



# Executive Committee Meeting Approved Minutes

Thursday, September 8, 2022

**Location: *online at* <https://zoom.us/j/96797820685> and phone (877) 853 5257**  
**Meeting ID No. 967 9782 0685**

1. **Meeting called to Order at: 7:11 pm**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance led by: Terrence Gomes**
3. **Roll Call: Present: Michael Lynn, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Terrence Gomes**
4. **General Public Comment:**
5. **Approval of Outstanding Executive Committee Minutes**
  - a. Draft Minutes from August 10, 2022 Executive Committee meeting
  - b. Draft Minutes from August 14, 2022 Special Executive Committee meeting

Moved: Terrence Gomes    Second: Baila Romm  
Public Comment: None  
Vote: 5 yes 0 no 0 abstain  
Yes: Michael Lynn, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Terrence Gomes  
Motion Passes
6. **Brief Committee Announcements**
  - a. Items for Future Executive Committee Agendas - None
  - b. Other Brief Committee Announcements - None
7. **Unfinished Business**
  - a. Discussion and possible action to set a location and date for a General Board Retreat – Special Meeting Wednesday October 26 7 pm – 10  
Public Comment: Goat Puppet  
Motion to set the date of the SORO Board Retreat on zoom for Monday, October 24th 7 pm - 10-pm  
Vote: 5 yes 0 no 0 abstain  
Yes: Michael Lynn, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Terrence Gomes  
Motion passes.
  - b. Discussion and possible action to recommend the SORO NC to approve upgrading or replacing its current plan with JotForm  
Motion to end subscription to JotForm. (Ken Blaker will write the motion.)

Moved: Terrence Gomes      Second: Baila Romm  
Public Comment: None  
Vote:      4 yes 0 no 0 abstain  
Yes: Michael Lynn, Ken Blaker, Terrence Gomes, Baila Romm  
Motion passes

- c. Discussion and possible action to review submission of unsubmitted CISs and unsent letters previously approved by the SORO NC General Board  
There are 26 unsent letters and CIS forms to be sent.  
A motion for executive committee to divide up the unsent letters and CIS's to be completed by the executive committee by September 15, 2022.  
Moved: Terrence Gomes      Second: Ken Blaker  
Public Comment: Goat Puppet  
Vote: 3 yes      1 no  
Yes: Michael Lynn, Ken Blaker, Terrence Gomes,  
No: Baila Romm
- d. Special Executive Committee meeting to review SORO NC Website content on Wednesday, October 26th 7 pm on zoom.  
Public Comment: Goat Puppet
- e. Update on the status of the SORO NC Medallions, and discussion and possible action on facilitating the project's completion.  
Terrence Gomes gave update. Both council districts need to complete the council file to approve the funding and the location of the placements of the medallions.

## 8. New Business

- ~~a. Discussion and possible action on procedures to address and/or block spam generated on SORO NC website forms and emails.  
Ken Blaker gave update. Withdrawn~~
- b. Discussion and possible action on what the defined role of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment NEA in regards to the SORO NC.  
Public Comment: Goat Puppet  
Motion for Terrence Gomes to collect further information on what is the defined role of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment NEA in regards to the SORO NC.  
Moved: Michael Lynn      Second: Terrence Gomes  
Vote:      4 yes 0 no 0 abstain  
Yes: Michael Lynn, Ken Blaker, Terrence Gomes, Baila Romm  
Motion passes  
Terrence Gomes will write the motion.
- c. Discussion and possible actions on how the passage of SB 1100 (takes effect 1/20/23) affects the SORO NC meetings.  
SB 1100 defines disruptions at public meetings and what can be done about it. Move to postpone without objection.
- d. Discussion and possible action to recommend that the SORO NC support the WRAC motion to write a letter to Mayor Garcetti and Councilmember Koretz concerning the mistreatment of animals at City Shelters, and submit a CIS to Council File: 22-0943 Also see <https://www.westsidecurrent.com/news/koretz->

[seek-more-funding-options-for-stressed-la-animal-shelters/article\\_4f5e0c10-1db1-11ed-9212-df9e2a8bb2cf.html](https://www.soro.org/seek-more-funding-options-for-stressed-la-animal-shelters/article_4f5e0c10-1db1-11ed-9212-df9e2a8bb2cf.html) for background info

Moved: Terrence Gomes      Second: Ken Blaker

Public Comment: None

Motion to for the SORO NC to copy the Beverly Crest letter to Mayor and Koretz and add a CIS 22-0943. (Michael Lynn will write it)

