



General Board Meeting Draft Minutes

Thursday, March 19, 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 6:42PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Terrence Gomes.
3. Roll Call:
Board Members Present: Baila Romm, Stuart Weiss, Terrence Gomes, Michael Lynn, Michelle Bega, Jason David Plummer, Judit Maull, Marlene Katz, Ryan Spivey, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Shirley Traum, Jack Twaijri

Board Members Absent: Megan Goldring, Shia Fisher, Barry Levine, Margarita Guzman, Joe Lisuzzo, Sandy Block, Beth Klein.

Daniel Romm entered at 7:01PM.

David Bruk entered at 7:03PM.

Ronald J. Steinhoff entered at 7:10PM.

Marlene Katz departed at 8:10PM.

Michelle Bega departed at 8:10PM.

Ronald J. Steinhoff departed at 8:10PM.

Marlene Katz returned to the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Michelle Bega returned to the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Ronald J. Steinhoff returned to the meeting at 8:15 PM.

4. General Public Comment:

Billion Godsun, a candidate for State Assembly District 55 and founder of the Africa Town Coalition, spoke about his platform, which includes addressing homelessness, advocating for reparations for Black communities, improving affordability, and increasing community representation. He also shared the Coalition's efforts related to housing initiatives and community development. Zino, a member of the Africa Town Coalition, along with another Coalition member, provided additional comments in support of Godsun's candidacy, highlighting the organization's focus on anti-racism, community programs such as monthly food distributions, and concerns regarding gentrification and rising costs impacting Black communities.

5. Brief Board Announcements

- a. Items for Committee Agendas and other Brief Board Announcements
Michael Lynn announced that the next General Board meetings for April and May will be held on the second Thursday, April 14, via Zoom at 7:00 p.m.

6. Community Reports- **NONE**

- a. LA Police Department (Cohen) - 41706@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; Cairo Rodriguez, representing the Office of Councilwoman Katie Yaroslavsky, reported on a city-approved package supporting film and television production, upcoming budget developments, a pilot LAPD drone program in West Los Angeles, and the Vegan Street Fair in Westwood Village scheduled for March 28–29.**
- d. Office of Councilwoman Hutt, CD-10 (Guevara) - mayra.guevara@lacity.org- **Present, gave report; reported a fire at Palms Westminster Church, with LAFD suspecting arson. LAPD has made multiple visits to address trespassing and noted the need to identify the property owner to secure the site.**
- e. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (Erving) - commission@empowerla.org- **Not present.**
- f. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Manzo)- alfonso.manzo@lacity.org- **Present, gave report; A youth conference will be held on June 5th. The applications will be open until April 24. Youth ages 14–17 are encouraged to apply.**
- 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 - **Not present.**
- j. Office of State Assemblymember Bryan, AD-55 (Persoff) - Michelle.Persoff@asm.ca.gov - **Present, gave report: Informed about upcoming legislation, including AB 1646 (the HUG Act), which would allow youth in juvenile detention facilities to have physical contact with family members.**
- k. Office of State Senator Smallwood-Cuevas, SD-28 (Hickambottom) - Ann.Hickambottom@sen.ca.gov - **Not present.**
- l. Office of Congressman Kamlager-Dove, CD-37 (Benarroch) - Jackson.Benarroch@mail.house.gov - **Not present.**
- m. Other Neighborhood, City and State offices

7. Board Membership- Selections, Removals, & Resignations

Public Comment:

- a. Announcement of the automatic removal of Nathan Maryamian from the General Board due to 3 General Board regular meeting absences in a row, as per the SORO NC [Bylaws Article 5, Section 7](#); and the opening of the Application period of the Organization Representative 2 Board Seat (Term ending June 2029) for Appointment at the next General Board meeting

Public Comment - None.

- b. Appointment of the Organization 1 Board Seat (Currently At-Large, Term ending June 2027) (GB031926-01)

Aaron Farshad Sinai withdrew his candidacy for the Organization 1 Board Seat.

