



General Board Special Meeting Draft Minutes

Thursday, April 17, 2025 @ 7:00pm

Location: Burton House Hotel, 1177 S Beverly Dr, Los Angeles, CA 90035- Meeting Room

1. Meeting called to Order at 7:47 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Terrence Gomes
3. Roll Call:
Boardmembers Present- Terrence Gomes, Michael Lynn, Stuart Weiss, Vahid Jebelli, Marlene Katz, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Sandy Block, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Ryan Spivey, Beth Klein, Joel Weinberger.

Boardmembers Absent- Barry Levine, Margarita Guzman, Noah Damsky, Jason Plummer, Laurie Levine.

4. General Public Comment: No Public Comment

5. Brief Board Announcements

- a. Items for Committee Agendas and other Brief Board Announcements

Community Reports

- b. LA Police Department (Baker) - 39796@lapd.online / (Ojeda) - 36393@lapd.online **Not present.**
- c. LA Fire Department- Battalion 18 lafdbattalion18@lacity.org **Not present.**
- d. Office of Councilwoman Yaroslavsky, CD-5 (Rodriguez) -**Not present.**
cairo.rodriquez@lacity.org
- e. Office of Councilwoman Hutt, CD-10 (Guevara) - mayra.guevara@lacity.org **Not present.**
- f. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (Erving) - commission@empowerla.org
- g. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Andrews)-**Not present.**
dina.andrews@lacity.org
- h. Office of Mayor Bass (Miller) - kenneth.g.miller@lacity.org **Not present.**
- i. Office of County Supervisor Mitchell, 2nd District (Park) - **Not present.**
DPark@bos.lacounty.gov
- j. Office of County Supervisor Horvath, 3rd District (Laflan) - ALaflen@bos.lacounty.gov **Not present.**

- k. Office of State Assemblymember Bryan, AD-55 (Persoff) -Michelle.Persoff@asm.ca.gov
Present, gave report.
- l. Office of State Senator Smallwood-Cuevas, SD-28 (Penilla) **Not present.** - carlos.penilla@sen.ca.gov
- m. Office of Congressman Kamlager-Dove, CD-37 (Benarroch) **Not present.** - Jackson.Benarroch@mail.house.gov
- n. Other Neighborhood, City and State offices

6. Board Membership- Selections, Removals, & Resignations- Public Comment:
No public comment.

- a. Announcement of the automatic removal of Boardmember Holly Hubsher due to 3 consecutive absences. The At-Large seat (previously Zone 8 Representative- term expiring June 2027) will be open for application on August 8, 2025.
In no event shall a vacant seat be filled where an election is scheduled to occur within sixty (60) days of the date that a written application is presented to the Board. (SORO NC Bylaws Article V. Section 6: Vacancies)
- b. Announcement of the automatic removal of Boardmember Sara Messall due to 5 absences within a fiscal year. The At-Large seat (previously Zone 7 Representative- term ending June 2025) will not be open for application.
In no event shall a vacant seat be filled where an election is scheduled to occur within sixty (60) days of the date that a written application is presented to the Board. (SORO NC Bylaws Article V. Section 6: Vacancies)
- c. Announcement of the automatic removal of Boardmember Shirley Traum due to 5 absences within a fiscal year. The Business Representative 4 seat (term ending June 2025) will not be open for application.
In no event shall a vacant seat be filled where an election is scheduled to occur within sixty (60) days of the date that a written application is presented to the Board. (SORO NC Bylaws Article V. Section 6: Vacancies)
Announcement of the Resignation of Boardmember Katelyn Best. The At-Large Representative 5 seat (term ending June 2025) and will not be open for application. *In no event shall a vacant seat be filled where an election is scheduled to occur within sixty (60) days of the date that a written application is presented to the Board. (SORO NC Bylaws Article V. Section 6: Vacancies)*
- d. Announcement of the Student Seat (1 year term) as being open to application.
Stakeholder who attends a school in the council area and who is between 14 and up to 18 years of age at the time of the election.