Vote:      4 yes 0 no 0 abstain

Yes: Michael Lynn, Ken Blaker, Terrence Gomes, Baila Romm

Motion passes

- e. Discussion and possible action for the SORO NC to support the LANCC motion and CIS on CF 11-1020-S3 – opposing the misuse of Budget Allocations. Postpone to next month.
- f. Discussion and Possible action for the SORO NC to appoint up to six (6) board members to attend Civic U 1.0 2022. Presented by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and the Office of Mayor Garcetti. Civic U 1.0 presented by Dr. Raphael J. Sonenshein, Ph.D. Executive Director, Pat Brown Institute for Public Affairs, California State University, Los Angeles. Dates are October 6th, October 13th, and October 27th. Appointed board members must attend all three sessions.

Moved: Terrence Gomes      Second: Ken Blaker

Public Comment: None

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Vote:      4 yes 0 no 0 abstain

Yes: Michael Lynn, Ken Blaker, Terrence Gomes, Baila Romm

Motion passes

Michael Lynn will write the motion
- g. Discussion and possible action for the SORO NC to co-sponsor the (virtual) CD-5 Candidate Debate on Monday, October 10, 2022 at 7 p.m., moderated by Patty Lombard from the Larchmont Buzz  
Public Comment: Goat Puppet  
Motion for SORO NC to co-sponsor the (virtual) CD-5 Candidate Debate on Monday, October 10, 2022 at 7 p.m., moderated by Patty Lombard from the Larchmont Buzz.  
Moved: Baila Romm      Second: Terrence Gomes  
Vote:      1 yes 3 no 0 abstain  
Yes: Michael Lynn  
No: Baila Romm, Terrence Gomes, Ken Blaker  
Motion Fails
- h. Discussion and possible action for the SORO NC to have an event to be held at Our Big Kitchen Los Angeles where SORO NC board members will volunteer to participate in a meal preparation session at OBKLA on a specific date and time to be determined.

Motion for the SORO NC to have an event to be held at Our Big Kitchen Los Angeles where SORO NC board members will volunteer to participate in a meal preparation session at OBKLA on a specific date and time to be determined.

Moved: Terrence Gomes                      Second: Baila Romm

Amend the motion

Moved: Baila Romm                      Second: Ken Blaker

Motion for the SORO NC to participate at a volunteer session event to be held at Our Big Kitchen Los Angeles where SORO NC board members and Community Members will volunteer in a meal preparation session at OBKLA on October 23, 2022 at 1:00 pm.

Vote:            4 yes                      0 no                      0 abstain

Yes: Michael Lynn, Ken Blaker, Baila Romm, Terrence Gomes

As amended:

Baila Romm will write the motion.

Public Comment: None

- i. Discussion and possible action to name the SORO NC Board members who will receive the four (4) additional ZOOM.com licenses from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

Moved: Michael Lynn    Second: Terrence Gomes

Public Comment: None

Motion to assign Ellen Lanet, Joel Weinberger, Jon Liberman and Terrence Gomes, SORO NC Board members, who will receive the four (4) additional ZOOM.com licenses from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

Vote: Vote:            4 yes 0 no 0 abstain

Yes: Michael Lynn, Ken Blaker, Terrence Gomes, Baila Romm

Motion passes

Michael Lynn will write it.

- j. Discussion and possible action to for the SORO NC to submit a Community Impact Statement to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) to strongly request that our BONC Commissioner (Eli Lippman) attend the SORO NC General Board meetings at least once per quarter

Moved:    Baila Romm    Second: Michael Lynn

Public Comment: None

Motion for the SORO NC to submit a Community Impact Statement to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) to strongly request that our BONC Commissioner (Eli Lippman) attend the SORO NC General Board meetings at least once per quarter.

Vote: Vote:            4 yes 0 no 0 abstain

Yes: Michael Lynn, Ken Blaker, Terrence Gomes, Baila Romm

Motion passes

Terrence Gomes will write the CIS

**Michael Lynn moved to extend the meeting for 5 minutes without objection.**

## **9. Review and Approval of Proposed Agenda for September 15, 2022 General Board Meeting**

- a. Discussion and possible action on Formatting and Obligatory Language; Amending, Annotation or Removal of Any Item; Order/position of Items; and Approval of Agenda

Moved: Baila Romm

Second: Terrence Gomes

Public Comment: None

Vote: Vote: 4 yes 0 no 0 abstain

Yes: Michael Lynn, Ken Blaker, Terrence Gomes, Baila Romm

Motion passes

**10. Meeting adjournment at: 9:05 pm**