



General Board Meeting Draft Minutes

Thursday, August 21, 2025 @ 7:00pm

Location: Burton House Hotel, 1177 S Beverly Dr, Los Angeles, CA 90035- Meeting Room

1. Meeting Called to Order by Chair Michael Lynn at 7:05 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Terrence Gomes
3. Roll Call: Board Members Present- Megan Golding, Terrence Gomes, Shia Fisher, Stuart Weiss, Michael Lynn, Barry Levine, Margarita Guzman, Jason Plummer, Beth Klein, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Shirley Traum, Noah Damsky, Judit Maull, Jack Twaijri, Meera Srinivasan, Joe Lisuzzo.

Board Members Absent- Baila Romm, Mallory Smith, Avi Rejwan, Marlene Katz.

Jack Twaijri entered the meeting at 7:10 PM

Sandy Block entered the meeting at 7:10 PM

Jason Plummer entered the meeting at 7:25 PM

Noah Damsky left the meeting at 7:25 PM

Shirley Traum left the meeting at 8:01 PM.

Meera Srinivasan left the meeting at 8:42 PM.

4. General Public Comment: None.
5. Brief Board Announcements
 - a. Items for Committee Agendas and other Brief Board Announcements
Michael Lynn mentioned that he sent an email out about SORO shirts; he said he had a couple of size Large shirts but if anyone needed different sizes to email him.

Sandy Block entered the meeting at 7:10 PM.

6. Community Reports
 - a. LA Police Department (Baker) - 39796@lapd.online / (Ojeda) -**Not Present.**
36393@lapd.online
 - b. LA Fire Department- Battalion 18 lafdbattalion18@lacity.org **Not Present.**

- c. Office of Councilwoman Yaroslavsky, CD-5 (Rodriguez) – **Present, gave report.**
cairo.rodriguez@lacity.org
- d. Office of Councilwoman Hutt, CD-10 (Guevara) - mayra.guevara@lacity.org **Not Present.**
- e. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (Erving) - commission@empowerla.org **Not Present.**
- f. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (VACANT)-
marilu.guevara@lacity.org **Not Present.**
- g. Office of Mayor Bass (Miller) - kenneth.g.miller@lacity.org **Not Present.**
- h. Office of County Supervisor Mitchell, 2nd District (Park) - DPark@bos.lacounty.gov **Not present.**
- i. Office of County Supervisor Horvath, 3rd District (Laflan) - ALaflen@bos.lacounty.gov **Not Present.**
- j. Office of State Assemblymember Bryan, AD-55 (Persoff) -Michelle.Persoff@asm.ca.gov **Not Present.**
- k. Office of State Senator Smallwood-Cuevas, SD-28 (Hickambottom) -
carlos.penilla@sen.ca.gov **Ann Hickambottom introduced herself, was present, and gave report.**
- l. Office of Congressman Kamlager-Dove, CD-37 (Benarroch) -
Jackson.Benarroch@mail.house.gov **Not Present.**
- m. Other Neighborhood, City and State offices

Jason Plummer entered the meeting at 7:25 PM
Noah Damsky left the meeting at 7:25 PM

7. Board Membership- Selections, Removals, & Resignations:
Multiple item Public Comment:

- a. Motion to appoint a SORO NC Secretary (GB082125-01)
Jason Plummer self-nominates; Seconded by Sandy Block
No Public Comment.
Roll Call; Terrence Gomes
Megan Golding- Yes, Terrence Gomes- Yes, Shia Fisher- Yes, Stuart Weiss- Yes, Michael Lynn- Yes, Barry Levine- Yes, Margarita Guzman- Yes, Jason Plummer- Yes, Beth Klein- Yes, Mitch Cohen- Yes, Joseph Mollaie- Yes, Shirley Traum- Yes, Sandy Block- Yes, Judit Maull- Yes, Jack Twaijri- Yes, Meera Srinivasan- Yes, Joe Lisuzzo- Yes.
Yes 17, No 0. Jason Plummer becomes SORO NC Secretary.
- b. Announcement of the Organization Representative (term expires June 30, 2029) seat as open for appointment application on the SORO NC website. *Stakeholder who is at least 18 years of age at the time of the appointment, who officially represents organized groups of Stakeholders within the Council boundaries, such as religious, charitable and other non-profit organizations.*
- c. Announcement of the At-Large Representative (formerly Business Representative 3) (term expires June 30, 2027) seat as open for appointment application on the SORO NC website. *Stakeholder who is at least 18 years of age at the time of the appointment.*
- d. Announcement of the At-Large Representative (formerly Resident Zone 8) (term expires June 30, 2027) seat as open for appointment application on the SORO NC

website. *Stakeholder who is at least 18 years of age at the time of the appointment.*

Michael Lynn mentioned he will need help putting out Open Board Seat Signs in the area; will be emailing the board.