7. Committees, Liaisons and Alliances

- a. Liaison and Alliance Representative Appointments
 - I. Motion to appoint SORO NC Secretary (GB041725-01)
Ryan Spivey expressed interest in the Secretary position.
Michael Lynn mentioned that the code of conduct training was necessary prior to being able to join the board.
Ryan Spivey asked how long the position would run for.
Michael Lynn said until the end of June.
No public comment. Item postponed until next meeting.
 - II. Motion to appoint LADWP Alternate Representative (GB041725-02)

- III. Motion to appoint Budget Advocates Representative 1 (GB041725-03)
Postponed until next meeting.
- IV. Motion to appoint Budget Advocates Representative 2 (GB041725-04)
Postponed until next meeting.

b. Committee, Liaisons and Alliance Reports

- I. Standing Committees: Executive; Education; Land Use; Public Safety; Homelessness; Outreach; Transportation; Budget & Finance; Bylaws; Board Development
- II. Ad-hoc Committees: Tree Removal Notification, Board Selection, 3-on-3 Basketball
Michael Lynn said there was a slight delay in the election promotion materials but there were 22,000 cards to distribute throughout the district, and we need help; he also added that submissions for candidates would be taken through May 9th on the website.
- III. Liaisons and Alliances: LANCC, WRAC, LADWP, Budget Advocates, City Attorney, Sustainability, District 37 Congressional Council, Homelessness

- c. Opportunity to Join and/or Change Membership to Board Committees (GB041725-05)
Michael Lynn joined the Education Committee.

8. **Unfinished Business**

- a. None

10. **Consent Agenda**

**Moved by Joseph Mollaie; Seconded by Mitch Cohen ;
Public Comment: No Public Comment
Items Removed/By: J by Joseph Mollaie.
Roll Call;**

Terrence Gomes- Yes, Michael Lynn- Yes, Stuart Weiss - Yes, Vahid Jebelli- Yes, Marlene Katz- Yes, Baila Romm- Yes, Ken Blaker- Yes, Sandy Block- Yes, Mitch Cohen- Yes, Joseph Mollaie- Yes, Beth Klein- Yes, Joel Weinberger- Yes.

Ryan Spivey- Ineligible. Consent Agenda Passes 12 Yes, 0 No, 1 Ineligible.

- a. Motion to approve March 20, 2025 General Board Meeting Draft Minutes (GB041725-06)
- b. Motion to approve March 2025 Monthly Expenditure Report (GB041725-07)
- c. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to rescind planning and funding of the 2025 Town Hall event at the Robertson Recreation Center with newly elected DA Nathan Hochman, newly selected LAPD Chief Jim McDonnell, LAPD Captain Gabaldon, and West LAPD SLO's Baker and Ojeda to discuss how the new team will affect Public Safety, with the Funding to include Lawn signs,

- Outreach, and refreshments; and to return the \$1500 approved funding back to the Outreach budget category (GB041725-8)
- d. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to approve a Town Hall to be presented by the Public Safety (PS) Committee for the SORO NC Ready Your LA Neighborhood (RYLAN). The Town Hall will be held on Zoom and the PS Committee will have experts from city departments to present. There will be no cost for the presentation as this will be a Zoom meeting (GB041725-9)
 - e. Motion for the SORO NC to co-sponsor a LAFD/LAPL event at the Robertson Library on May 13, 2025 where Firefighters from Station 58 will read a few books to young children, followed by a visit to a fire truck outside; and include funding of up to \$250 for flyers (GB041725-10)
 - f. Motion for the SORO NC to approve funding of up to \$500 for refreshments and printing of voter guides for the May 15, 2025 SORO NC Candidate Forum at the Burton Place Hotel, prior to the SORO NC General Board Meeting (GB041725-11)
 - g. Motion for the SORO NC to approve the design and fund up to \$1000 for the printing of 18" tall x 24" wide corrugated lawn signs and H-Stakes for the Voter Engagement phase of the SORO NC Elections (GB041725-12)
 - h. Motion for the SORO NC to approve the design and fund up to \$200 for the printing of 2 large Feather Flag Banners (GB041725-13)
 - i. Motion for the SORO NC to co-sponsor the Robertson Spring Fair event at the Robertson Recreation Center on April 24, 2025; and include funding of up to \$200 for refreshments (GB041725-14)
 - ~~j. Motion for the SORO NC to write a letter CD-5 Councilwoman Yaroslavsky, CD-10 Councilwoman Hutt, LA DOT requesting the painting of bike, parking and center lane lines on 18th Street, Monte Mar Street and Cadillac Avenue (GB041725-15)~~
 - k. Motion for the SORO NC to write a letter to CW 10 and 5 (cc'ing Bureau of Sanitation, LA County Department of Public Health, and Department of Beaches and Harbors) and submit a CIS in support of the motion of Council File 25-0006-S69, if amended, to demand that the Bureau of Sanitation, LA County Department of Public Health, and Department of Beaches and Harbors, present the report with the requested information in the motion to City Council by 4/21/2025; and that City Council forward the reports to all of the ninety-nine City of Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils (GB041725-16)
 - l. Motion for the SORO NC to submit a CIS in support of CF 25-0172 (City Fire Hydrant Network / Repair and Maintenance / Outlet Fire Hydrant Replacement / 2.5-Inch - 4-Inch) with the following text: "The SORO NC supports the idea of CF 25-0172 which calls for a report back on inspection and repair of the City's network of fire hydrants. The SORO NC is very concerned that with this being of such a dire nature, the report back, which was required in 30 days has not been produced." (GB041725-17)
 - m. Motion for the SORO NC to send a letter to CD5, CD 10, and Assemblymember Fong requesting support for California Assembly bill AB 467 which extends, until January 1, 2031, the existing authorization for neighborhood councils in the City of Los Angeles to use flexible teleconferencing provisions. Under these provisions, neighborhood councils can hold meetings remotely with less stringent requirements than typical public meetings, provided they follow specific guidelines. These guidelines include giving public notice of how to access the meeting, providing real-time public comment opportunities, ensuring at least a quorum of

