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Education Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 19, 2025 @ 6:00pm

Meetings end at 7:30pm unless the Committee votes to end earlier or extend the time.

IN CONFORMITY WITH THE OCTOBER 6, 2023 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 411 (PORTANTINO) AND LA CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL ON NOVEMBER 1, 2023, THE SOUTH ROBERTSON NEIGHBORHOODS COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY WITH A CALL-IN OPTION.

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The eligible legislative body shall not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and shall provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comments in real time.

Notwithstanding Section 54953.3, an individual desiring to provide public comment through the use of an internet website, or other online platform, not under the control of the eligible legislative body, that requires registration to log in to a teleconference may be required to register as required by the third-party internet website or online platform to participate.

(i) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph, to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed.

(ii) An eligible legislative body that does not provide a timed public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public comment, including time for members of the public to register pursuant to subparagraph (D), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment.

(iii) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed general public comment period that does not correspond to a specific agenda item shall not close the public comment period or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), until the timed general public comment period has elapsed.

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chair Margarita Guzman at 6:01 PM

2. Roll Call - Current Committee Members:

Margarita Guzmán - present

Barry Levine - present

Michael Lynn - present

Shirley Traum – entered meeting at 6:22pm

3. General Public Comment *(time for each speaker to be determined by 15 min divided by # hands raised; max 2 minutes per speaker)*

Shia Fisher commented on his interest in educational issues and his commitment to students.

4. Approval of Outstanding Education Committee Minutes

a. Draft Minutes from March 17, 2025, Education Committee Meeting

Motion for the SORO NC to approve Draft Minutes from March 17, 2025, Education Committee Meeting

Moved by Michael Lynn; Seconded by Barry Levine

Vote: 3 yes; 0 no PASSES

5. Brief Education Committee Announcements

Barry Levine commented on quorum and asked for clarification regarding requirement for stakeholders to become eligible for committee membership.

6. Old Business

a. Discussion and possible action to recommend that the SORO NC adopt a new Education Committee Purview under Standing Rules.

No recommended changes; removed with no objections.

Discussion and possible action to recommend that the SORO NC cancel the previously approved English Language Meet and Greet Event and return the unspent \$300 funds back to the Outreach category of the budget.

Motion to cancel event and return funds to outreach budget.

Moved by Barry Levine; Seconded by Michael Lynn

Vote: 4 yes; 0 no PASSES

b. Update on setting up a recurring monthly meeting between Committee Members and Hamilton High School Principal, Jennifer Baxter.

Margarita Guzman gave an update on approaching Mrs. Baxter and

requested date and time that would be convenient for Mrs. Baxter to meet with Committee members.

- c. Discussion on inviting Jewett Walker, Community Liaison for LAUSD Board Member Sherlett Hendy Newbill, to EC meetings.**

Margarita Guzman informed that she had reached out to Mr. Walker via email but had not heard back. Barry Levine mentioned that perhaps it would be better if the General Board invited him to speak to the larger group. Micheal Lynn reminded the committee that item would have to be on next committee meeting agenda as “possible action”.

7. New Business

- a. None**

**8. Stakeholder Requests to Join Education Committee
None**

9. Meeting adjourned at 6:38PM

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