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## General Board Meeting Draft Minutes

Thursday, May 19, 2022, 7:00pm

Location: *online and telephonically via Zoom-* <https://zoom.us/j/89930026366>

BOARD SEAT	May-22	ROLL CALL May 19, 2022
ZONE 1	JACOB SHOFET	Absent
ZONE 2	RICHARD BLOOM	Present
ZONE 3	SANDY BLOCK	Present
ZONE 4/ AT LARGE	BILL GROSS	Present
ZONE 5	LAURIE LEVINE	Present
ZONE 6	MICHAEL LYNN	Present
ZONE 7	VACANT	Vacant
ZONE 8	FABIOLA PRIETO	Present/ Left 7:17 pm/ 7:20 back
ZONE 9	VACANT	Vacant
ZONE 10	JOSEPH MOLLAIE	Present
AT-LARGE 1	JOEL WEINBERGER	Present/ left 8:38
AT-LARGE 2	SOPHIA FRENCH	Present
AT-LARGE 3	KYLE BERMAN	Absent/ 7:24 pm
AT-LARGE 4	DAVID NOTOWITZ	Present
AT-LARGE 5	MELINDA CHUARN	Present/ left 9:03 pm
BUSINESS REP. 1	SHEVY LIEDER	Absent/ 7:13 pm
BUSINESS REP. 2	BARRY LEVINE	Present
BUSINESS REP. 3	TERRANCE GOMES	Present
BUSINESS REP. 4	SHIRLEY TRAUM	Present/ left 8:30 pm
BUSINESS REP. 5	ELLEN LANET	Present/ left 8:55 pm
ORGANIZATIONAL REP 1	BAILA ROMM	Present/ left 7:30 pm
ORGANIZATIONAL REP 2	KEN BLAKER	Present
ORGANIZATIONAL REP 3	ARMEEN NESHAT	Present
STUDENT ADVISORY	JON LIBERMAN	Present
STUDENT SEAT	ETHAN FRANKEL	Present/ Left 8:30

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1. **Meeting Called to Order at 7:04pm by Chair, Michael Lynn**
  2. **Pledge of Allegiance, led by Michael Lynn**
  3. **Roll Call: Called by Secretary, Baila Romm**  
**Present: Richard Bloom, Sandy Block, Bill Gross, Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Fabiola Prieto, Joseph Mollaie, Joel Weinberger, Sophia French, David Notowitz, Melinda Chuarn, Barry Levine, Terrance Gomes, Shirley Traum, Ellen Lanet, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Armeen Neshat, Jon Liberman, Ethan Frankel**

**Shevy entered 7:13pm; Fabiola left at 7:17, reentered at 7:20pm; Kyle entered at 7:24pm; Baila left at 7:30pm; Ethan and Shirley left at 8:30; Joel left at 8:38pm; Ellen left at 8:55pm, Sophia and Shevy left at 9:00pm; Melinda left at 9:03pm**

4. **General Public Comment: *None***

5. **Brief Board Announcements**

Baila: Public Safety Committee to take up funding of Neighborhood Watch signs  
Jon:  
Joel:

6. **Community Reports**

- a. LA Police Department (Baker/Ojeda) **Absent**
- b. Office of Councilmember Ridley-Thomas (Guevara) **Gave report**
- c. Office of Councilmember Koretz (Ingram) **Absent**
- d. Office of Mayor Garcetti (Anand) **See City Reports on soro.com Calendar**
- e. Office of State Assemblymember Bloom (Kaufler) **Absent**
- f. Office of State Assemblymember Bryan (Persoff) **See City Reports on soro.com Calendar**
- g. Office of State Senator Kamlager (Siroky) **Gave Report**
- h. Office of County Supervisor Kuehl (Sherrell) **See City Reports on soro.com Calendar**
- i. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Cupen-Ames) **See City Reports on soro.com Calendar**
- j. Jonathan Brand: Update on beautification and outreach project that SORONC supported at Canfield Elementary- **Gave a 15-minute Slide presentation with q&a along with Rebeca Wester, Friends of Canfield**
- k. Other Neighborhood, City and State offices **None**

7. **Board Membership- Selections, Removals, Resignations & Leaves of Absence**

**Public Comment: None**

- a. Chair Announced SORO NC Board Member Chad Monk resigned by email on May 2, 2022 and that his Zone 7 seat was immediately announced as open for application on soronc.com and social media
- b. Motion to remove Boardmember Ethan Frankel from the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council as the School Student Representative due to missing five (5) General Board meetings, as per SORO NC Bylaws (GB051922-01)

**Substitute Motion to not remove Ethan Frankel** from the Neighborhood Council, provided he does not miss any more General Board meetings.

