



General Board Meeting Draft Minutes

Thursday, May 14, 2026 @ 7:00pm

Location: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89787982890>

1. Meeting Called to Order at 7:02 P.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Joe Lisuzzo

3. Roll Call:

Present:

Baila Romm, Stuart Weiss, Terrence Gomes, Michael Lynn, Michelle Bega, Barry Levine, Daniel Romm, Joe Lisuzzo, Jason Plummer, Beth Klein, Judit Maull, Marlene Katz, Ronald Steinhoff, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Shirley Traum, Jack Twajri

Absent:

Megan Goldring, David Bruk, Aaron Sinai, Rachel Petru, Sandy Block, Ryan Spivey

Sandy Block enters meeting at 7:09 P.M.

Megan Goldring enters meeting at 7:09 P.M.

Joseph Mollaie left meeting at 7:15 P.M.

Megan Goldring left meeting at 7:29 P.M.

4. General Public Comment: Gina Fields – Thanks SORO NC for supporting the Annual Fire Service Day

5. Brief Board Announcements

a. Items for Committee Agendas and other Brief Board Announcements

- i. Shirley – Curious if there was a change of ownership at the Mark as Shirley noted reports of activities late into the night and neighbors complaining, referred to Public Safety.
- ii. Barry – Suggests Land Use Committee speak with council offices that apartment complexes over four stories should be situation on main streets.
- iii. Michael – Notes next general board meeting will be next month on third Thursday in-person at Claude Pepper, which is the last meeting of the fiscal year.

6. Presentation by CD5 Councilwoman Katy Yaroslavsky (with Q & A)

7. Community Reports

- a. LA Police Department (Cohen) - 41706@lapd.online / (Ojeda) - 36393@lapd.online
- b. LA Fire Department- Battalion 18 lafdbattalion18@lacity.org
- c. Office of Councilwoman Yaroslavsky, CD-5 (Rodriguez) - cairo.rodriguez@lacity.org
- d. Office of Councilwoman Hutt, CD-10 (Guevara) - mayra.guevara@lacity.org
- e. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (Erving) - commission@empowerla.org
- f. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Manzo)- alfonso.manzo@lacity.org
- g. Office of Mayor Bass (Hull) - jennifer.hull@lacity.org
- h. Office of County Supervisor Mitchell, 2nd District (Park) - DPark@bos.lacounty.gov
- i. Office of County Supervisor Horvath, 3rd District (Laflan) - ALaflan@bos.lacounty.gov
- j. Office of State Assemblymember Bryan, AD-55 (Persoff) -Michelle.Persoff@asm.ca.gov
- k. Office of State Senator Smallwood-Cuevas, SD-28 (Hickambottom) - Ann.Hickambottom@sen.ca.gov
- l. Office of Congressmember Kamlager-Dove, CD-37 (Benarroch) - Jackson.Benarroch@mail.house.gov
- m. Other Neighborhood, City and State offices

8. Board Membership- Selections, Removals, & Resignations Public Comment:

- a. Announcement of the automatic removal of Margarita Guzman from the General Board due to 3 General Board regular meeting absences in a row, as per the SORO NC Bylaws Article 5, Section 7; and the opening of the Application period for the Organization Representative 3 Board Seat (Currently At Large, Term ending June 2027) for Appointment at the next General Board meeting (GB051426-01)
- b. Announcement of the automatic removal of Shia Fisher from the General Board due to 3 General Board regular meeting absences in a row, as per the SORO NC Bylaws Article 5, Section 7; and the opening of the Application period for the At Large 3 Board Seat (Term ending June 2029) for Appointment at the next General Board meeting (GB051426-02)
- c. Motion to appoint a SORO NC Vice President (GB051426-03)
 - i. **Continues to next meeting without objection**

9. Committees, Liaisons and Alliances

- a. Committee, Liaisons and Alliance Reports
 - I. Standing Committees: Executive (Lynn); Education (Vacant); Land Use (Cohen); Public Safety (Gomes/Romm); Outreach (Lynn); Transportation (Plummer); Budget & Finance (Gomes); Bylaws (Vacant); Board Development (Plummer)
 - II. Ad-hoc Committees: Trees

- III. Liaisons and Alliances: LANCC (Gomes), WRAC (Lynn), LADWP (Plummer, Maull), Budget Advocates (Maull), City Attorney (Lynn), Homelessness (Katz)
- b. Opportunity for Boardmembers to Join and/or Change Membership of [Standing Committees](#) (GB031926-04)
 - i. **No changes**
- c. Motion to confirm Jack Twajiri as the Education Committee Chair (GB051426-05)
 - i. **Jason moves, Barry seconds**
 - ii. **Vote: Baila – No, Stuart – Yes, Terrence – Yes, Michael – Yes, Michelle – No, Barry – Yes, Daniel – No, Joe – Abstain, Jason – Yes, Sandy – Yes, Beth – Abstain, Judit – Yes, Marlene – Yes, Ronald – Abstain, Mitch – No, Shirley – Yes, Jack – Yes**
 - **Passes 10 Yes - 4 No – 3 Abstention**
- d. Motion to confirm Laurie Levine as a Stakeholder Committee Member of the Land Use Committee (GB051426-06)
 - i. **Stuart moves, Mitch seconds**
 - ii. **Vote: Baila – Yes, Stuart – Yes, Terrence – Yes, Michael – Yes, Michelle – Yes, Barry – Yes, Daniel – Yes, Joe – Yes, Jason – Abstain, Sandy – Yes, Beth – Yes, Judit – Yes, Marlene – Yes, Ronald – Yes, Mitch – Yes, Shirley – Yes, Jack – Yes**
 - **Passes 17 Yes - 0 No – 1 Abstention**

