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Education Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 15, 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 called to order by Committee Chair at 6 p.m.

2. **Roll Call - Current Committee Members:**

Margarita Guzmán -- present

Barry Levine -- present

Michael Lynn -- present

Shirley Traum -- present

Jack Twajiri -- present

3. **General Public Comment**

a. **Dr. Jewett Walker** – Advisor to the Office of LAUSD Board Member Sherlett Hendy Newbill gave a brief introduction of himself and the office he represents. Announced Town Hall to be hosted by Ms. Newbill on April 30 at Crenshaw HS. Announced opening in Student Advisory and Parent Advisory Councils. Mr. Walker informed us of his willingness to attend our General Board Meeting and his ability to ask Ms. Newbill to also attend if we arrange a date for an in-person meeting.

b. **Christina Wantz** – Regional Director under Regional Superintendent, Dr. Denise Collier, have a brief introduction of herself and her role. She announced her intention to attend the next Education Committee meeting for a more in-depth presentation about her office and services.

4. **Approval of Outstanding Education Committee Minutes**

Approval of Draft Minutes for August 18, 2025 - Education Committee Special Meeting

Moved by Shirley T. and seconded by Barry L.

Vote: 3 yeases; 2 abstain; and 0 nos. Motion passes.

5. **Brief Education Committee Announcements**

None

6. **Old Business**

a. Discussion and possible action on SORONC Education Co-Chair vacancy and call for any volunteers to fill the position. Jack T. self-nominates himself.

Barry L. moved that Jack be approved as the Vice Chair of the Education Committee at the forthcoming SOAR board meeting.

Vote: 5 yesses and 0 nos. Motion passes.

- b. Update from Barry Levine on contact with Jewett Walker, Community Liaison for LAUSD Board Member Sherlett Hendy Newbill, to discuss potential events / programs that the Ed Committee can hold / fund. No update since Dr. Walker had addressed our group earlier in the meeting. Barry L. wants to invite LAUSD Board Members to our General Board meetings. Continued to Next month's meeting.
- c. Discussion and possible action to host a round table with local school officials such as Mr. Walker and LAUSD Board Members. Table the item – consider what would be the main issue of the meeting? Barry L. wants to invite LAUSD Board Members to our General Board meetings. Continued to Next month's meeting.

7. New Business

- a. Update from Margarita Guzmán on her outreach to Christina Wantz, Regional Director (West) under Regional Superintendent Denise Collier from LAUSD; and discussion and possible action on preparing slide presentation on SORONC & Education Committee for the purpose of introducing our group and increasing awareness of our activities with school officials / administrators. Ms. Watz accepted invitation and spoke to us earlier in this meeting and plans to return for a more in-depth discussion on Oct. 20.
- b. Discussion and possible action on K – 12 education / curriculum about local government. Comment from General Board Member Beth K.: The awareness and activity of local government is vital for our communities. I was surprised to discover a lack of awareness and knowledge of our governing council-system, and neighborhood council system amongst my neighbors and the community; and sadly, the kids are clueless. What can we do to call for the addition to K-12 curriculum to teach about local government?

Action Item for next meeting: What is the process of getting a course approved by the State / County for inclusion in the academic curriculum for students in the area. State Assembly / Sate Rep.

8. Stakeholder Requests to Join Education Committee *(stakeholders must attend two meetings before requesting to join the committee)*

NONE

9. Adjournment – meeting adjourned by Chairperson at 6:45 pm

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Note: *Public comment will be taken for each item where there is discussion and possible action.*

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