**Moved: by Terrence Gomes Second: by Jon Liberman**

**16 For 4 Against 0 Abstain 1 NE 0 Recuse**

**Yes: Joel Weinberger, Sophia French, Kyle Berman, David Notowitz, Melinda Chuarn, Shevy Lieder, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Ken Blaker, Armeen Neshat, Richard Bloom, Sandy Block, Laurie Levine, Fabiola, Jon Liberman, Ethan Frankel**

**No: Barry Levine, Bill Gross, Michael Lynn, Joseph**

**NE: Ellen Lanet**

**Absent: Baila Romm, Jacob Shofet**

**Motion passes**

- c. Motion to appoint Gabriela Penhasi as Zone 7 Representative (Term expires 2025) (GB051922-02)

Substitute Motion to postpone the current Motion to the June General Board meeting, and reopen the application process to accept additional applications

**Moved: by Jon Second: by Laurie**

**18 For 1 Against 1 Abstain 1 NE 0 Recuse**

**Yes: Joel Weinberger, Sophia French, David Notowitz, Melinda Chuarn, Shevy Lieder, Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Ken Blaker, Armeen Neshat, Richard Bloom, Sandy Block, Bill Gross, Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Fabiola Prieto, Joseph Mollaie, Jon Liberman**

**No: Kyle Berman,**

**NE: Ellen,**

**Abstain: Ethan Frankel**

**Absent: Baila Romm, Jacob Shofet,**

**Motion Passes**

**Meeting suspended and recess called by Chair Lynn at 8pm without objection**

**Meeting resumed and was called to order by Chair Lynn at 8:30pm**

- d. Chair announced the Residential Zone 9 Representative did not have any applications for 60 days and thereby becomes an "At-Large" position through end of term, as per SORO NC Bylaws and will be announced via soronc.org website and social media as of 5/20/2022

**8. Committees, Liaisons and Alliance Representatives**

- a. Opportunity to Join and/or Change Membership to Board Committees (GB051922-03)

**Joseph joined Land Use, Business Advocacy and Transportation; Kyle joined Business Advocacy; Fabiola joined Parks and Recreation**

- b. Committee, Liaisons and Alliance Reports:

**Public Safety Chair Gomes gave report on last Sunday's SORO NC Sponsored LAPD Catalytic Converter Etching event as very successful**

**9. Unfinished Business**

NONE

**10. Consent Agenda**

**Public Comment: None**

- ~~a. Motion to approve Draft meeting minutes of April 28, 2022 General Board Meeting (GB051922-04)~~
- ~~b. Motion to approve April 2022 MERS Report (GB051922-05)~~
- ~~c. Motion to support the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils Motion requesting the city of Los Angeles' Bureau of Engineering use "cool asphalt" technology. (GB051922-06)~~
- ~~d. Motion to allocate funding to a special account from Community Improvement Projects for tree planting and stump removal for \$18356.52 (GB051922-07)~~
- ~~e. Motion to purchase five Zoom licenses for the SORO NC Board at \$200.00 each for \$1000 for one year (GB051922-08)~~
- ~~f. Motion to Approve the SORO NC Budget for FY 2022-2023 for \$42000 (GB051922-09)~~
- ~~g. Motion to fund up to \$750 for Hami Garden (GB051922-10)~~
- ~~h. Motion for the SORO NC to fund up to \$2500 to purchase business cards for Board Members (GB051922-11)~~
- ~~i. Motion for the SORO NC to reopen NPG Process for \$4500.00 from May 22, 2022 to May 29, 2022 with NPGs due May 29, 2022 at 5:00PM (GB051922-12)~~
- ~~j. Motion for the SORO NC to write a letter to BONC opposing the current version of the draft Neighborhood Council Code of Conduct as of May 19th 2022 (GB051922-13)~~

**a. Removed by Armeen (mistake in minutes)**

**d. Removed by Jon Liberman**

**e. Removed by Ken Blaker**

**h. Removed by Bill Gross**

**j. Removed by Joel Weinberger**

**Consent Agenda Remaining Items b, c, f, g and i**

**Moved: by Michael Lynn      Second: by Jon Liberman**

**18 For    0 Against    0 Abstain      \_\_\_NE      \_\_\_Recuse**

**Yes: Joel Weinberger, Sophia French, Kyle Berman, David Notowitz, Melinda Chuarn, Shevy Lieder, Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Ken Blaker, Armeen Neshat, Richard Bloom, Sandy Block, Bill Gross, Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Fabiola Prieto, Joseph Mollaie, Jon Liberman**  
**Absent: Shirley Traum, Baila Romm, Jacob Shofet, Ethan Frankel, Ellen Lanet**

**Motion Passes Consent Agenda 10BCFGI**

**11. New Business**

**Public Comment: None**

- a. **Reconsideration of Motion to Reallocate Unused NPG Funding to CIP Funding (GB051922-14)**

**Moved: by Ken Second: by Jon**

**9 For 3 Against 5 Abstain 1 Inelig \_\_\_ Recuse**

**Yes: Sophia French, Melinda Chuarn, Shevy Lieder, Barry Levine, Ken Blaker, Richard Bloom, Sandy Block, Laurie Levine, Jon Liberman**

