



General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 21, 2022, 7:00pm

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1. **Call to Order 7:02 pm by President Lynn**
 2. **Pledge of Allegiance led by Bill Gross**
 3. **Roll Call:** Bill Gross, Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Fabiola Prieto, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Joel Weinberger, David Notowitz, Melinda Chuarn, Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Jon Liberman
Absent: Jacob Shofet, Richard Bloom, Sandy Block, Sophia French, Kyle Berman, Shevy Lieder, Ellen Lanet,
 4. **General Public Comment: None**
 5. **Brief Board Announcements**
 - a. Items for Future Committee or General Board Agendas: None
 - b. Other Brief Board Announcements: None
 6. **Community Reports**
 - a. LA Police Department (Baker/Ojeda) **Not Present**
 - b. Office of Councilmember Ridley-Thomas (Guevara) **Gave Presentation**
 - c. Office of Councilmember Koretz (Ingram) **Not Present**
 - d. Office of Mayor Garcetti (Anand) **Gave Presentation**
 - e. Office of State Assemblymember Bloom (Kaufler) **Not Present**
 - f. Office of State Assemblymember Bryan (Persoff) **Gave Presentation**
 - g. Office of State Senator Kamlager (Siroky) **Gave Presentation**
 - h. Office of County Supervisor Kuehl (Sherrell) **Not Present**
 - i. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Cupen-Ames) **Not Present**
 - j. Other Neighborhood, City and State offices None
 7. **Board Membership- Selections, Removals, Resignations & Leaves of Absence**
 - a. Motion to appoint an At-Large Representative (reverts back to Zone 7 Representative after Term expires June 30, 2025) (GB072122-01)
 - Gabriela Penhasi
 - Dina Leeds

Public Comment: Amy Haberland

Vote: 10 yes Dina Leeds

Yes: Bill Gross, Laurie Levine, Fabiola Prieto, Joseph Mollaie, David Notowitz, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Jon Liberman,

Vote: 5 yes Gabriela Penhasi

Yes: Michael Lynn, Mitch Cohen, Joel Weinberger, Melinda Chuarn, Barry Levine

Dina Leeds entered the meeting as a Board Member at 7:39 pm

- b. Acknowledgement of Armeen Neshat's resignation from the SORO NC on July 4, 2022 – **Board acknowledged.**

Motion to appoint Organizational Representative 3 (Term expires 2023) (GB072122-02)- **No Applicants (posted on soronc.org July 5, 2022)**
Postponed to August meeting

- c. Motion to appoint Student Representative (Term expires 2023) (GB072122-03)- **No Applicants (posted on soronc.org July 5, 2022)**
Postponed to August meeting

8. Committees, Liaisons and Alliance Representatives

- a. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to create an Ad-Hoc Elections Committee, for the purpose of making recommendations to the SORO NC General Board regarding logistics, candidate outreach, marketing and other matters concerning the 2023 SORO NC Elections, expiring June 30, 2023 (GB072122-04)

Amendment to add that the committee will elect its own committee chair

Moved: Joseph Mollaie Second: Jon Liberman

Public Comment: None

Vote to Amend: 16 yes 0 no 0 abstain

Yes: Bill Gross, Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Dina Leeds, Fabiola Prieto, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Joel Weinberger, David Notowitz, Melinda Chuarn, Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Jon Liberman

Jon 2nd amends - Strike and or stakeholders

Moved: Jon Second: Baila

Vote: 12 yes 0 no 4 abstain

Yes: Bill Gross, Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Mitch Cohen, David Notowitz, Melinda Chuarn, Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Jon Liberman

Abstain: Dina Leeds, Joel Weinberger, Joseph Mollaie, Fabiola Prieto

Vote 8a as Amended:

Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to create an Ad-Hoc Elections Committee, for the purpose of making recommendations to the SORO NC General Board regarding logistics, candidate outreach, marketing and other matters concerning the 2023 SORO NC Elections, expiring June 30, 2023. This committee will elect its own committee chair. (GB072122-04)

Vote: 15 yes 0 no 1 abstain

Yes: Bill Gross, Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Fabiola Prieto, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Joel Weinberger, David Notowitz, Melinda Chuarn, Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Jon Liberman

Abstain: Dina Leeds

Motion passes as amend here.