8. Committees, Liaisons and Alliances

a. Liaison and Alliance Representative Appointments

I. Motion to appoint LADWP Alternate Representative (GB082125-02)

Judit Maull self nominates; Seconded by Jack Twaijri

Roll Call; Terrence Gomes, Megan Golding- Yes, Terrence Gomes- Yes, Shia Fisher- Yes, Stuart Weiss- Yes, Michael Lynn- Yes, Barry Levine- Yes, Margarita Guzman- Yes, Jason Plummer- Yes, Beth Klein- Yes, Mitch Cohen- Yes, Joseph Mollaie- Yes, Shirley Traum- Yes, Sandy Block- Yes, Judit Maull- Yes, Jack Twaijri- Yes, Meera Srinivasan- Yes, Joe Lisuzzo- Yes.

Yes 17, No 0. Judit Maull becomes LADWP Alternate Representative.

II. Motion to appoint Budget Advocates Representative 1 (GB082125-03)

Terrence Gomes explained that the budget advocate makes recommendations to the mayor, looks at different departments, sees what the needs are, then they make a white paper and make a presentation on it; Terrence Gomes mentioned many of their recommendations get in to the mayor's budget; he added that meetings are Saturday and Mondays via Zoom.

Judit Maull nominates herself for Budget Advocate I; Seconded by Shia Fisher.

No Public Comment.

Roll Call; Terrence Gomes

Megan Golding- Yes, Terrence Gomes- Yes, Shia Fisher-Yes

Stuart Weiss- Yes, Michael Lynn- Yes, Barry

Levine- Yes, Margarita Guzman- Yes, Jason Plummer- Yes, Beth

Klein- Yes, Mitch Cohen- Yes, Joseph Mollaie- Yes, Shirley Traum-

Yes, Sandy Block- Yes, Judit Maull- Yes, Jack Twaijri- Yes, Meera

Srinivasan- Yes, Joe Lisuzzo- Yes.

Yes 17, No 0. Judit Maull becomes Budget Advocate Representative 1.

III. Motion to appoint Budget Advocates Representative 2 (GB082125-04)

Chair continued to the next meeting, without objection.

b. Committee, Liaisons and Alliance Reports

I. Standing Committees: Executive; Education; Land Use; Public Safety; Homelessness; Outreach; Transportation; Budget & Finance; Bylaws; Board Development

Margarita Guzman said meetings are held the third Monday of the month via Zoom.

Terrence Gomes said for Safety that the Speed Trailer was on its way; it will arrive to the distributor on the 25th of August and then it will be put together and unveiled to the community.

Terrence Gomes said for Homelessness nothing was going on except for the motion for an audit.

For Outreach Michael Lynn mentioned the Splish Splash Bash on Sunday, August 24th from 10 am to 3 pm at Reynier Park; he mentioned he needed volunteers to pass out icees, kosher snacks and non-kosher treats.

Jack Twaijri asked if volunteers could come earlier.

Michael Lynn said 9 am.

Margarita Guzman asked if the event was pet friendly.

Terrence Gomes said yes.

For Transportation Jason Plummer mentioned the opposition to the monorail in support of heavy rail became the official position of WRAC.

For Budget & Finance Terrence Gomes mentioned there was no final rollover yet.

Shia Fisher said the Bylaws meeting would take place September 7th at 6:30 pm via Zoom; he mentioned that the agenda will go out before the meeting, mentioned bylaws revisions need to be submitted by April 1st; he said he would like to go through them methodically and get consensus on 1 or 2 items discussed in Bylaws meeting and then bring these items to the board.

Michael Lynn added that revisions should be emailed directly to Shia and reminded the board that each committee can only have 6 active Boardmembers in discussion at the meeting.