Stacy Jung was absent.

Motion to appoint David Romm as the Organization 1 Representative. Moved by Terrence Gomes; Seconded by Joseph Mollaie.

Roll Call Vote: Baila Romm-Yes, Stuart Weiss-Yes, Terrence Gomes-Yes, Michael Lynn-Yes, Michelle Bega-Yes, Judit Maull-Yes, Marlene Katz-Yes, Ryan Spivey-Yes, Mitch Cohen-Yes, Joseph Mollaie-Yes, Shirley Traum-Yes, Jack Twaijri-Yes, Jason Plummer-No.

12 Yes, 1 No, 0 Abstain. Motion Passes.

Daniel Romm entered the meeting at 7:01PM.

- c. Appointment of the Business Representative 5 Board Seat (Currently At-Large, Term ending June 2027) (GB031926-02)

Motion to appoint Aaron Farshad Sinai as the Business Representative 5 Representative.

Moved by Joseph Mollaie; Seconded by Terry Gomes.

David Bruk-Abstain. Michelle Bega- Abstain.

11 Yes, 1 No, 2 Abstain. Motion Passes.

Aaron Farshad Sinai entered the meeting at 7:08PM.

- d. Appointment of the Zone 7 Representative Board Seat (Term ending June 2029) (GB031926-03)

Eric Gordon was absent.

Motion to appoint Ronald J. Steinhoff to the Board.

Moved by Terrence Gomes; Seconded by Mitch Cohen.

Roll Call Vote: Baila Romm-Yes, Stuart Weiss-Yes, David Bruk-Yes, Terrence Gomes-Yes, Michael Lynn-Yes, Michelle Bega-No, Judit Maull-Yes, Marlene Katz-Yes, Ryan Spivey-Yes, Mitch Cohen-Yes, Joseph Mollaie-Yes, Shirley Traum-Yes, Jack Twaijri-Yes, Jason Plummer-Yes.

13 Yes, 1 No, 0 Abstain. Motion Passes.

Ronald J. Steinhoff entered the meeting at 7:10PM.

8. Committees, Liaisons and Alliances

a. Committee, Liaisons and Alliance Reports

- I. 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- Reported that board shirts have been ordered and are expected within approximately one week. Also noted plans to place an order for business cards and encouraged board members to respond to related communications.

Education- No report.

Land Use- No report.

Public Safety- Reported on a recent presentation of a speed trailer and noted that the committee is monitoring battery duration and recharge needs.

Outreach- Announced upcoming events, including a Recreation Center Earth Day Spring Festival anticipated for late April, with the date to be confirmed. Noted that board member participation is needed.

Transportation- Announced an upcoming committee meeting on Tuesday and requested agenda items be submitted in advance.

Budget & Finance- Reported that a holiday calendar with upcoming dates will be distributed.

Bylaws- No Report

Board Development-

- II. Ad-hoc Committees: Trees**

Terrence Gomes reported that a letter was submitted regarding concerns about tree permit notifications, noting that trees are being removed without community notice. He also shared that the City Attorney previously provided updates on office priorities, including misdemeanor enforcement and city initiatives.

- III. Liaisons and Alliances: LANCC (Gomes), WRAC (Lynn); LADWP (Plummer, Maull); Budget Advocates (Maull); City Attorney (Lynn); District 37 Congressional Council (Weiss); Homelessness (Katz)-no report.**

LANCC- No Report.

WRAC- Reported on a recent meeting discussing mental health resources, including the limited number of locked and unlocked beds nationwide. Clarified that “locked” beds refer to facilities where patients cannot leave, while “unlocked” beds allow patients to leave voluntarily.

LADWP- No report.

Budget Advocates- Reported that the annual white paper process has concluded, including meetings with City departments regarding upcoming fiscal year budgets. Announced that Neighborhood Council Budget Day will take place on June 27 at Los Angeles City Hall.

