



General Board Meeting Draft Minutes

Thursday, January 15, 2026 @ 6:30pm

**Location: Claude Pepper Recreational Senior Citizens Center
1762 S. La Cienega Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90035**

1. Meeting Called to Order at 6:38 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by David Bruk
3. Roll Call:

Board Members Present: Megan Goldring, Baila Romm, Shia Fisher, Stuart Weiss, David Bruk, Terrence Gomes, Michael Lynn, Michelle Bega, Barry Levine, Jason Plummer, Beth Klein, Marlene Katz, Margarita Guzman, Mitch Cohen, Joe Lisuzzo, Judit Maull, Jack Twajri

Board Members Absent: Mallory Smith, Nathan Maryamian, Shirley Traum, Meera Srinivasan, Ryan Spivey, Noah Damsky

**Sandy Block entered the meeting at 6:47 PM.
Joseph Mollaie entered the meeting at 7:00 PM.**

4. **General Public Comment:**
No public comment.
5. **Brief Board Announcements**
 - a. Items for Committee Agendas and other Brief Board Announcements

Barry Levine - First NC, Citizens United, state Senate bill
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 Councilwoman Yaroslavsky, CD-5 (Rodriguez) - cairo.rodriquez@lacity.org - **Present, gave report.**

- 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 (Manzo) - alfonso.manzo@lacity.org - **Not present.**
- g. Office of Mayor Bass (Hull) - jennifer.hull@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 - **Present, gave report.**
- j. Office of State Assemblymember Bryan, AD-55 (Persoff) - Michelle.Persoff@asm.ca.gov - **Present, gave report.**
- k. Office of State Senator Smallwood-Cuevas, SD-28 (Hickambottom) - Ann.Hickambottom@sen.ca.gov - **Report given, read by Michael Lynn**
- l. Office of Congressman Kamlager-Dove, CD-37 (Benarroch) - Jackson.Benarroch@mail.house.gov - **Present, gave report.**
- m. Other Neighborhood, City and State offices

7. Board Membership- Selections, Removals, & Resignations

- a. None

8. Committees, Liaisons and Alliances

- a. Liaison and Alliance Representative Appointments
 - l. Motion to appoint Budget Advocates Representative 2 (GB011526-01)
Item continued to next General Board meeting.
- b. Committee, Liaisons and Alliance Reports
 - l. Standing Committees: Executive (Lynn); Education (Guzman); Land Use Cohen); Public Safety (Gomes/Romm); Outreach (Lynn); Transportation (Plummer); Budget & Finance (Gomes); Bylaws (Fisher); Board Development (Plummer)

Executive- Michael to send out template for business cards, Board urged to respond to email.

Education- Meeting will be held on Jan. 19.

Public Safety- No report.

Outreach- No report.

Transportation- No report. Virtual meeting will be held on Jan. 27.

Bylaws- No report.

Board Development- No report.

- II. Ad-hoc Committees: Trees
No report.
- III. Liaisons and Alliances: LANCC (Gomes), WRAC (Lynn), LADWP (Plummer, Maull), Budget Advocates (Maull), City Attorney (Lynn), District 37 Congressional Council (Weiss), Homelessness (Katz)

WRAC- WRAC is planning candidate forums for CD11 and CD5.

Budget Advocates- The Mayor of Los Angeles is expected to release the proposed budget in April, followed by City Council Budget and Finance Committee public hearings in May. May through early June is the key window for Neighborhood Councils to provide input, with the final budget expected to be adopted by early June before the new fiscal year begins.

Congressional Council- Stuart reported regular communication with the congressional representative's office. However, the Council does not appear to be holding the regular meetings that were originally proposed.

Homelessness - Katz shared an update on the upcoming public budget hearings and encouraged community members to participate to support transparency and public engagement in the county budget process. The committee also noted the homeless count will take place on January 20–22 and shared that several local sites are still in need of volunteers; anyone interested in volunteering for an additional night can reach out for the site list.

- c. Opportunity for Boardmembers to Join and/or Change Membership of Standing Committees (GB011526-02)

**Baila joins the Land Use Committee.
Beth joins the Land Use Committee.
Jason joins the Bylaws Committee.
Stuart joins the Transportation Committee.**

9. Unfinished Business

- a. None

10. Consent Agenda

- a. Motion to accept the December 11, 2025 General Board Meeting Draft Minutes (GB011526-03)
- b. Motion to approve the December 2025 Monthly Expenditure Report (GB011526-04)
- c. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORO NC) to send an email to CD5 as follows: "Thank you for contacting Beverly Bites regarding the illegal parking by pick-up and delivery drivers, resulting in them taking proactive safety measures. Please send a similar letter to RBM - 8590 West Pico Boulevard,

to request that they replicate these safety measures to prevent illegal parking in the red zone on Holt and Pico (GB011526-05)

- d. ~~Motion to recommend that the SORO NC support changes to the Los Angeles Charter, as proposed by the LANCC Recommendations (Links: [The Presentation](#) and [The Charter](#)) (GB011526-06)~~

Public Comment: None.