II. Ad-hoc Committees: None

Terrence Gomes said there should be a motion for the next committee for a Tree Trimming, planting and removals Ad-hoc Committee

III. Liaisons and Alliances: LANCC (Gomes), WRAC (Lynn), LADWP (Plummer), Budget Advocates (Lynn), City Attorney (Lynn), Sustainability (?), District 37 Congressional Council (Weiss), Homelessness (Katz)

Michael Lynn said LANCC will be meeting on the 1st Saturday of every month, mentioned LADWP gave a presentation last month.

Michael Lynn also mentioned that the City Council took their advice opposing SB 79 and that the Mayor signed on to it as well yesterday, as official opposition.

Jason Plummer discussed the LA 100 Project from LADWP, a green energy project; he mentioned they would be doing an online presentation and discussing battery storage efforts, also adding that they have gone completely off coal and announcing they had implemented 45,000 electrical vehicle chargers.

Beth Klein asked where the batteries were being stored.

Jason Plummer said it was in Kern county and it is sent through the lines; he said it would provide an extra 150 mega watts.

**c. Opportunity to Join and/or Change Membership to Board Committees (GB082125-05)
Megan Golding joined Transportation. Joe Lisuzzo joined Public Safety and Land Use.**

Shirley Traum left the meeting at 8:01 PM.

9. Unfinished Business
Public Comment: None.

- a. Motion for the SORO NC to send a letter to Mayor Karen Bass demanding that she immediately consent to a full audit of the Inside Safe Program by the City Controller Kenneth Mejia; and that she, and/or the City Administrative Officer Matthew Szabo, disclose the full extent of all sources of its funding (GB082125-06)
Terrence Gomes recused himself at 8:05 PM.
Meera Srinivasan asked if this was a court ordered audit.
Michael Lynn said their audit was from SORO and WRAC as well as other NC's from the west side.
Moved by Joseph Mollaie; Seconded by Jason Plummer
Jason Plummer said that at the WRAC meeting Mayor Bass was asked about this and said she did not want an audit done by a political entity.
Margarita Guzman asked why was the word "demand" used instead of "request"?
Michael Lynn said from past efforts the word demand gets more attention.
Meera Srinivasan stated that if they are going to send demands we should know the details of the court order.
Joseph Mollaie added that the city is supposed to be transparent.
Megan Golding said that it just seemed like we are using Mejia against Bass, seems like there has always been an audit, why do we need another one?
Michael Lynn said the court order was from Judge Carter; he added that the Mejia audit would see specifically where the money goes at all levels, this audit would discover what went where.

Mitch Cohen called the Question; Seconded by Joseph Mollaie
Michael Lynn clarified that a yes vote is to stop discussion and go to directly to a vote.

Roll call; Joseph Mollaie
Megan Golding- Yes, Shia Fisher- Yes, Stuart Weiss- Yes, Michael Lynn- Yes, Margarita Guzman- Yes, Jason Plummer- Yes, Beth Klein- Yes, Mitch Cohen- Yes, Joseph Mollaie- Yes, Judit Maull- Yes, Jack Twaijri- Yes, Meera Srinivasan- Yes, Joe Lisuzzo- Yes, Sandy Block- Yes. Barry Levine- No
14 Yes, 1 No.

Discussion is ended, directly to vote on original motion.

Roll call; Joseph Mollaie
Stuart Weiss- Yes, Michael Lynn- Yes, Jason Plummer- Yes, Beth Klein- Yes, Mitch Cohen- Yes, Joseph Mollaie- Yes, Judit Maull- Yes, Jack Twaijri- Yes, Joe Lisuzzo- Yes, Sandy Block- Yes.
Barry Levine- No, Margarita Guzman- No,
Megan Golding- Abstain, Shia Fisher- Abstain, Meera Srinivasan- Abstain.
10 Yes, 2 No, 3 Abstain. Motion Passes.

