



Special General Board and Board Development Committee Special Joint Meeting Agenda for Board Retreat

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

*Meeting starts 6:30 pm and ends at 9:00 pm
or earlier if the committee votes to end earlier*

**In Person location: Robertson Rec Center
1641 Preuss Rd, LA, CA 90035
Community Room**

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

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.

The amount of time for public comment on each agenda item is to be determined by the Chair at each meeting. Speakers shall limit their

comments to matters relevant to the item on the agenda. The Chair may rule that the speaker is out of order if the comments are not germane to the item under consideration. If multiple requests for public comment are submitted on one agenda item, preference will be granted to members of the public who have not spoken previously during the meeting, either during general public comment or on another agenda item. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Committee's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. General Public Comment is limited to 15 minutes maximum. No individual speaker will be allowed more than two (2) minutes during General Public Comment, unless the presiding officer decides differently.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call Current Board Members:** Megan Goldring, Baila Romm, Stuart Weiss, David Bruk, Terrence Gomes, Michael Lynn, Michelle Bega, Barry Levine, Aaron Farshad, Daniel Romm, Rachel Petru, Joe Lisuzzo, Jason Plummer, Sandy Block, Beth Klein, Judit Maull, Marlene Katz, Meera Srinivasan, Ronald Steinhoff, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollie, Shirley Traum, Jack Twaijri (23)
4. **General Public Comment:**
5. **Welcome to Community Engagement 101:**
Today is all about Community Engagement 101
Later on in the meeting we will get into what those specifics are and how we as a board can develop goals around them.
6. **Why I Serve - Roundtable: Each Board member gets 1 minute to answer**
 - What do you do when you are not involved in SORO Board meetings?
 - Why did you join the NC?
 - How is your participation a benefit to the SORO NC stakeholders beyond your personal aspirations, goals, or concerns?
 - What do you hope to accomplish this year?
 - What do you see as a barrier to accomplishing your goals and what can be done to overcome that?
7. **Basic Rules for Board Members – Brief overview**
 - a) Required Attendance in General Board meetings and committee participation, Code of Conduct, Conflicts of Interest, Ralph M. Brown Act
 - b) Robert's Rules of Order and Rosenberg's rules
 - c) Public Records Act – California Public Records Act
 - d) Other Laws and Ordinances Governing Board Members
 - e) SORO NC Bylaws- Presentation by By-Laws Committee
 - f) Required trainings from DONE

8. Team Building Exercise: Community Vision Map (30 min)

Output: A shared neighborhood priorities map

Put up a large map of South Robertson.

Ask everyone to mark:

- **Areas of concern (traffic, safety, homelessness)**
- **Community assets (parks, schools, businesses)**
- **Opportunity zones**

Then identify top 3 priorities.

Why it works:

Creates a collective picture of the neighborhood.

9. Board Development Goals

Today's Theme, Community Engagement 101, is to discover how we can grow the board and increase community engagement, promote more citizen participation in government and make government more responsive to local needs.

- What is community engagement?
- Building and Maintaining relationships with city partners -
- How can we grow the board and increase community engagement?
- How can we promote more citizen participation in government?
- How to make government more responsive to local needs.
- How can we increase SORO Board Members participation? le; FRAD Event, Town Hall, Winter Wonderland, etc.

11. Adjournment

Note: *Public comment will be taken for each item where there is discussion and possible action. Public comment and/or participation may occur on other items at the discretion of the Chair. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Committee is prevented from acting on matters brought to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue may become the subject of a future meeting. In the interest of addressing all items on the agenda, time limits for individual comments and discussion may be set at the discretion of the Chair.*

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