- b. Opportunity to Join and/or Change Membership to Board Committees (GB072122-05)
- c. Committee, Liaisons and Alliance Reports: WRAC – LANC , Public Safety, Coffee with a Cop, Homeless – no answers from LHASA.
 - 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
Join Ad Hoc Elections: Jon Liberman, Michael Lynn, Baila Romm, Joel Weinberger
Land Use: Jon Liberman leave committee
 - 2. Liaisons and Alliances: LANCC, WRAC, LADWP, Budget Advocates, City Attorney, Public Works, Animal Services, Data

9. Unfinished Business

- a. NONE

10. Consent Agenda

Public Comment: None

- a. Motion to approve Draft meeting minutes of June 16, 2022 General Board Meeting (GB072122-06)
- b. Motion to approve Draft meeting minutes of July 14, 2022 General Board Special Meeting (GB072122-07)
- ~~c. Motion to approve June 2022 MERS Report (GB072122-08)~~
- d. Motion to approve 2022-23 fiscal year General Board and Standing Committee Meetings Calendar (GB072122-09)
- e. Motion to approve Fabiola Prieto as Outreach Committee Co-Chair (GB072122-10)
- ~~f. Motion to approve Jon Liberman as Homelessness Committee Co-Chair (GB072122-11)~~
- ~~g. Motion for SORO NC to spend up to \$250 maximum per month (\$3000 maximum for fiscal year 2022-23) for Facebook, Instagram and NextDoor advertising (GB072122-12)~~
- ~~h. Motion for the SORO NC to authorize its Outreach Committee to create and issue press releases of any events, activities, positions, or actions resulting from approved motions at the monthly General Board meetings to an approved list of media contacts (GB072122-13)~~
- ~~i. Motion for the SORO NC to hire a service to take and edit minutes of its General Board meetings at a rate of \$29.26 per hour, up to \$250 per month through July 2023, on the condition that Bridgegap Temporary Staffing, any of~~

~~its subsidiary companies, nor any company owned directly or indirectly by any sitting SORO Neighborhoods Council member be awarded the contract (GB072122-14)~~

- ~~j. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to support the recommended changes to the municipal lobbying ordinance (MLO) regarding neighborhood councils by submitting a Community Impact Statement with attached letter to (Council File 22-0560 Municipal Lobbying Ordinance / Updates), including adoption of nonprofit exemption, and send the letter to all City Council Members (GB072122-15)~~
- ~~k. Motion that the SORO NC send a letter to LA Police Commission, Councilmember Koretz and Mayor Garcetti to request expedition of the SORO NC and LA City Clerk approved NPG for the West LAPD Station children's lobby (GB072122-16)~~

Vote Consent Agenda items a, b, d, e,

Moved: Jon Liberman Second: Joseph Mollaie

Vote: 17 yes 0 no 0 abstain 0 ineligible

Yes: Bill Gross, Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Dina Leeds, Fabiola Prieto, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Joel Weinberger, David Notowitz, Melinda Chuarn, Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Ellen Lanet, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Jon Liberman

Motion Passes

11. New Business

- a. Motion for the SORO NC to approve funding of up to \$1855.84 for Neighborhood Watch Signs to be printed and installed on Hargis St. (GB072122-17)

Public Comment: Lisa Baskin, Goat Puppet, Cory, Kerry

Moved: Baila Second: Laurie

Amendment: reduce total amount to be only \$1000.

Moved: Terrence Gomes Second: Jon Liberman

Vote: 0 yes 15 no 0 abstain 1 ineligible

Vote no: Bill Gross, Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Dina Leeds, Fabiola Prieto, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Joel Weinberger, David Notowitz, Melinda Chuarn, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Jon Liberman

Ineligible: Barry Levine, Ellen Lanet

Motion to amend to \$1000. Fails

New motion to amend as written:

Motion for the SORO NC to approve funding of up to \$1855.84 for Neighborhood Watch Signs to be printed and installed on Hargis St. and that the funding be allocated from the Community Improvement Project expenditures category. (GB072122-17)

Moved: Baila Romm Second: Laurie Levine

Vote: 15 yes 0 no 0 abstain 2 ineligibles

Yes: Bill Gross, Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Dina Leeds, Fabiola Prieto, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Joel Weinberger, David Notowitz, Melinda

Chuarn, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Jon Liberman
Ineligible: Barry Levine, Janet Lanet
Motion Passes as amended

David Notowitz left the meeting at 9:08 pm

- b. Motion for the SORO NC to hire a service to take and edit minutes of its General Board meetings at a rate of \$29.26 per hour, up to \$250 per month through July 2023, ~~on the condition that Bridgegap Temporary Staffing, any of its subsidiary companies, nor any company owned~~ directly or indirectly by any sitting SORO Neighborhoods Council member be awarded the contract (GB072122-14)

Terrence Gomes Recused 9:08 pm

Public Comment: Goat Puppet

Motion to Amend: Baila Motions to remove “on the condition that Bridgegap Temporary Staffing, any of its subsidiary companies, nor any company owned” from the motion.

