



Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 15, 2021
Zoom Meeting
7:00PM – 9:52PM
Approved

**South Robertson
Neighborhoods Council**
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Boardmember	Roll Call	Funding Vote Eligible	Category
Joel Weinberger	Present	NO	At-large 1 2025
Sophia French	Present	YES	At-Large 2 2023
Emilia Barrosse	Present	NO	At-Large 3 2025
Vacant			At-Large 4 2023
Jason Yap	Present	NO	At-Large 5 2025
Shevy Dorfman-Lieder	Present	YES	Business Rep 1 2023
Barry Levine	Present	YES	Business Rep 2 2025
Terrence Gomes	Present	YES	Business Rep 3 2023
Shirley Traum	Present	YES	Business Rep 4 2025
Jonathan Tessler	Present	YES	Business Rep 5 2023
Paula Peng	Present	NO	Organization Rep 1 2023
Ken Blaker	Present	YES	Organization Rep 2 2025
Armeen Neshat	Present	YES	Organization Rep 3 2025
Olga Lexell	Present	YES	Resident 1 Rep 2025
Richard Bloom	Present	YES	Resident 2 Rep 2025
Steve Chocron	Present	YES	Resident 3 Rep 2023
Jared Weston	Present	NO	Resident 4 Rep 2023
Vacant			Resident 5 Rep 2025
Michael Lynn	Present	YES	Resident 6 Rep 2023
Chad Monk	Present	NO	Resident 7 Rep 2025
Gloria Dioum	Present	NO	Resident 8 Rep 2023
Dina Leeds	Present	YES	Resident 9 Rep 2025
Robby Naoufal	Present	YES	Resident 10 Rep 2023
Vacant			School Rep 1 2025
Vacant			School Rep 2 2025
TOTAL: 21	PRESENT 21, Absent 0		

*Funding vote eligibility key: **A**=age less than 18 yrs.; **E**=Ethics training; **F**=Funding training; **N**=not taken;

X=expired ** Advance notice given for absence ***At Large Appointed

In conformity with the Governor's executive order N-29-20 (March 17, 2020) and due to concerns over COVID-19, the Board of South Robertson Neighborhoods Council meeting will be conducted entirely via video and telephonically.

- I. **Call to Order & Roll Call** Former President Stein called the meeting to order at 7:05PM. Roll call was taken. Quorum was met.

ITEM 1. Roll call		
Present –21	Absent-00	Excused-00
Lynn, Levine, Chocron, Naoufal, French, Blaker, Gomes, Tessler, Traum, Dorfman, Bloom, Leeds, Weinberger, Monk, Yap, Barrosse, Neshat, Lexell, Dioum, Weston, Peng	None	None

- II. **Pledge of Allegiance** Pledge was led by Mr. Stein.

III. **Special Orders**

- a. Seating of newly-elected Board and administration of oath of office Mr. Stein turned the meeting over to Atziri Camarena, DONE NEA, who was subbing for Freddy Cupen-Ames who was absent, to welcome the new Board and to administer the Oath of Office. The oath was taken by the Board and then Ms. Camarena moved the agenda to item 3b.
- b. Recognition of outgoing Boardmembers Mr. Stein thanked the previous Board for the progress for the last five years. He wished the new Board luck and the more time you put into it, the more you will get out and to treat each other cordial and be nice. Julian and Freddy sent the item for review on item 3c. Mr. Stein offered to take notes until the new secretary was appointed. Ms. Camarena stated that she would be running the meeting until item 4 which is the selection of the President. Once the President is selected, they will take full control of the meeting. Ms. Camarena will be here throughout the whole night to guide the NC and to help in any way that anyone might need any assistance with this well.
- c. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Update to New Members
 - i. Board Affirmation Ms. Camarena went over Board affirmation.
 - ii. Required Board Member Trainings Ms. Camarena stated for funding items you need all three trainings to be completed and that's ethics training, funding training, and code of conduct. For all other motions, a Boardmember needs to sign the Code of Conduct to vote. Those Boardmembers not eligible to vote on funding items are: Joel Weinberger, Emilia Barrosse, Jason Yap, Paula Peng, Jared Weston, Chad Monk, and Gloria Dioum, Mr. Stein stated that there were no funding motions so that there would be a month for Boardmembers to take the training. Ms. Camarena mentioned that these Boardmembers would also not be able to vote on any other item due to the Code of Conduct not being signed. Mr. Chocron asked if they could sign the Code of Conduct now. All the Boardmembers except for Dioum, Weston, Peng signed the Code of Conduct.
 - iii. Orientation Sessions Upcoming Module one of the trainings will be held June 28, 2021 at 6:30PM. The link will be sent to the Board by Ms. Camarena.
 - iv. NEA Contact Information Will be provided by Ms. Camarena