10. Consent Agenda

- a. Motion to approve July 17, 2025 General Board Meeting Draft Minutes (GB082125-07)
- b. Motion to approve July 2025 Monthly Expenditure Report (GB082125-08)
- c. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORO NC) to confirm this fiscal year's Public Safety Committee meetings to be held at 7pm on the first Monday of each month at the Kosher Pizza Station, with the following exceptions: Wednesday, September 3, 2025; October 2025 – no meeting; Wednesday, February 4, 2026; Wednesday, March 4, 2026; Monday, April 6, 2026, meeting on Zoom (GB082125-09)
- d. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORO NC) to confirm approval of this fiscal year's Transportation Committee meetings to be held at 7pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month online via Zoom, with the exception of Tuesday, November 18, 2025 (GB082125-10)
- e. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORO NC) to confirm this fiscal year's Executive Committee online via Zoom, with the exception of Thursday, December 4, 2025 and May 7, 2025 (GB082125-11)
- f. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORO NC) to confirm this fiscal year's General Board meetings, with the exception of Thursday, December 11, 2025 and May 14, 2025 (GB082125-12)
- g. ~~Motion for the SORO NC to send a letter to Councilwoman Katy Yaroslavsky supporting Council District 5's efforts to create a Pico Blvd Business Improvement District, with the following text: Dear Councilwoman Katy Yaroslavsky, The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council is writing to you in support of Council District 5's efforts to create a Pico Blvd Business Improvement District that includes the section of Pico Blvd that is within the SORO NC boundaries. The establishment of the proposed business improvement district will pay for clean streets and sidewalks, overall cleanliness, increased public safety, security for businesses, CCTV, property improvement and cohesiveness of the business community. (GB082125-13)~~

Consent Agenda Moved by Mitch Cohen; Seconded by; Beth Klein

Multiple item Public Comment: No Public Comment

Items Removed: Jason Plummer removed g.

Vote Count: Roll Call; Terrence Gomes

Megan Golding- Yes, Terrence Gomes- Yes, Shia Fisher-Yes Stuart Weiss- Yes, Michael Lynn- Yes, Barry Levine- Yes, Margarita Guzman- Yes, Jason Plummer- Yes, Beth Klein- Yes, Mitch Cohen- Yes, Joseph Mollaie- Yes, Sandy Block-Yes, Judit Maull- Yes, Jack Twajiri- Yes, Meera Srinivasan- Yes, Joe Lisuzzo- Yes. Yes 16, No 0.

11. New Business

Multiple item Public Comment: None.

- a. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORO NC) to create an Ad-Hoc Committee to recommend answers for the DONE NC End of Year Review Survey (2024-25), due by September 7, 2025 to the Executive Committee and to be presented to the General Board for adoption. Ad-Hoc Committee shall dissolve on September 21, 2025 (GB082125-14)

**Moved by Michael Lynn ; Seconded by Mitch Cohen;
Michael Lynn moved to combine Items A & B. No Action Taken.**

- b. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORO NC) to create an Ad-Hoc Committee to recommend answers for the EmpowerLA Award Nomination Form, due by September 7, 2025 to the Executive Committee and to be presented to the General Board for adoption. Ad-Hoc Committee shall dissolve on September 21, 2025 (GB082125-15)
- c. Motion for the SORO NC to appoint Michael Lynn, Shia Fisher, Terrence Gomes, and Stuart Weiss as the Community Impact Statement (CIS) Filers (GB082125-16)

**Moved by Barry Levine; Seconded by Sandy Block;
Michael Lynn proposed an Amendment to add Jason Plummer to the list of names; Seconded by Shia Fisher.**

Roll Call; Terrence Gomes

Megan Golding- Yes, Terrence Gomes- Yes, Shia Fisher-Yes

Stuart Weiss- Yes, Michael Lynn- Yes, Barry

Levine- Yes, Margarita Guzman- Yes, Jason Plummer- Yes, Beth

Klein- Yes, Mitch Cohen- Yes, Joseph Mollaie- Yes, Sandy Block- Yes, Judit

Mauil- Yes, Jack Twaijri- Yes, Meera

Srinivasan- Yes, Joe Lisuzzo- Yes.

Yes 16, No 0.

Motion as amended

Roll Call; Terrence Gomes

Megan Golding- Yes, Terrence Gomes- Yes, Shia Fisher-Yes

Stuart Weiss- Yes, Michael Lynn- Yes, Barry

Levine- Yes, Margarita Guzman- Yes, Jason Plummer- Yes, Beth

Klein- Yes, Mitch Cohen- Yes, Joseph Mollaie- Yes, Sandy Block- Yes, Judit

Mauil- Yes, Jack Twaijri- Yes, Meera

Srinivasan- Yes, Joe Lisuzzo- Yes.