members participate from within the city's boundaries, and holding at least one in-person meeting per year. The bill recognizes that these volunteer, uncompensated council members often struggle to find public meeting locations and that remote meeting options, first widely adopted during the COVID-19 pandemic, have increased public participation, made serving on these councils more accessible, and protected public health. The legislation is specifically tailored to the needs of Los Angeles neighborhood councils, which are advisory bodies designed to promote citizen participation in government, and requires city council approval and a two-thirds vote of the neighborhood council to implement the alternative teleconferencing rules. (GB041725-18)

- n. Motion for the SORO NC to purchase a Canva Pro license for Fiscal Year 2025-26 through EmpowerLA, with the cost to be approximately \$130 (GB041725-19)

11. New Business

- a. None

Items Removed from Consent Agenda

Motion for the SORO NC to write a letter CD-5 Councilwoman Yaroslavsky, CD- 10 Councilwoman Hutt, LA DOT requesting the painting of bike, parking and center lane lines on 18th Street, Monte Mar Street and Cadillac Avenue (GB041725-15)

Moved by Joseph Mollaie; Seconded by Beth Klein.

Joel Weinberger cars often speed on a wide street with no demarcations; our hope would be to improve lack of lanes; it is an area of heavy bike use and this would help cars avoid taking up lanes used by bicyclists and that their concern is to make the streets feel like they are measured to proper width since if a driver is going to fast he might go into other lanes.

Joseph Mollaie asked if there were any traffic incidents on these streets that motivated this motion.

Joel Weinberger said there was not; that this issue had been brought up by a stakeholder.

◀ **Joseph Mollaie again asked of there had been any data looked as to how many bikes frequent the area, or the cost of adding new lanes.**

Joel Weinberger could not confirm if they had these numbers.

Terrence Gomes said all necessary lanes were already in place on Cadillac; he asked of any speed surveys had done; he added that on 18th street there was no left hand turn.

Beth Klein also commented on whether such lanes would fit.

Terrence Gomes said it doesn't.

Joseph Mollaie suggested adding the lanes could make the street more dangerous and he wondered with the current budget shortfall how this would happen; he also wondered what percentage of residents and passerby are using the bike lanes; the budget shortfall should be taken into consideration and think about other issues to be worked on when it comes to safety and cleanliness.

Beth Klein motioned to send back to committee; Seconded by Marlene Katz.

Vote on sending item back to committee;

Roll Call;

Terrence Gomes- Yes, Michael Lynn- Yes, Stuart Weiss - Yes, Vahid Jebelli- Yes, Marlene Katz- Yes, Baila Romm- Yes, Ken Blaker- Yes, Sandy Block- Yes, Mitch Cohen- Yes, Joseph Mollaie- Yes, Beth Klein- Yes.

Joel Weinberger- Abstain.

Ryan Spivey- Ineligible. Motion Passes 11-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstain

- 12. Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm by Chair, without objection**