Barry Levine left the meeting at 7:25PM.

IV. **Election of Executive Committee and Appointment of Liaisons**

Public comment:

- a. PRA Ken
- b. 1603****184
- c. 1424****113
- d. LL
- e. Andrea
- f. Bryan Warman
- a. Executive Committee
 - i. President (GB071521-01)

Public Comment: PRA Ken, 1603**184**

Boardmembers reaffirmed that they had signed the Code of Conduct.

Board Questions: Dina Leeds,

Motion Passed-Lynn

ITEM 4 ai. Motion to appoint Lynn or Lexell as President Both self-nominated			
Lynn –11	Lexell-06	Ineligible-03	Absent-01
Lynn, Chocron, Naoufal, French, Blaker, Gomes, Tessler, Traum, Dorfman, Bloom, Leeds	Weinberger, Monk, Yap, Barrosse, Neshat, Lexell	Dioum, Weston, Peng	Levine

Mr. Lynn had asked Ms. Camarena to continue the meeting.

- ii. Vice President (GB071521-02)

Public Comment: 1603**184, PRA Ken**

Board questions: Dioum, Monk,

Motion Passed Blaker

ITEM 4 aii. Motion to appoint Lexell or Blaker as Vice President Dioum nominated Lexell Tessler, Leeds, and Chocron nominated Blaker			
Blaker –11	Lexell-06	Ineligible-03	Absent-01
Lynn, Chocron, Naoufal, French, Blaker, Gomes, Tessler, Traum, Dorfman, Bloom, Leeds	Weinberger, Monk, Yap, Barrosse, Neshat, Lexell	Dioum, Weston, Peng	Levine

Dioum left the meeting.

- iii. Treasurer (GB071521-03)

Public Comment: PRA Ken, Mitch

Board questions: French

Motion Passed Gomes

ITEM 4 aiii. Motion to appoint Gomes or Dioum as Treasurer Lexell nominated Dioum Lynn nominated Gomes			
Gomes –10	Dioum-07	Ineligible-02	Absent-02
Lynn, Naoufal, French, Blaker, Gomes, Tessler, Traum, Dorfman, Bloom, Leeds	Chocron, Weinberger, Monk, Yap, Barrosse, Neshat, Lexell	Weston, Peng	Levine, Dioum

- iv. Secretary (GB071521-04) Lexell was nominated by Dioum, Lexell declined. Dioum was nominated by Chocron, Dioum declined. Neshat was nominated by Dioum, but declined. Barrosse was nominated by French, but declined **Postponed**

Gomes volunteered to take minutes for this meeting.

- v. Corresponding Secretary (GB071521-05) Lynn nominated Lexell, but declined **Postponed**
- b. Liaisons

i. Second Financial Signatory (GB071521-06)

Public Comment: 1424**113, Call-In User_3, Mitch, PRA Ken**

Motion Passed French

Peng and Dorfman left the meeting.

