



VACANT President
Ken Blaker Vice-President
Terrence Gomes Treasurer
Baila Romm Secretary
Stuart Weiss Corresponding Secretary



General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 20, 2023, 7:00pm

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

Location: Robertson Recreation Center, 1633 Preuss Road, Los Angeles CA 90035- Room B.

1. Call to Order: 7:04 pm by Terrence Gomes
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call: Present: JOEL WEINBERGER, STUART WEISS, BARRY LEVINE, TERRENCE GOMES, SHIRLEY TRAUM, BAILA ROMM, KEN BLAKER, MITCH COHEN, LAURIE LEVINE, BENJI KARBON, JOSEPH MOLLAIE, DANIEL FERZST, JON LIBERMAN, JASON DAVID PLUMMER (14) QUORUM ACHIEVED
Absent: SANDY BLOCK, MICHAEL LYNN

Marlene Katz enters the meeting at 7:55pm

4. SPECIAL ORDERS

a. Installation of newly-elected General Board members (Oath of Office)

1. Present certificates for past service

FREDDY CUPEN-AMES LEAD PLEDGE, SWEAR IN NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS: Baila Romm, Joseph Mollaie, Terrence Gomes, Stuart Weiss, Daniel Ferszt, Jason David Plummer,

b. Election of new Executive Officers:

i. President

Motion to postpone the election of President until next month

Moved: Mitch Cohen Second: Daniel Ferszt

Public Comment: None

Roll call vote:

8 yes 6 no 0 abstain

Yes: Joel Weinberger, Stuart Weiss, Shirley Taum, Benji Karbon, Mitch Cohen, Laurie Levine, Daniel Ferszt, Jason Plummer

No: Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Joseph Mollaie, Jon Liberman,

Motion Passes

ii. Vice President

Baila Romm nominates Ken Blaker

Second: Joseph Mollaie

Public Comment: None

Jon Liberman self-nominates Second: Laurie Levine

Joel Weinberger-Ken, Stuart Weiss-Ken, Barry Levine-Ken, Terrence Gomes-Ken, Shirley Traum-Ken, Baila Romm-Ken, Ken Blaker-Jon, Mitch Cohen-Ken, Laurie Levine-Ken, Benji Karbon-Ken, Joseph Mollaie-abstain, Daniel Ferszt-Ken, Jon Liberman-Ken, Jason Plummer-abstain.

**Vote Count: 11-Ken Blaker, 1-Jon Liberman, 2-abstain.
Ken Blaker elected Vice President.**

iii. Treasurer

Mitch Cohen nominates Terrence Gome as Treasure

Second: Jon Liberman

Public Comment: 1-Amy H.

Roll call vote: 14 yes 0 no 0 abstain

Yes: JOEL WEINBERGER, STUART WEISS, BARRY LEVINE, TERENCE GOMES, SHIRLEY TRAUM, BAILA ROMM, KEN BLAKER, MITCH COHEN, LAURIE LEVINE, BENJI KARBON, JOSEPH MOLLAIE, DANIEL FERZST, JON LIBERMAN, JASON PLUMMER

Terrence Gomes is elected Treasurer

iv. Secretary

Terrence Gomes nominates Baila Romm for Secretary

Second: Joseph Mollaie

Public Comment: 1-

Roll call vote: 14 yes 0 no 0 abstain

Yes: JOEL WEINBERGER, STUART WEISS, BARRY LEVINE, TERENCE GOMES, SHIRLEY TRAUM, BAILA ROMM, KEN BLAKER, MITCH COHEN, LAURIE LEVINE, BENJI KARBON, JOSEPH MOLLAIE, DANIEL FERZST, JON LIBERMAN, JASON PLUMMER

Baila Romm elected as Secretary

v. Corresponding Secretary

Stuart Weiss nominates himself; Joel Weinberger second.

Joseph Mollaie nominates himself; Mitch Cohen second.

Jon Liberman nominates himself; Ken Blaker second.

Joseph Mollaie withdraws his candidacy.

Jon Liberman withdraws name from consideration.

PUBLIC COMMENT 1- Amy H.

Stuart Weiss for Corresponding Secretary

Moved: Stuart Weiss Second: Joel Weinberger

ROLL CALL TERENCE GOMES

JOEL WEINBERGER-YES, STUART WEISS-YES, BARRY LEVINE-YES, TERENCE GOMES-YES, SHIRLEY TRAUM-YES, BAILA ROMM-YES, KEN BLAKER-YES, MITCH COHEN-YES, LAURIE LEVINE, -YES BENJI KARBON- YES, JOSEPH MOLLAIE-YES, DANIEL FERZST-YES, JON LIBERMAN-YES, JASON PLUMMER-YES.

Vote: 14-YES, 0-NO.

STUART WEISS ELECTED AS CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

5. General Public Comment: Joe Palilo

6. Brief Board Announcements

a. Items for General Board Agendas

Ken Blaker- said he would like members of the board to be more deliberate in talking more.

Baila Romm-mentioned a board retreat could be done where members could speak more freely.

Shirley Traum-discussed how stores are not participating in the CRV program

Terrence Gomes-mentioned to bring this up with business advocacy

Laurie Levine-mentioned an auto repair shop with overflow of cars

Terrence Gomes-mentioned this shop was under investigation.

