



General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 15, 2024, 7:00pm

Meetings end at 9:30pm unless the Board votes to end earlier or extend the time.

Location: The Residence Inn, 1177 S Beverly Dr, Los Angeles, CA 90035- Meeting Room

1. **Call to Order 7:05 pm**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call (14 present Quorum) Terrence Gomes, Baila Romm, Michael Lynn, Ken Blaker, Laurie Levine, Stuart Weiss, Jason Plummer, Mitch Cohen, Benji Karben, Marlene Katz, Sara Messell, Joseph Mollaie, Barry Levine, Jon Liberman**

Sandy Block entered the meeting at 7:14 pm

Benji Karben has resigned 7:45 pm

Benji Karben joined the board as at 7:50 pm

4. **General Public Comment: None**
5. **Brief Board Announcements**
 - a. Items for General Board Agendas and other Brief Board Announcements
FRAD Need committed Volunteers or it will be canceled. SORO Festival the week prior. It's just too much.
6. **Community Reports**
 - a. LA Police Department (Baker - 39796@lapd.online / Ojeda - 36393@lapd.online)
Not Present
 - b. LA Fire Department- Battalion 18 (lafdbattalion18@lacity.org) **Not Present**
 - c. Office of Councilmember Hutt (Guevara - mayra.guevara@lacity.org) **Terrence Gomes Gave report**
 - d. Office of Councilmember Yaroslavsky (Rodriguez - cairo.rodriguez@lacity.org)
Gave report
 - e. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (Erving - commission@empowerla.org)
Not Present
 - f. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Andrews- dina.andrews@lacity.org)
Sent report via email
 - g. Office of Mayor Bass (Ensley - marian.ensley@lacity.org)
 - h. Office of County Supervisor Horvath (Laflan - ALaflen@bos.lacounty.gov)
 - i. Office of State Bryan (Persoff - Michelle.Persoff@asm.ca.gov) **Gave report**

- j. Office of State Senator Smallwood-Cuevas **Not Present**
Elizabeth.Birks@sen.ca.gov)
- k. Office of Congressman Kamlager-Dove (Riley - Naomi.Riley@mail.house.gov)
- l. Other Neighborhood, City and State offices

Sandy Block entered the meeting at 7:14 pm

Point of Order: Benji Karben has resigned 7:45 pm

7. Board Membership- Selections, Removals, & Resignations *(Members of the public can choose to speak on multiple agenda items in this section for no more than one (1) minute total, with the time for speaker to be determined by- 5min divided by # virtual hands raised)*

- a. Motion to Appoint At-Large Representative (Unfilled Resident Zone 8 Representative - Term expires June 30, 2027)
 - **Gabriel Gershov Not Present will attend next month**
- b. Motion to Appoint At-Large Representative (Unfilled Business Representative 5-Term expires June 30, 2027)
 - **Candice Gliksberg Withdrew**
- c. Motion to Appoint At-Large 5 Representative (Term expires June 30, 2025)
 - **Benji Karben**
 - **Moved Baila Romm Second: Mitch Cohen**
 Public Comment: None

14 yes 0 no 0 abstain

Vote Yes: Terrence Gomes, Baila Romm, Michael Lynn, Ken Blaker, Laurie Levine, Stuart Weiss, Jason Plummer, Mitch Cohen, Sandy Block, Marlene Katz, Sara Messell, Joseph Mollaie, Barry Levine, Jon Liberman

Benji Karben joined the board at 7:50 pm

- d. Motion to Appoint At-Large Representative (Unfilled Organization Representative 1 - Term expires June 30, 2027) **(No Applicants)**
- e. Motion to Appoint At-Large Representative (Unfilled Organization Representative 3 – Term expires June 30, 2027) **(No Applicants)**
- f. Motion to Appoint Student Representative (Term expires in 1 year) **(No Applicants)**
- g. Announcement of C. Hayes Blackwood’s resignation from the SORO NC, and the opening of the Zone 4 Representative seat (Term expires June 30, 2027)

8. Committees, Liaisons and Alliances

- a. Liaison and Alliance Representative Appointments
 - I. Motion to appoint LADWP Representative (GB021524-01)
 - II. Motion to appoint LADWP Alternate Representative (GB021524-02)
 - III. Motion to appoint Budget Advocates Representative (1) (GB021524-03)
- b. Committee, Liaisons and Alliance Reports
 - I. Standing and Ad-hoc Committees: Executive; Education; Land Use;
Public Safety: NTP web page send info to Ken Blaker;

Homelessness; Outreach; Transportation; Business Advocacy & Development; Parks and Recreation; Budget & Finance; Bylaws; Board Development;

Fox Studios – February 28 5:30 pm zoom information to be posted on the SORO NC website

Jon Liberman is resigning from SORO NC on October 1, 2024.

- II. 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 (GB021524-04) **Baila Romm join Budget & Finance, Sara Messell joined Land Use**

9. Unfinished Business

- a. None

10. Consent Agenda Public Comment:

Moved: Terrence Gomes Second: Jon Liberman

Public Comment: None

- a. Motion to approve January 15, 2024 General Board Meeting Draft Minutes (GB021524-05)
- b. Motion to approve January 2024 MERS Report (GB021524-06)
- c. Motion for the SORO NC to file the following CIS in OPPOSITION of Council File 15-0389-S2:
 - The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council OPPOSES Council File 15-0389-S2 granting community councils the same privileges as those afforded to certified neighborhood councils under Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 22.819. Instead, we recommend that community councils should follow the current procedures on how an area can become a certified neighborhood council. (GB021524-07)

Vote: 15 yes 0 no 0 abstain

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Consent Agenda Passes

11. New Business

- a. Motion for the SORO NC to create an Ad-Hoc Tree Removal Notification Committee to address the tree removal notifications from Urban Forestry. This committee will require monthly reports, consist of the following three members, Barry Levine, Joseph Mollaie, Marlene Katz and terminate February 2025 (GB021524-08)

Moved: Jon Liberman Second: Laurie Levine

Public Comment: User_1

Vote: Terrence Gomes, Baila Romm, Michael Lynn, Ken Blaker, Laurie Levine, Stuart Weiss, Jason Plummer, Mitch Cohen, Sandy

**Block, Marlene Katz, Sara Messell, Joseph Mollaie, Barry Levine,
Jon Liberman, Sandy Block**

Yes: 15 0 no 0 abstain

Motion Passes

12. Adjournment: 8:27 pm