**No: Bill Gross, Michael Lynn, Terrence Gomes**

**Abstain: Kyle Berman, David Notowitz, Armeen Neshat, Fabiola Prieto, Joseph Mollaie**

**Absent: Joel Weinberger, Shirley Chuarn, Baila Romm, Jacob, Ethan Frankel, Shirley Traum, Jacob Shofet, Ellen Lanet**

**Motion passes**

- 11 a. **Motion to Reallocate Unused NPG Funding to CIP Funding**

**Moved: by Ken Second: by Jon**

**6 For 7 Against 0 Abstain 0 NE 0 Recuse**

**Yes: Kyle, Sandy Block, Laurie Levine, Terrence Gomes, Michael Lynn, Fabiola**

**No: Bill Gross, Ken Blaker, Jon Liberman, Joseph, David Notowitz, Barry Levine, Richard Bloom,**

**Abstain: Armeen Neshat,**

**Absent: Sophia French, Joel Weinberger, Shirley Chuarn, Baila Romm, Ethan Frankel, Shirley Traum, Jacob Shofet, Melinda Chu Jon Liberman, Jon Liberman, Shevy Lieder, Ellen Lanet**

**Motion does not pass**

Item h from Consent Calendar

**Motion for the SORO NC to fund up to \$2500 to purchase business cards for Board Members (GB051922-11)**

**Moved: by Jon Second: by Fabiola**

**13 For 0 Against 0 Abstain 1 NE 0 Recuse**

**Yes: David Notowitz, Barry Levine, Ken Blaker, Richard Bloom, Sandy Block, Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Jon Liberman, Bill Gross, Terrence Gomes, Armeen Neshat, Fabiola Prieto, Joseph Mollaie**  
**Absent: Joel Weinberger, Sophia French, Shirley Traum, Baila Romm, Jacob, Ethan Frankel, Jacob Shofet, Melinda Chuarn, Shevy Lieder,**  
**NE: Kyle Berman**

**Item 10 j from Consent Calendar**

Motion for the SORO NC to write a letter to BONC opposing the current version of the draft Neighborhood Council Code of Conduct as of May 19th 2022 (GB051922-13)

**Moved: by Michael Lynn      Second: by Laurie Levine**  
**12 For    1 Against    1 Abstain                    0 NE    0 Recuse**

**Yes: David Notowitz, Barry Levine, Ken Blaker, Richard Bloom, Sandy Block, Laurie Levine, Bill Gross Jon Liberman, Fabiola Prieto, Joseph Mollaie, Terrence Gomes, Michael Lynn,**  
**No: Armeen Neshat**  
**Abstain: Kyle Berman,**  
**Absent: Joel Weinberger, Shirley Traum, Baila Romm, Jacob, Ethan Frankel, Shirley Traum, Jacob Shofet, Sophia French, Shevy Lieder, Melinda Chuarn, Ellen Lanet**  
**Motion Passes**

**Item d from Consent Calendar**

**d. Motion to allocate funding to a special account from Community Improvement Projects for tree planting and stump removal for \$18356.52 (GB051922-07)**

**Moved: by Jon Liberman      Second: by Laurie Levine**

**Withdrawn by Terry (as Chair of Budget and Finance Committee)**

**Item a. from Consent Calendar**

Motion to approve Draft meeting minutes of April 28, 2022 General Board Meeting (GB051922-04)

**Armeen made correction of his vote for Item F. on Draft Minutes, to reflect that he voted NO instead of YES. Vote Count was correct**

**Moved: by Jon    Second: by Armeen**  
**14 For    0 Against      0 Abstain    0 NE            0 Recuse**

**Yes: Kyle Berman, David Notowitz, Barry Levine, Terrance Gomes, Ken Blaker, Armeen Neshat, Richard Bloom, Sandy Block, Bill Gross, Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Fabiola Pietro, Joseph Mollaie, Jon Liberman**

**Absent: Melinda Chuarn, Shevy Lieder, Shirley Traum, Ellen Lanet, Baila Romm, Jacob Shofet, Ethan Frankel**

**Motion Passes**

**Item e from Consent Calendar**

Motion to purchase five Zoom licenses for the SORO NC Board at \$200.00 each for \$1000 for one year (GB051922-08)

**Moved: by Sandy      Second: by Fabiola**  
**13 For    0 Against    0 Abstain      1 NE    0 Recuse**

**Yes: David Notowitz, Barry Levine, Terrance Gomes, Ken Blaker, Armeen Neshat, Richard Bloom, Sandy Block, Bill Gross, Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Fabiola Prieto, Joseph Mollaie, Jon Liberman**  
**Absent: Melinda Chuarn, Shevy Lieder, Shirley Traum, Ellen Lanet, Baila Romm, Jacob Shofet, Ethan Frankel**  
**NE: Kyle Berman**

**Motion Passes**

**Chair announced that a Budget and Finance meeting would be scheduled for 7pm on Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> to review any NPG applications, followed by a Special Executive Committee meeting to set a Special General Board meeting for 7pm on Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> to approve (if necessary.)**

- 12. Chair Adjourned meeting at 9:46PM without objection.**