City Attorney (Lynn)- Reported that materials regarding recusals were distributed to board members and advised members to consult the City Attorney for guidance and provide detailed information when determining the need to recuse.

District 37 Congressional Council- No report.

Homelessness - No report.

- b. Opportunity for Board members to Join and/or Change Membership of [Standing Committees](#) (GB031926-04)

**Daniel Romm joins Public Safety Committee.
Ronald J. Steinhoff joins Land Use Committee.
Aaron Farshad Sinai joins Land Use Committee.**

- c. Motion to confirm Mallory Smith as a Stakeholder Member of the Outreach Committee (GB031926-05)

Moved by Terrence Gomes; Seconded by Michelle Bega.

Roll Call Vote: Baila Romm-Yes, Stuart Weiss-Yes, David Bruk-Yes, Terrence Gomes-Yes, Michael Lynn-Yes, Michelle Bega-Yes, Judit Maull-Yes, Marlene Katz-Yes, Ryan Spivey-Yes, Mitch Cohen-Yes, Joseph Mollaie-Yes, Shirley Traum-Yes, Jack Twaijri-Yes, Jason Plummer-Yes.

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

9. Unfinished Business

**Marlene Katz, Michelle Bega, and Ronald J. Steinhoff each recused themselves from Items 9a–e out of an abundance of caution and departed the meeting at 8:10 p.m.
Public Comment: None**

- a. Motion for the SORO NC to write letters to the City Council Members and submit Community Impact Statements (CISs) in support of the motions in [CF25-1509-S1](#) with the following text: “The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORO NC) supports the motion contained within this council file. We believe it is important to support the film industry which has recently gone through a dramatic decrease in local film opportunities. We believe this motion will help spur new interest in local film production.” (GB031926-06)

Motion to combine Items 9a–e into one motion.

Moved by Terrence Gomes; Seconded by Mitch Cohen.

Roll Call Vote: Baila Romm-Yes, Stuart Weiss-Yes, David Bruk-Yes, Terrence Gomes-Yes, Michael Lynn-Yes, Michelle Bega-Recused, Judit Maull-Yes, Marlene Katz-Recused, Ryan Spivey-Yes, Mitch Cohen-Yes, Joseph Mollaie-Yes, Shirley Traum-Yes, Jack Twaijri-Yes, Jason Plummer-Yes.

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

- b. Motion for the SORO NC to write letters to the City Council Members and submit Community Impact Statements (CISs) in support of the motions in [CF25-1508](#), with the following text: “The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORO NC) supports the motion contained within this council file. We believe it is important to support the film industry which has recently gone through a dramatic decrease in local film opportunities. We believe this motion will help spur new interest in local film production.” (GB031926-07)
- c. Motion for the SORO NC to write letters to the City Council Members and submit Community Impact Statements (CISs) in support of the motions in [CF25-1499](#), with the following text: “The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORO NC) supports the motion contained within this council file. We believe it is important to support the film industry which has recently gone through a dramatic decrease in local film opportunities. We believe this motion will help spur new interest in local film production.” (GB031926-08)
- d. Motion for the SORO NC to write letters to the City Council Members and submit Community Impact Statements (CISs) in support of the motions in [CF25-1502](#) with the following text: “The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORO NC) supports the motion contained within this council file. We believe it is important to support the film industry which has recently gone through a dramatic decrease in local film opportunities. We believe this motion will help spur new interest in local film production.” (GB031926-09)
- e. Motion for the SORO NC to write letters to the City Council Members and submit Community Impact Statements (CISs) in support of the motions in [CF25-1503](#) with the following text: “The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORO NC) supports the motion contained within this council file. We believe it is important to support the film industry which has recently gone through a dramatic decrease in

local film opportunities. We believe this motion will help spur new interest in local film production.” (GB031926-10)

Motion to approve Items 9a–e.

Moved by Terrence Gomes; Seconded by Mitch Cohen.

