

HIV Community Planning Council

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 14th, 2026

25 Van Ness, Room 330A

3:00-4:00 pm

Committee Members Present: Robert Arnold, Jesus Guillen, Ron Hernandez, Manuel Vasquez

Committee Members Absent: Ed Chitty [LOA], Zachary Davenport [LOA], Elaine Flores [E], John Paul Soto [E]

Others Present: Natalie Basha, Jesse Brooks, Beth Neary, Andre Robertson

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

Minutes

1. Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm by CM Hernandez. Everyone introduced themselves and quorum was established.

2. Review/Approve May 14th, 2026 DRAFT Agenda – VOTE

The May 14th, 2026 DRAFT Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

3. Review/Approve April 9th, 2026 DRAFT Minutes – VOTE

The April 9th, 2026 DRAFT Minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.

4. Announcements

- CM Guillen announced a study that is taking place for LGBTQ elders who have experienced trauma and/or have a terminal disease. He said the study is looking for Latino/a/e/x participants and noted that they presented about this study at a Full Council meeting a few months ago.

5. Public Comment

- None.

6. Council Member Attendance Report/ Council Applicants – VOTE

- Interview/Discuss Prospective Applicant:
 - Jesse Brooks – The Committee interviewed the prospective applicant.
 - ❖ CM Hernandez said the applicant has his vote because he is HIV+.
 - ❖ CM Arnold spoke to his experience in the field.
 - ❖ CM Vasquez noted that his responses to the questions were quite short, and he was surprised that he didn't have any questions for the Committee.
 - ❖ CM Guillen spoke of knowing the applicant personally and about his involvement in the HIV field. He said he is very connected to his communities and very smart.
 - ❖ CS Molnar added that he would be a good candidate for the mentor program.
 - ❖ CM Vasquez noted that another applicant from his workplace had applied and brought up concerns around conflict between deciding between the applicants.
 - a. CS Molnar noted that they did have two applicants from the same agency and one was a service provider who was not a consumer of services, and the other was an HIV+ consumer of services. He said the Committee voted to move forward the application for the applicant who was a consumer of services.

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

Second: CM Arnold seconded this motion.

Motion passed through consensus, refer to column (1).

- Andre Robertson – The Committee interviewed the prospective applicant.

- ❖ CM Vasquez said the applicant seemed well informed but was a little disappointed that he was not a consumer of services. However, he appreciated his thoughtful responses to his application and noted that he has lots of experience in the community. He said he does also seem fiscally mindful of what it is that the HCPC does.
- ❖ CM Arnold said the applicant is well-rounded and knows what he's doing with his extensive background. He spoke to the nationally recognized program the applicant started.
- ❖ Beth Neary added that she thinks very highly of him and said he is one of the more active people.
- ❖ CM Guillen thinks it is important to get more HIV+ consumers of services on the Council. He added that people who work at agencies might also not have enough information about what the community and consumers need.
- ❖ CM Hernandez added that the Council needs more consumers.
- ❖ CS Molnar highlighted that the Council also needs more representation from people of color.

Motion: CM Vasquez motioned to approve Andre's application to become a new member of the Council.

Second: CM Arnold seconded this motion.

Motion passed through consensus, refer to column (2).

- Review Prospective Member Application:
- Review Renewals:
- Notice of Attendance to be sent:
- Notice of Attendance sent:
 - Erwin Barrios
 - Bill Blum
 - Elyse Griffin
 - Irma Parada
 - Charles Siron
- Letters of Probation to be sent:
- Letters of Probation sent:
 - Jesus Guillen
 - Marco Montenegro
- Request for Leave of Absence:
 - Franco Chevalier – medical LOA, return date TBD
 - Zachary Davenport – medical LOA, return date TBD

The Committee moved to approve the Leave of Absence requests and the motion passed through consensus, refer to column (3).

- Current Leave(s) of Absence:
- 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 the ARIES report and noted the only change is a new member joining, which is reflected in the total number of council members, which is now up from 27 to 28. The new member did help a few demographic categories: Male, Latino/Hispanic, and American Indian/Alaskan Native.

- CS Molnar added that it will help our demographics if the mayor’s office approves both of today’s applicants.

8. Next Meeting Date & Agenda Items – VOTE

The next Membership Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, June 11th, 2026 via Zoom from 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm.

9. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 3:53 pm by CM Hernandez.

Membership Committee

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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: May 14, 2026		roll	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]	[9]	[10]
1.	Robert Arnold	P	Y	Y	Y							
2.	Ed Chitty	LOA	-	-	-							
3.	Zachary Davenport	LOA	-	-	-							
4.	Elaine Flores (Co-Chair)	E	-	-	-							
5.	Ron Hernandez (Co-Chair)	P	Y	Y	Y							
6.	John Paul Soto	E	-	-	-							
7.	Manuel Vasquez	P	Y	Y	Y							
8.	Jesus Guillen	P										
	Ayes		3	3	3							
	Nayes		0	0	0							
	Abstain		0	0	0							
	Recusal		0	0	0							
	Total	4	3	3	3							