ITEM 4 bi. Motion to appoint French as second signer. Self-nominated		
French –16	Ineligible-01	Absent-04
Lynn, Chocron, Naoufal, French, Blaker, Gomes, Tessler, Traum, Bloom, Leeds, Weinberger, Monk, Yap, Barrosse, Neshat, Lexell	Weston,	Levine, Dioum, Peng, Dorfman

ii. Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) (GB071521-07)

Public Comment: Call-In User_3, Mitch

Motion Passed-Lynn

ITEM 4 bii. Motion to appoint Lynn as WRAC Rep. Self-nominated		
French –16	Ineligible-01	Absent-04
Lynn, Chocron, Naoufal, French, Blaker, Gomes, Tessler, Traum, Bloom, Leeds, Weinberger, Monk, Yap, Barrosse, Neshat, Lexell	Weston,	Levine, Dioum, Peng, Dorfman

iii. LA Neighborhood Council Coalition – 2 members (LANCC)(GB071521-08)

Public Comment: Call-In User_3, Mitch, Zach Volet

Motion Passed-Gomes

ITEM 4 biii. Motion to appoint Gomes as LANCC Rep. Self-nominated Lexell nominated by French, but declined			
Yes –10	No-06	Ineligible-01	Absent-04
Lynn, Chocron, Naoufal, French, Blaker, Gomes, Tessler, Traum, Bloom, Leeds,	Yap, Barrosse, Monk, Lexell, Neshat, Weinberger,	Weston,	Levine, Dioum, Peng, Dorfman

Leeds left the meeting

iv. Budget Advocates – 2 members (GB071521-09)

1. Pre-declared candidate - Jon Liberman
2. Sophia French nominated Gloria Dioum, but because Dioum was not present, French withdrew the nomination.
3. Wayne Spindler self-nominated
4. Call-in-User_3 nominated Wayne Spindler but declined.

Public Comment: Mitch, PRA Ken, Call-In User_3

Motion Passed-Liberman

ITEM 4 biv. Motion to appoint Liberman as BA Rep.			
Yes –13	No-02	Ineligible-01	Absent-05
Lynn, Chocron, Naoufal, French, Blaker, Gomes, Tessler, Traum, Bloom, Yap, Barrosse, Weinberger, Monk	Lexell, Neshat	Weston,	Levine, Dioum, Leeds, Peng, Dorfman

Weston and Lexell left the meeting

v. Department of Public Works (GB071521-10)

1. Traum self-nominated

2. Monk self-nominated
3. Call-in-User_3 nominated themselves who identified as Semee
Park Camarena stated the nomination is invalid

Public Comment: Call-In User_3, Andrea

Motion Passed

ITEM 4 bv. Motion to appoint Traum or Monk as DPW Liaison			
Traum-8	Monk-6	Ineligible-00	Absent-07
Lynn, Chocron, Naoufal, Blaker, Gomes, Tessler, Traum, Bloom,	Yap, French, Barrosse, Weinberger, Monk Neshat	None	Lexell, Levine, Dioum, Weston, Leeds, Peng, Dorfman

- vi. Office of City Attorney (GB071521-11)
 1. Call-in-User_3 nominated themselves, Barry Allen
 2. Liberman self-nominated

Public Comment: Mitch, PRA Ken, Call-User_3

Motion Passed-Liberman

ITEM 4 bvi. Motion to appoint Liberman or Allen as City Attorney Liaison			
Liberman-11	Allen-00	Abstain-03	Absent-07
Lynn, Weinberger, Chocron, Naoufal, Blaker, Gomes, Yap, French, Tessler, Traum, Bloom,	None	Monk, Barrosse, Neshat	Lexell, Levine, Dioum, Weston, Leeds, Peng, Dorfman

Lexell rejoined the meeting at 9:27PM.

- vii. Department of Animal Services (GB071521-12) **Lynn postponed the item to the next election.**
- viii. Data Liaison Representatives – 3 members (GB071521-13)
 1. Camarena gave an overview of the positions.
 2. French self-nominated
 3. French moved to extend the meeting to 10:00PM
 4. Lynn extended the meeting until 10:00PM with no objections from the Board.
 5. Tessler self-nominated
 6. Blaker self-nominated

Public Comment: Mitch

Motion Passed

ITEM 4 bviii. Motion to appoint French as Data Liaison Representative			
Yes-15	No-00	Abstain-00	Absent-06
Lynn, Chocron, Naoufal, Blaker, Lexell, Gomes, Tessler, Traum, Bloom, Yap, French, Barrosse, Weinberger, Monk Neshat	None	None	Levine, Dioum, Weston, Leeds, Peng, Dorfman

