



General Board Meeting Agenda

Thursday, May 18, 2023, 7:00pm

Meetings end at 9:30pm unless the Board votes to end earlier or extend the time.

Location: Robertson Recreation Center, 1633 Preuss Street, Los Angeles CA 90035- Room B.

- 1. Call to Order 7:53 pm by Ken Blaker**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Roll Call: Stuart Weiss, Michael Lynn, Daniel Ferszt, Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Baila Romm, Richard Bloom, Sandy Block, Laurie Levine, Joseph Mollaie, Jon Liberman, Benji Karben, Mitch Cohen
Absent: Joel Weinberger, Ellen Lanet,
14 Present 3 Absent**
- 4. General Public Comment: Public Speaker 1-**
- 5. Brief Board Announcements**
 - a. Items for Future Committee or General Board Agendas- Ken Blaker- We have a carryover item from unfinished business requiring Community Reports be submitted 72 hours before meeting; In person meetings are more communicative and civil. This will lead to action
 - b. Other Brief Board Announcements- Baila - City Attorney Neighborhood Prosecutors have be reassigned to roam the halls of the courthouse by Heide Soto-Feinstein. Richard Bloom- A bill involving hybrid meetings states as long as you have quorum you can attend via zoom but only for emergencies or a just cause. We are good at getting members bad at retention; we can address perhaps in the next meeting. Michael Lynn- SB411 passed the State Senate- now onto the Assembly. Looks likely it could go to governor's desk in late September. Could vote in October or November to go back to zoom or in person.
- 6. Community Reports**
 - a. LA Police Department (Baker/Ojeda)- Not Present
 - b. LA Fire Department- Battalion 18 (Miller) – Not Present
 - c. Office of Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky (Zipper) Gave Report
 - d. Office of Councilmember Hutt (Guevara) Gave Report
 - e. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (Vacant)
 - f. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Cupen-Ames) Gave Report
 - g. Office of the City Clerk- Election Division (Alvarado) Not Present

- h. Office of Mayor Bass (Vacant)
- i. Office of County Supervisor Horvath (Zachary) Gave Report
- j. Office of State Assemblymember Bryan (Persoff) Gave Report
- k. Office of State Senator Smallwood-Cuevas (Vacant)
- l. Office of Congressman Kamlager-Dove (Vacant)
- m. Other Neighborhood, City and State offices

7. Board Membership- Selections, Removals & Resignations

Public Comment: None

- a. Notice of resignations of Jacob Shofet, Resident Zone 1 Representative (2025), and Dina Leeds, Resident Zone 7 Representative (2025)
- b. Motion to Appoint At-Large Representative 5 - term expires June 30, 2025 (GB051823-01)
 - Applicant: Jose L Lopez – Not Present- No Vote was taken
- c. Motion to Appoint At-Large Representative (Unfilled Organization Representative 3) -term expires June 30, 2023 (GB051823-02)
 - Applicant Christopher Hayes Blackwood
 Moved: Terrence Gomes Second: Michael Lynn
 Laurie Levine- if you are here beyond one month what are you interested in?
 Hayes Blackwood-anything to make the community better.
 Baila Romm- why do you want a one month only position?
 Hayes Blackwood- because of work
 Joseph Mollaie- if you could change one thing about the neighborhood what would it be?
 Hayes Blackwood- more events and local businesses involvement

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Stuart Weiss, Sandy Block, Daniel Ferszt, Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Richard Bloom, Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Joseph Mollaie, Jon Liberman, Benji Karbon

14 yes 0 no 0 abstain

Christopher Hayes Blackwood (preferred name Hayes) entered the meeting as a Boardmember at 8:42 pm

- d. Motion to Appoint Business Representative 1 -term expires June 30, 2023 (No Applicants) Postpone until June
- e. Motion to Appoint At-Large Representative (Unfilled Resident Zone 4 Representative) - term expires June 30, 2023 (No Applicants) Postpone until June
- f. Motion to Appoint Resident Zone 6 Representative - term expires June 30, 2023 (No Applicants) Postpone until June
- g. Motion to Appoint SORO NC President
 Laurie Levine nominates Michael Lynn
 Moved to a vote by Laurie Levine Second: Joseph Mollaie
 Public Comment: None
 Roll call vote: 14 yes 0 no 0 abstain
 Yes: Stuart Weiss, Sandy Block, Daniel Ferszt, Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Richard Bloom, Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Joseph Mollaie, Jon Liberman, Benji Karbon

