



## General Board Meeting Draft Minutes

Thursday, April 16, 2026 @ 6:30pm

*Meetings end at 9:00pm unless the Board votes to end earlier or extend the time.*

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

1. Meeting Called to Order at 6:36PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Beth Klein.
3. Roll Call:

**Board Members Present:** Megan Goldring, Baila Romm, Daniel Romm, Stuart Weiss, David Bruk, Terrence Gomes, Michael Lynn, Barry Levine, Joe Lisuzzo, Jason David Plummer, Beth Klein, Joseph Mollaie, Jack Twalirji, Judit Maull

**Board Members Absent:** Michelle Bega, Margarita Guzman, Shia Fisher, Marlene Katz, Ronald J. Steinhoff, Aaron Farshad Sinai, Ryan Spivey,

Mitch Cohen entered at 6:44pm  
Jason David Plummer stepped out at 7:40PM.  
Jason David Plummer returned at 7:42PM.  
Rachael Petru entered at 7:04PM  
Daniel Romm departed the meeting at 7:12pm  
Sandy Block entered at 7:45pm.

4. General Public Comment:

Jay Handal, local resident and Co-Chair of the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates, spoke about the importance of covering the City's upcoming budget discussions at City Hall. He highlighted concerns regarding an anticipated \$300 million budget deficit, noting the potential for additional layoffs. He encouraged a closer review of departmental budgets to better understand the causes of the deficit. Mr. Handal also announced "Budget Day," a public event that will include a free breakfast, and invited stakeholders to attend. He provided his contact information for follow-up: jayhandel@gmail.com

**Morgan Oyler, candidate for City Council District 5, introduced himself and shared his background as an accountant. He stated he is running in response to the many challenges facing the city, regarding the City's budget and leadership. Mr. Oyler listed key issues behind his decision to run, including the housing crisis, public safety, and quality of life. He stated his belief that elected officials are public servants who work for and represent the people. He also shared important election dates, noting May 4 and June 3.**

## **5. Brief Board Announcements**

- a. Items for Committee Agendas and other Brief Board Announcements  
**Michael Lynn announced that next month's General Board Meeting will be on May 14th on zoom (the second Thursday of the month)**

**Baila Romm spoke about land use and Opportunity Quarters. She noted that these areas have only been implemented in highly affluent neighborhoods. She asked who is responsible for deciding where Opportunity Quarters are placed and requested that the Land Use Committee review who makes these decisions and how the process works.**

## **6. Community Reports**

- a. LA Police Department (Cohen) - 41706@lapd.online / (Ojeda) - 36393@lapd.online  
**No representative present.**
- b. LA Fire Department- Battalion 18 lafdbattalion18@lacity.org  
**No representative present.**
- c. Office of Councilwoman Yaroslavsky, CD-5 (Rodriguez) - [cairo.rodriquez@lacity.org](mailto:cairo.rodriquez@lacity.org)  
**A virtual community meeting will be held on April 21 to discuss the City budget.**
- d. Office of Councilwoman Hutt, CD-10 (Guevara) - [mayra.quevara@lacity.org](mailto:mayra.quevara@lacity.org)  
**A community shredding event will take place on May 23 at La Cienega Plaza. The event will run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with document shredding available from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Residents may bring items for disposal, including documents, paint, tires, and batteries. The event is sponsored by Council District 10.**
- e. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (Erving) - commission@empowerla.org  
**No representative present.**
- f. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Manzo)- alfonso.manzo@lacity.org  
**No representative present.**
- g. Office of Mayor Bass (Hull) - jennifer.hull@lacity.org / (Moret) allen.moret@lacity.org  
**No representative present.**
- h. Office of County Supervisor Mitchell, 2nd District (Park) - DPark@bos.lacounty.gov  
**No representative present.**
- i. Office of County Supervisor Horvath, 3rd District (Laflan) - ALaflen@bos.lacounty.gov  
**No representative present.**
- j. Office of State Assemblymember Bryan, AD-55 (Persoff) - [Michelle.Persoff@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Michelle.Persoff@asm.ca.gov)  
**Several bills are currently moving to the Appropriations Committee, where they will be reviewed for fiscal impact. Updates were shared on recent and upcoming legislation, including a workplace protections bill heard on April 16, a foster youth housing bill heard in recent weeks,**

and the Unseen Housing Act, which is scheduled for April 22. The Unseen Housing Act, sponsored by the Downtown Women’s Center, focuses on housing protections for survivors of domestic violence, noting that many survivors experience homelessness. The office also announced an upcoming Ballona Wetlands stewardship event.