Terrence Gomes-send a letter to the mayor's office about having representation; the same for Kamlager-Dove, Smallwood Cuevas.

b. Other Brief Board Announcements

Mitch Cohen mentioned the land use committee is scheduled for next Wednesday July 26

7. Community Reports

a. LA Police Department (Baker/Ojeda) -Absent

b. LA Fire Department- Battalion 18 (Miller) Absent

c. Office of Councilmember Hutt (Guevara) Absent

d. Office of Councilmember Yaroslavsky (Zipper) Absent

e. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (Vacant) Vacant

f. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Cupen-Ames) Gave Report

g. Office of the City Clerk- Election Division (Alvarado) Absent

h. Office of Mayor Bass (Vacant) Vacant

i. Office of County Supervisor Horvath (Gaidzik) Absent

j. Office of State Assemblymember Bryan (Persoff) Absent

k. Office of State Senator Smallwood-Cuevas (Vacant) Vacant

l. Office of Congressman Kamlager-Dove (Vacant) Vacant

a. Other Neighborhood, City and State offices **Kay Hartman, Budget Advocate, Gave Report**

POINT OF ORDER-7:55 PM

Marlene Katz enters the meeting

Freddy Cupen-Ames Swears in newly elected board member- Marlene Katz

8:07 PM TERRENCE GOMES SUSPENDS MEETING For Special Meeting

8:12 pm General Board Meeting Resumes

8. Board Membership- Selections, Removals, & Resignations Postpone to September GB Meeting

a. Motion to Appoint Resident Zone 1 Representative - Term expires June 30, 2025 (No Applicants)

- b. Motion to Appoint Zone 4 Representative - Term expires June 30, 2027 (No Applicants)
- c. Motion to Appoint At-Large Representative (Unfilled Resident Zone 7 Representative - Term expires 2025) (No Applicants)
- d. Motion to Appoint Resident Zone 8 Representative - Term expires June 30, 2027 (No Applicants)
- e. Motion to Appoint Business Representative 5- Term expires June 30, 2027 (No Applicants)
- f. Motion to Appoint Organization Representative 1 - Term expires June 30, 2027 (No Applicants)
- g. Motion to Appoint Organization Representative 3 - Term expires June 30, 2027 (No Applicants)

9. Committees, Liaisons and Alliance Representatives

- a. Liaison and Alliance Representative Appointments: **Postpone to next month- need a motion.**
 - 1. LANCC Terrence Gomes
 - 2. WRAC Joseph Mollaie and Jon Liberman went to meeting. gave report
 - 3. LADWP – No rep
 - 4. Budget Advocates – Jon Liberman
 - 5. Public Works – No rep
 - 6. Animal Services – as not met in years
 - 7. DATA – New Director
- b. Committee, Liaisons and Alliance Reports
 - 1. Standing and Ad-hoc Committees: Executive; Education; Land Use; Public Safety; Homelessness; Outreach; Transportation; Business Advocacy & Development; Parks and Recreation; Budget & Finance; Bylaws; Board Development; Elections (Ad-hoc)
 - 2. Liaisons and Alliances: LANCC, WRAC, LADWP, Budget Advocates, City Attorney, Public Works, Animal Services, Data
- c. Opportunity to Join and/or Change Membership to Board Committees (GB072023-01)
 - Transportation - Jason David Plummer join
 - Homelessness- Marlene Katz join
 - By-Laws Committee – Deadline April 1, 2024 Joel Weinberger and Joseph Mollaie join Bylaws committee

10. Unfinished Business

- a. None

11. Consent Agenda *(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 each speaker to be determined by- 5min divided by # hands raised)*

- a. Motion to approve June 15, 2023 General Board Meeting Draft Minutes (GB072023-01)
- b. Motion to approve June 2023 MERS Report (GB072023-01)

- c. Motion for the SORO NC to spend up to \$3000.00 for FRAD event for food and hospitality for First Responders, water and snacks for General Public, DJ -Music (GB072023-01)
- d. ~~Motion for the SORO NC to write a Welcome Letter to the Willow Dispensary reflecting etiquette and protocols of “being a good neighbor” and explaining trees that were cut down were planted by the NC and were property of the City (GB072023-01)~~ **Postpone to next month**
- e. ~~Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to Motion to send a letter to CD5 to follow up on fast tracking the applications for bellards from the Department of Engineering.~~ **Postpone to next month**
- f. SORO NC General Board meeting dates, location(s) and cost(s) for fiscal year 2023-24

Executive Committee Meeting dates. August 10, 2023, September 7, 2023, October 12, 2023, November 9, 2023, December 17, 2023 (Sunday), January 11, 2024, February 8, 2024, March 7, 2024, April 11, 2024, May 9, 2024, June 6, 2024

Location: Kosher Pizza Station

General Board Meeting dates. August 17, 2023, September 21, 2023, October 19, 2023, November 16, 2023, December 21, 2023, January 18, 2024, February 15, 2024, March 19, 2024, April 18, 2024, May 16, 2024, June 20, 2024

Location: TBD

Consent Agenda 11. a,b,c,f,and g only

Vote: 15 yes 0 no 0 Abstain

Yes: JOEL WEINBERGER, STUART WEISS, BARRY LEVINE, TERRENCE GOMES, SHIRLEY TRAUM, BAILA ROMM, KEN BLAKER, MITCH COHEN, LAURIE LEVINE, BENJI KARBON, JOSEPH MOLLAIE, DANIEL FERZST, JON LIBERMAN, JASON DAVID PLUMMER, MARLENE KATZ

12. New Business

- a. None

13. Adjournment 8:32 pm by Terrence Gomes