



Executive Committee Special Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 14, 2025, 9:15pm

Location: online via Zoom- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/96797820685> and by phone (877) 853 5257 (Meeting ID No. 967 9782 0685)

- 1. Meeting Called to Order at 9:16pm**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Ken Blaker**
- 3. Roll Call:**
Committee Members Present- Michael Lynn, Ken Blaker, Stuart Weiss
Committee Members Absent- Terrence Gomes
- 4. Public Comment: Lionel Mares- Mayors Budget CF 25-0600**
- 5. Brief Board Announcements: None**
- 6. Approval of March 13, 2025 and March 16, 2025 Executive Committee Special Meeting minutes**
Motion to approve minutes; Moved by Ken Blaker; Seconded by Stuart Weiss; Vote Count 3 yes, 0 no; PASSES
- 7. Old Business**
 - a. Update, discussion and possible action regarding the status of any approved SORO NC actions that are pending -Postponed**
 - b. Update, discussion and possible action regarding Updating the SORO NC website -Postponed**
- 8. New Business**
 - a. Discussion and possible action regarding SORO NC Candidate Forum date and location**
Motion to recommend to the SORO NC to fund up to \$500 for refreshments and printed voter guides for a Candidate Forum to be held on May 15th at the Burton Place Hotel prior to the SORO NC General Board meeting.
Moved by Michael Lynn; Seconded by Ken Blaker; Vote Count 3 yes, 0 no; PASSES

- b. Discussion and possible action recommending for the SORO NC to define a Community Improvement Project (CIP) to plant trees in empty tree wells - **Postponed**
- c. Discussion and possible action regarding the purchase of a Canva Pro license for Fiscal Year 2025-26 by the SORO NC. Each Canva Pro license will cost approximately \$130. Deadline to notify EmpowerLA is **May 15, 2025**.
Motion to recommend that the SORO NC purchase of a Canva Pro license for Fiscal Year 2025-26 from EmpowerLA costing approximately \$130
Moved by Ken Blaker; Seconded by Michael Lynn; Vote Count 2 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain; PASSES
- d. Discussion and possible action 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.
Motion to recommend that the SORO NC adopt as written above
Moved by Ken Blaker; Seconded by Michael Lynn; Vote Count 3 yes, 0 no; PASSES

9. Review and Approval of Proposed Agenda for the April 17, 2025 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
Motion to approve Agenda; Moved by Ken Blaker; Seconded by Stuart Weiss; Vote Count 3 yes, 0 no; PASSES

10. Meeting adjourned at 9:36pm