Roll Call Vote: Baila Romm-Yes, Stuart Weiss-Yes, David Bruk-Yes, Terrence Gomes-Yes, Michael Lynn-Yes, Michelle Bega-Recused, Judit Maull-Yes, Marlene Katz-Recused, Ryan Spivey-Yes, Mitch Cohen-Yes, Joseph Mollaie-Yes, Shirley Traum-Yes, Jack Twaijri-Yes, Jason Plummer-Yes.

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

Marlene Katz, Michelle Bega, and Ronald J. Steinhoff returned to the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

10. Consent Agenda

Public Comment: No public comment.

Items Removed/Boardmember: no items removed.

- a. Motion to accept the [February 15, 2026 General Board Meeting Draft Minutes](#) (GB031926-11)
- b. Motion to approve the [February 2026 Monthly Expenditure Report](#) (GB031926-12)
- c. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORO NC) to Co-sponsor the Spring Earth Day Event at the Robertson Recreation Center and fund up to \$500 for snacks and refreshments (GB031926-13)

Motion to approve all items on the consent agenda.

Moved by Terrence Gomes; Seconded by Ryan Spivey.

Roll Call Vote: Baila Romm-Yes, Stuart Weiss-Yes, David Bruk-Yes, Terrence Gomes-Yes, Michael Lynn-Yes, Michelle Bega-Yes, Judit Maull-Yes, Marlene Katz-Yes, Ryan Spivey-Yes, Mitch Cohen-Yes, Joseph Mollaie-Yes, Shirley Traum-Yes, Jack Twaijri-Yes, Jason Plummer-Yes.

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

11. New Business

Public Comment: no public comment

- a. Motion to approve [proposed changes to the SORO NC Bylaws](#) and submit them to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (GB031926-14)

Motion to send the proposed changes to the SORO NC Bylaws back to the Bylaws Committee for further discussion.

Moved by Mitch Cohen; Seconded by Terrence Gomes.

Roll Call Vote: Baila Romm-Yes; Stuart Weiss-Yes; David Bruk-Yes; Terrence Gomes-Yes; Michael Lynn-Yes; Michelle Bega-Yes; Judit Maull-Yes; Marlene Katz-Yes; Ryan Spivey-Yes; Mitch Cohen—Yes; Joseph Mollaie-Yes; Shirley Traum-Yes; Jack Twaijri-Yes; Jason Plummer-Yes.

14 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain. Motion passes.

- b. Motion for the SORO NC to submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in Council File [CF 25-1083](#) (Title: Impacts of SB 79 (Wiener) / Comprehensive Report / City Infrastructure and Utility Systems) with the following text: “At its March 19, 2026 General Board meeting, by a vote of X Yes, X No, X, X ineligible, and X abstain the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council voted to fully support Citywide Implementation Option C1, over all other options.” (GB031926-15).

Moved by Terrence Gomes; Seconded by Mitch Cohen.

Board Discussion: Jason Plummer noted that limiting density may not be beneficial for renters in the district. Baila Romm raised concerns about vacant buildings not being utilized and stated that increasing density without adequate public safety planning could pose risks. Mitch Cohen expressed concerns about impacts on the City’s zoning authority and potential strain on infrastructure.

Roll Call Vote: Baila Romm-Yes; Stuart Weiss-Yes; David Bruk-Yes; Terrence Gomes-Yes; Michael Lynn-Yes; Michelle Bega-Yes; Judit Maull-Yes; Marlene Katz-Yes; Ryan Spivey-Yes; Mitch Cohen—Yes; Joseph Mollaie-Yes; Shirley Traum-Yes; Jack Twaijri-Yes; Jason Plummer-No.

13 Yes, 1 No, 0 Abstain. Motion passes.

12. **Items Removed from Consent Agenda**
No items removed from the consent agenda.
13. **Meeting Adjourned at 8:32PM by Michael Lynn, without objection.**