14 yes 0 no
Motion Passes

8. Committees, Liaisons and Alliance Representatives

- a. Committee, Liaisons and Alliance Reports
 1. Standing and Ad-hoc Committees: Executive; Education; Land Use; Public Safety; Homelessness; Outreach; Transportation; Business Advocacy & Development; Parks and Recreation; Budget & Finance; Bylaws; Board Development; Elections (Ad-hoc)
 2. Liaisons and Alliances: LANCC, WRAC, LADWP, Budget Advocates, City Attorney, Public Works, Animal Services, Data
- b. Opportunity to Join and/or Change Membership to Board Committees
Joseph Mollaie – remove from Transportation Committee

9. Unfinished Business

- a. None

10. Consent Agenda

Public Comment: None

- a. Motion to approve April 2023 MERS Report. (GB051823-03)
- b. Motion to approve the FY 2023-2024 budget. (GB051823-04)
- c. ~~Motion to remove the Pledge of Allegiance from all SORO meeting agendas. (GB051823-05) Removed by Jon Liberman, Baila Romm, Joseph Mollaie~~
- d. Motion to oppose the \$90 election location invoice received from the City Clerk. (GB051823-06)
- e. Motion to host a first responders appreciation day. (GB051823-07)
- f. Motion to have a town hall meeting on child protection on September 10, 2023. (GB051823-08)
- g. Motion for the SORO NC to Support LANCC Declaration of Rights. (GB051823-09)
- h. Motion for SORO NC to modify prior motion GB121522-08 to include the responsibility for clean-up of all of the streets in SORO to the purview of the Business Advocacy & Development Committee and to fund up to \$5000 to purchase equipment to perform these clean ups. (GB051823-10)
- i. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to not renew three of the four (4) paid Zoom licenses that are due to expire this fiscal year. (GB051823-11)
- j. ~~Motion to submit CIS in opposition to Council File 23-0036: Title, Council Chamber / Public Disruption or Unrest / De-escalation and mediation / Unarmed officers. (GB051823-12) removed by Barry Levine~~
- k. ~~Motion to submit a CIS in opposition of Council File 23-0002-S28: Title, AB 28 (Gabriel) / Firearm and Ammunition Tax / Protection Against Gun Violence. (GB051823-13) Removed by Barry Levine~~
- l. Motion to submit a CIS in support of Council File 23-0002-S29: Title, Prohibit Sale of Vehicles Without Catalytic Converter / Etched Engraved Vehicle Identification Number / Legislative Program. (GB051823-14)

- ~~m. Motion to submit a CIS in support of Council File 23-0002-S43: Title, Gravely Disabled Definition Expansion / Physical and Mental Health / Serious Harm. (GB051823-15) Removed by Barry Levine~~
- ~~n. Motion to submit a CIS in support of Council File 23-0002-S32, Title: AB 1082 (Kalra) / Authority Removal / Police Officer / Public Employee / Vehicle Immobilization / Highway / Public land. (GB051823-16) Removed by Barry Levine~~

Roll call vote Consent Agenda Items a,b,d,e,f,g,h,i, only

Yes: Stuart Weiss, Sandy Block, Daniel Ferszt, Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Richard Bloom, Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Joseph Mollaie, Jon Liberman, Benji Karbon,
Hayes Blackwood- ineligible

14 yes 0 no 1- ineligible

Consent agenda passes

11. New Business

- a. c. Motion to remove the Pledge of Allegiance from all SORO meeting agendas. (GB051823-05)

Moved: Barry Levine Second: Jon Liberman

Roll call vote: Yes: Stuart Weiss, Sandy Block, Daniel Ferszt, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Richard Bloom, Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Joseph Mollaie, Jon Liberman, Benji Karbon

Yes: Barry Levine

Motion Fails

Items removed from the consent agenda j,k,m,n postponed until next month

12. Adjournment: 9:01 pm