Moved: Jon Liberman Second: Laurie Levine

As Amended:

Moved: Baila Romm Second: Jon Liberman

Vote: 13 yes no 0 abstain 2 ineligible 1 recused

Yes: Bill Gross, Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Dina Leeds, Fabiola Prieto, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Joel Weinberger, Melinda Chuarn, Shirley Traum, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Jon Liberman

Recused: Terrence Gomes

Ineligible: Barry Levine, Ellen Lanet

Motion Passes

Vote as amended:

Vote: 12 yes 0 no 1 abstain 2 ineligible 1 recused

Yes: Bill Gross, Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Fabiola Prieto, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Joel Weinberger, Melinda Chuarn, Shirley Traum, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Jon Liberman

Abstain: Dina Leeds

Recused: Terrence Gomes

Ineligible: Barry Levine, Ellen Lanet

Motion Passes

Terrence Gomes reentered the meeting at 9:22 pm

- 10 f. Motion to approve Jon Liberman as Homelessness Committee Co-Chair (GB072122-11)

Moved: Terrence Second: Laurie

Vote: 13 yes 1 no 1 abstain

Yes: Michael Lynn, Dina Leeds, Mitch Cohen, Joel Weinberger, Melinda Chuarn, Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Shirly Traum, Ellen Lanet, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Jon Liberman

No: Bill Gross

Abstain: Laurie Levine, Joseph Mollaie

Motion Passes

10 g. Motion for SORO NC to spend up to \$250 maximum per month (\$3000 maximum for fiscal year 2022-23) for Facebook, Instagram and NextDoor advertising (GB072122-12)

Joel Weinberger recused 9:32 pm

Moved: Jon Liberman Second: Fabiola Prieto

Vote: 13 yes 0 no 0 abstain 1 recused 2 ineligible

Yes: Bill Gross, Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Dina Leeds, Fabiola Prieto, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Melinda Chuarn, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Jon Liberman

Recused: Joel Weinberger

Ineligible: Barry Levine, Ellen Lanet

Motion Passes

Joel Weinberger reentered the meeting 9:42 pm

Dina Leeds left the meeting at 9:47 pm

10 h. Motion for the SORO NC to authorize its Outreach Committee to create and issue press releases of any events, activities, positions, or actions resulting from approved motions at the monthly General Board meetings to an approved list of media contacts (GB072122-13)

Moved: Joseph Mollaie Second: Joel Weinberger

Vote: 15 yes 0 no 0 abstain

Yes: Bill Gross, Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Fabiola Prieto, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Joel Weinberg, Melinda Chuarn, Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Ellen Lanet, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Jon Liberman

Motion Passes

10 j. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to support the recommended changes to the municipal lobbying ordinance (MLO) regarding neighborhood councils by submitting a Community Impact Statement with attached letter to (Council File 22-0560 Municipal Lobbying Ordinance / Updates), including adoption of nonprofit exemption, and send the letter to all City Council Members (GB072122-15)

Moved: Jon Liberman Second: Joel Weinberger

Vote: 13 yes 1 no 1 abstain

Yes: Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Fabiola Prieto, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Joel Weinberg, Melinda Chuarn, Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Jon Liberman

No: Bill Gross

Abstain: Ellen Lanet

Motion Passes

10 k. Motion that the SORO NC send a letter to LA Police Commission, Councilmember Koretz and Mayor Garcetti to request expedition of the SORO NC and LA City Clerk approved NPG for the West LAPD Station children's lobby (GB072122-16)

Moved: Baila Romm Second: Jon Liberman

Vote: 14 yes 1 no 0 abstain

Yes: Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Fabiola Prieto, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Joel Weinberg, Melinda Chuarn, Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Ellen Lanet, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Jon Liberman

No: Bill Gross

Motion Passes

12. Adjournment 10:00 pm
