance to be sent:
 - Erwin Barrios
 - Bill Blum
 - Elyse Griffin
 - Irma Parada
 - Charles Siron

The Committee votes to approve the Notice of Attendance to be sent by consensus, refer to column (7).

- Notice of Attendance sent:
- Letters of Probation to be sent:
 - Jesus Guillen
 - ❖ CM Guillen spoke to his recent health challenges and familial health challenges.
 - Marco Montenegro

The Committee votes to approve the Letters of Probation to be sent by consensus, refer to column (8).

- Letters of Probation sent:
- Request for Leave of Absence:
- Current Leave(s) of Absence:
 - Franco Chevalier – returning in May
 - Zachary Davenport – returning in May
 - Helen Lin – returning in May
 - Richard Sullivan – returning TBD
- Committee Assignments:
- Resignations/Thank You for Service to the Council:
- Review Exit Interview:
- Dismissal Letters to be sent due to attendance requirements:
- Mentor Program:

7. Demographic Information Update

- CS Perez shared that there have been no changes to the demographic information and the total membership still sits at 27 members. She noted that if there are any changes, they will be reflected in the next reports.

8. Next Meeting Date & Agenda Items – VOTE

The next Membership Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 14th, 2026 in-person from 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm.

9. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm by CM Flores.

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Roll Call: **P**=Present; **A**=Absent; **E**=Excused; **L**=Leave of Absence

Votes: **Y**=Yes; **N**=No; **B**=Abstain; **R**=Recused (deduct from quorum)

Date: April 9, 2026		roll	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]	[9]	[10]
1.	Robert Arnold	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y		
2.	Ed Chitty	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	A	A		
3.	Zachary Davenport	LOA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
4.	Elaine Flores (Co-Chair)	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y		
5.	Ron Hernandez (Co-Chair)	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y		
6.	John Paul Soto	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y		
7.	Manuel Vasquez	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y		
8.	Jesus Guillen	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y		

9. Thomas Knoble	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	A	A	A		
Ayes		8	8	8	8	0	7	6	6		
Nayes		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Abstain		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Recusal		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Total	8	8	8	8	8	0	7	6	6		