Items Removed/by:

Item d was removed by Jason Plummer.

**Motion to approve Consent Agenda - Items a, b, c
Moved by Terrence Gomes; Seconded by Baila Romm**

Roll Call Vote: Megan Goldring-Yes, Baila Romm-Yes, Shia Fisher-Yes, Stuart Weiss-Yes, David Bruk-Yes, Terrence Gomes-Yes, Michael Lynn-Yes, Michelle Bega-Yes, Barry Levine-Yes, Jason Plummer-Yes, Sandy Block-Yes, Beth Klein-Yes, Marlene Katz-Yes, Joseph Mollaie-Yes, Margarita Guzman-Yes, Mitch Cohen-Yes, Joe Lisuzzo-Yes, Judit Maull-Yes, Jack Twaijri-Yes

19 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain. Motion Passes.

11. New Business

- a. Motion to recommend that the SORO NC send a letter to all City Council Members and submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 23-1114](#) (Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils / SB 411 / Teleconferencing / Remote Meetings / Brown Act Modification / California Government Code / COVID-19 Pandemic) with the following text: "The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORO NC) at its January 15, 2026 General Board Meeting, by a vote of _ Yes, _ No, _ Abstain, _ Ineligible, hereby confirms its intent to continue the use of teleconferencing for any of its General Board and Committee meetings pursuant to [Cal. Gov. Code § 54953.8](#), including updates contained in [SB707](#) (effective January 1, 2026), based on the following justifications: 1) Increases public participation; 2) Solves location issues 3) enables board members with minor children to participate in all meetings 4) meeting location limitations 5) room capacity and meeting time limitations. (GB011526-07)

Board members asked clarifying questions and confirmed the motion was largely procedural, updating prior language approved in 2023 under SB 411 to align with SB 707 and preserve the option to use teleconferencing when needed. It was noted that SB 707 includes minor changes, including updated voting thresholds and clearer guidance on when members may participate remotely outside the jurisdiction, and that cameras must be on to vote (with limited exceptions for technical issues). Members discussed developing a standing rule and best practices (including declaring location when participating remotely) and clarified that a quorum must still be physically within the jurisdiction. The Board also discussed the possibility of offering

teleconference access for public participation during in-person meetings, noting potential cost and logistical challenges, and emphasized that the Council must “opt in” and notify the City to continue using teleconferencing after January 1, 2026.

Moved by Michelle Bega; Seconded by Terrence Gomes

Roll Call Vote: Megan Goldring-Yes, Baila Romm-Yes, Shia Fisher-Yes, Stuart Weiss-Yes, David Bruk-Yes, Terrence Gomes-Yes, Michael Lynn-Yes, Michelle Bega-Yes, Barry Levine-Yes, Jason Plummer-Yes, Sandy Block-Yes, Beth Klein-Yes, Marlene Katz-Yes, Joseph Mollaie-Yes, Margarita Guzman-Yes, Mitch Cohen-Yes, Joe Lisuzzo-Yes, Judit Maull-Yes, Jack Twaijri-Yes

19 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain. Motion Passes.

12. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

d. Motion to recommend that the SORO NC support changes to the Los Angeles Charter, as proposed by the LANCC Recommendations (Links: [The Presentation](#) and [The Charter](#)) (GB011526-06)

Moved by Baila Romm; Seconded by Terrence Gomes

Roll Call Vote: Megan Goldring-Yes, Baila Romm-Yes, Shia Fisher-Yes, Stuart Weiss-Yes, David Bruk-Yes, Terrence Gomes-Yes, Michael Lynn-Yes, Michelle Bega-Abstain, Barry Levine-Abstain, Jason Plummer-Yes, Sandy Block-Yes, Beth Klein-Yes, Marlene Katz-Yes, Joseph Mollaie-Yes, Margarita Guzman-Abstain, Mitch Cohen-Yes, Joe Lisuzzo-Yes, Judit Maull-Yes, Jack Twaijri-Yes

16 Yes, 0 No, 3 Abstain. Motion Passes.

13. Meeting Adjourned by Chair, without objection at 7:50 PM.