10. Unfinished Business

- a. None

11. Consent Agenda

- a. Motion to accept the April 16, 2026 General Board Meeting Draft Minutes (GB051426-07)
- b. Motion for the SORO NC to write a letter to CD10 regarding the status of the SORO NC Medallions (GB051426-08)
- c. Motion for the SORO NC to sponsor a Business Symposium in Fiscal Year 2026-27, on the topics of Business Safety and Interaction with the LA Office of Finance (GB051426-09)

No public comment made

No removals from consent agenda

Terrence moves, Michelle seconds

Vote: Baila – No, Stuart – Yes, Terrence – Yes, Michael – Yes, Michelle – Yes, Barry – Yes, Daniel – Yes, Joe – Yes, Jason – Yes, Sandy – Yes, Beth – Yes, Judit – Yes, Marlene – Yes, Ronald – Yes, Mitch – Yes, Shirley – Yes, Jack – Unable to vote on financial

- **Passes 15 Yes - 1 No – 0 Abstention**

I. New Business

Public Comment:

- a. Motion to approve the April 2026 Monthly Expenditure Report (GB051426-10)

Terrence moves, Stuart seconds

Vote: Baila – Yes, Stuart – Yes, Terrence – Yes, Michael – Yes, Michelle – Yes, Barry – Yes, Daniel – Yes, Joe – Yes, Jason – Abstain, Sandy – Yes, Beth – Yes, Judit – Yes, Marlene – Yes, Ronald – Yes, Mitch – Yes, Shirley – Yes, Jack – Yes

- **Passes 16 Yes - 0 No – 1 Abstention**

- b. Motion for the SORO NC to write letters to CD-5 Councilwoman Yaroslavsky and CD 10 Councilwoman Hutt to request that they create a Council File to study the reinstatement of LAMC Section 85.02 or a possible modification (GB051426-11)

Terrence moves, Stuart seconds

Vote: Baila – Yes, Stuart – Yes, Terrence – Yes, Michael – Yes, Michelle – Yes, Barry – Yes, Daniel – Yes, Joe – Yes, Jason – Abstain, Sandy – Yes, Beth – Yes, Judit – Yes, Marlene – Yes, Ronald – Yes, Mitch – Yes, Shirley – Yes, Jack - Yes

- **Passes 16 Yes - 0 No – 1 Abstention**

Shirley left the meeting at 8:58 PM

- c. Motion for the SORO NC to fund up to \$1150 to purchase 500 branded reusable shopping bags (same as previous order) (GB051426-12)

Terrence moves, Michael seconds

Vote: Baila – No, Stuart – Yes, Terrence – Yes, Michael – Yes, Michelle – Yes, Barry – Yes, Daniel – No, Joe – Yes, Jason – Yes, Sandy – Yes, Beth – Yes, Judit – Yes, Marlene – Yes, Ronald – Yes, Mitch – Yes

- **Passes 13 Yes - 2 No – 0 Abstention**

- d. Motion for the SORO NC to participate in the CD10 Movies-In-The-Park Event on June 12, 2026 with an outreach table and fund up to \$500 for refreshments (GB051426-13)

Terrence moves, Michael seconds

Vote: Baila – Yes, Stuart – Yes, Terrence – Yes, Michael – Yes, Michelle – Yes, Barry – Yes, Daniel – Yes, Joe – Yes, Jason – Yes, Sandy – Yes, Beth – Yes, Judit – Yes, Marlene – Yes, Ronald – Yes, Mitch – Yes

- **Passes 15 Yes - 0 No – 0 Abstention**

- e. Motion for the SORO NC to fund up to \$500 for printing materials, map marking stickers, AV equipment, props for presentation and Refreshments for the May 19th, 2026 SORO NC Board Retreat Meeting from 7-9 pm at the Robertson Recreation Center Community Room. (GB051426-14)

Terrence moves, Michael seconds

Vote: Baila – Yes, Stuart – Yes, Terrence – Yes, Michael – Yes, Michelle – Yes, Barry – Yes, Daniel – Yes, Joe – Yes, Jason – Yes, Sandy – Yes, Beth – Yes, Judit – Yes, Marlene – Yes, Ronald – Yes, Mitch – Yes

• **Passes 15 Yes - 0 No – 0 Abstention**

- f. Motion for the SORO NC to send letters to CD 5 Councilwoman Yaroslavsky and the Los Angeles Zoning Administrator recommending approval of the construction of a new seven-story, 78', 55,567sf apartment building on a vacant lot at 1416 S. Beverly Dr., on the condition of review of the impact on the water supply, sewer and electrical systems servicing the site (GB051426-15)

Continues to next General Board Meeting (18/JUNE) without objection as unfinished business

12. **Items Removed from Consent Agenda: None**
13. **Meeting Adjourned by Chair at 9:21 P.M., without objection**