Yes 16, No 0.

- d. Motion for the SORO NC to appoint at least one Regional Grievance Panelist (GB082125-17)

Moved by Joseph Mollaie; Seconded by Beth Klein;

Terrence Gomes volunteers. Sandy Block volunteers. Stuart Weiss volunteers.
Motion to appoint all three to Regional Grievance Panel.

Meera Srinivasan left the meeting at 8:42 PM.

Roll Call; Terrence Gomes

Megan Golding- Yes, Terrence Gomes- Yes,

Stuart Weiss- Yes, Michael Lynn- Yes, Barry

Levine- Yes, Margarita Guzman- Yes, Jason Plummer- Yes, Beth Klein- Yes, Mitch Cohen- Yes, Joseph Mollaie- Yes, Sandy Block- Yes, Judit Maull- Yes, Jack Twajjri- Yes, Joe Lisuzzo- Yes.

Shia Fisher-Abstain.

Yes 14, No 0, Abstain 1.

Meera Srinivasan returned to the meeting at 8:47 PM.

- e. Motion for the SORO NC to approve the Conditional Use Permit (CUB) to authorize the continued off-site sale of a full line of alcoholic beverages, in conjunction with their existing Smart & Final store located at 1833 S La Cienega Blvd Suite B, Los Angeles, CA 90035 (pursuant to [Case No. ZA-2025-2574-CUB](#)). *This is a renewal of existing CUB with no changes (GB082125-18)*

Moved by Terrence Gomes ; Seconded by Shia Fisher ;

Beth Klein asked why are we approving the letter of support.

Joseph Mollaie asked who brought the motion forward.

Michael Lynn said it was basically Land Use.

Mitch Cohen clarified that Smart and Final were the ones that reached out to SORO for support.

No Public Comment.

Terrence Gomes said Smart and Final locks up their hard liquor, they have a security guard and that they have been a good operator.

Sandy Block asked what are people's experiences with this place and selling alcohol.

Megan Golding asked if anyone was really against this.

Jason Plummer said most people do grocery shopping at Smart and Final not drinking.

Roll Call; Terrence Gomes

Megan Golding- Yes, Terrence Gomes- Yes,

Stuart Weiss- Yes, Michael Lynn- Yes, Barry

Levine- Yes, Margarita Guzman- Yes, Jason Plummer- Yes, Beth

Klein- Yes, Mitch Cohen- Yes, Joseph Mollaie- Yes, Sandy Block- Yes, Judit

Maull- Yes, Jack Twajjri- Yes, Shia Fisher- Yes, Meera Srinivasan- Yes.

Joe Lisuzzo- Abstain.

Yes 15, No 0, Abstain 1.

12. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

Barry Levine asked who pays for this, the city or the businesses?

Terrence Gomes said property owners would pay.

No Public Comment.

Moved by Terrence Gomes; Seconded by Sandy Block.

Barry Levine asked if the business district went to CD 5 or did CD 5 go to them. Michael Lynn said a survey would go out to potential bids in the district and then a petition: there would be an approval of the city council assessment to fund the bid; many businesses in SORO have been wanting this for years, he added.

Megan Golding asked what the costs to the city would be. Michael Lynn said there would be no costs. Terrence Gomes said part of the bid pays for part of the city's participation. Jason Plummer wondered why businesses can't do this already, what privileges do they get. Michael Lynn said by assessing businesses they could create a council to address issues.

Roll Call; Terrence Gomes

Terrence Gomes- Yes, Stuart Weiss- Yes, Michael Lynn- Yes, Barry Levine- Yes, Margarita Guzman- Yes, Beth Klein- Yes, Mitch Cohen- Yes, Joseph Mollaie- Yes, Sandy Block- Yes, Judit Maull- Yes, Joe Lisuzzo- Yes.

Megan Golding- No, Jack Twajiri- Abstain, Shia Fisher- Abstain, Meera Srinivasan- Abstain, Jason Plummer- Abstain.

Yes 11, No 1, Abstain 4. Motion Passes.

13. Adjournment

Michael Lynn adjourned the meeting at 9:05 PM, without objection.