ITEM 4 bviiib. Motion to appoint Tessler as Data Liaison Representative			
Yes-15	No-00	Abstain-00	Absent-06
Lynn, Chocron, Naoufal, Blaker, Lexell, Gomes, Tessler, Traum, Bloom, Yap, French, Barrosse, Weinberger, Monk Neshat	None	None	Levine, Dioum, Weston, Leeds, Peng, Dorfman

ITEM 4 bviiic. Motion to appoint Blaker as Data Liaison Representative			
Yes-11	No-02	Abstain-01	Absent-07

Lynn, Chocron, Blaker, Gomes, Tessler, Traum, Bloom, Yap, French, Barrosse, Weinberger,	Monk, Lexell	Neshat	Levine, Dioum, Weston, Naoufal, Leeds, Peng, Dorfman
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Naoufal left the meeting.

Lynn moved the meeting to X1a with no Board objection.

V. General Public Comment Zach Volet, PRA Ken,

VI. Brief Board Announcements No announcements

VII. Community Reports No reports

- a. LA Police Department (Baker)
- b. Office of Councilmember Ridley-Thomas (Guevara)
- c. Office of Councilmember Koretz (Ingram)
- d. Office of Mayor Garcetti (Fingard)
- e. Office of Assemblymember Bloom (Kaufler)
- f. Office of State Senator Kamlager (Kennerk)
- g. Office of Supervisor Holly Mitchell (Sargsyan)
- h. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Cupen-Ames)
- i. Other Neighborhood, City and State offices

VIII. Consent Agenda

- a. Draft meeting minutes of June 17, 2021 (Dioum / GB071521-14) **Postponed**

IX. Committee Reports No reports

- a. Confirmation of Board Committee membership **Postponed**
 - i. Education
 - ii. Green Team
 - iii. Land Use
 - iv. Business Advocacy and Economic Development
 - v. Homelessness
 - vi. Outreach
 - vii. LGBTQ
 - viii. Parks and Recreation
 - ix. Quality of Life
 - x. Robertson Revitalization
 - xi. Public Safety
 - xii. Transportation
 - xiii. Bylaws
 - xiv. Board Development
- b. President's Report **No Report**
 - i. City Controller Ron Galperin – August Meeting
 - ii. Open Seat Announcement
 - a. At Large Representative
 - b. School Representative – Student
 - c. School Representative – Adult
 - d. Zone 5 Representative
- c. Changes to Board committee membership **No Report**
- d. Committee and liaison reports, events, and legislative issues **No Report**
- e. Treasurer's Report **No Report**

X. Unfinished Business

- a. Motion to Request Dismissal of LA City Attorney Criminal Case Against Owner of 8755 West Olympic Boulevard (Public Safety / GB071521-16)
 - i. Motion Withdrawn
- b. Motion to Request City Council Members to Communicate Stakeholder Outrage and Concern to LA District Attorney George Gascón Over Policies (Public Safety / GB071521-17)
Moved to next meeting. Never addressed.

XI. New Business

- a. Motion to send letter of concurrence with the NASE appeal of the ZA determination regarding Case No. ZA-1989-17683, ENV-2020-1328-CE (Executive / GB071521-18)

Public Comment: PRA Ken, 1424**113, Stein, 1310****352, 1603****184, Mitch**

Motion Passed

ITEM 7. Motion send letter to ZA with concurrence of NASE. Moved: Lexell Second: Gomes			
Yes-8	No-6	Abstain-00	Absent-07
Lynn, Chocron, Naoufal, Blaker, Gomes, Tessler, Traum, Bloom,	Yap, French, Barrosse, Weinberger, Monk Neshat	None	Lexell, Levine, Dioum, Weston, Leeds, Peng, Dorfman

Lynn moved the meeting to Item V.

XII. Adjournment Meeting lost quorum at 9:52PM.