k. Office of State Senator Smallwood-Cuevas, SD-28 (Hickambottom) - Ann.Hickambottom@sen.ca.gov

**No representative present.**

l. Office of Congressman Kamlager-Dove, CD-37 (Benarroch) - Jackson.Benarroch@mail.house.gov

**No representative present.**

m. Office of LAUSD School Board District 1 – (Newbill)

**No representative present.**

n. Other Neighborhood, City and State offices

**No representative present.**

## 7. Board Membership- Selections, Removals, & Resignations

### Public Comment:

a. Appointment of the Organization Representative 2 Board Seat (Term ending June 2029) (GB041626-01)

### Applicants:

**Nathan Maryamian was present.**

**Rachael Petru was present.**

**Motion to appoint one of the applicants to the Organization Representative 2 Board Seat.**

**Moved by Baila Romm; Seconded by Terrence Gomes.**

### Roll Call Vote:

**Nathan Maryamian: 6 votes (Megan Goldring, Baila Romm, Terrence Gomes, Daniel Romm, Beth Klein, Joseph Mollaie)**

**Rachel Petru: 10 votes (Stuart Weiss, David Bruk, Michael Lynn, Barry Levine, Joe Lisuzzo, Jason Plummer, Judit Maull, Mitch Cohen, Shirley Traum, Jack Twajiri)**

**Rachael Petru entered at 7:04PM**

## 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 (Lynn)-** Reported that the organization’s website has accessibility features in place. However, new accessibility requirements mandated by the U.S. Department of

Justice Civil Rights Division apply to all City-related digital platforms, including websites, newsletters, and social media. Current social media platforms, including Facebook and Instagram, are not compliant. The deadline to meet these electronic accessibility standards, including accommodations for individuals who are blind or hearing impaired, is April 24.

**Education (Guzman)**- No report given.

**Land Use (Cohen)**- Reported that a special meeting will be held on May 12. At the last meeting, a project was reviewed for recommendation to the Board, with the condition that the City address infrastructure concerns. This item will be included on next month's agenda.

**Public Safety (Gomes/Romm)**-No report given.

**Outreach (Lynn)**- Reported that a Spring Earth Day event will take place at Robertson Recreation Center on April 23, 2026. Volunteers are needed to staff booths, and Board member participation was encouraged. It was also noted that the Board may need to consider taking down its social media accounts due to accessibility compliance issues; this item may be added to a future agenda pending further guidance from City entities.

**Transportation (Plummer)**-Reported that the last meeting did not meet quorum. The Committee is seeking additional members. Two bills currently moving through the State Assembly related to transportation regulations were mentioned, including one addressing maximum light wattage; additional details are available in the previous meeting agenda. The next meeting is scheduled for April 28.

**Budget and Finance (Gomes)**- Reported that the next committee meeting will be held on Sunday, May 3rd at 6:30PM.

**Bylaws (Fisher)**- No report given. Chair absent.

**Board Development (Plummer)**- No report given.

- ii. Ad-hoc Committees: Trees - No report.
- iii. Liaisons and Alliances: **LANCC (Gomes), WRAC (Lynn), LADWP (Plummer, Maull), Budget Advocates (Maull), City Attorney (Lynn),m Homelessness (Katz), City Attorney (Lynn)**

**LANCC (Gomes)**- Reported that the May 2 LANCC meeting will include a presentation by the General Manager on electronic accessibility requirements, as discussed in the Executive Committee report. Commissioner Steven Kang from Public Works and the General Manager of the Bureau of Street Lighting are also expected to attend and address various City issues.

**WRAC (Lynn)**-Reported that there was a meeting with District Attorney Nathan Hochman.

**LADWP (Plummer, Maull)**- Reported that the water supply forecast reflects below-average snowpack levels. LADWP has collected 31.9 billion gallons of stormwater, helping to boost the local water supply.

**Budget Advocates (Maull)**- Reported that the 2026 Budget Advocates White Paper is available online and has been distributed to City Council offices. The White Paper is an annual report that analyzes the City budget and provides recommendations on spending and financial management.

The Mayor is expected to release the draft budget on April 20. Budget and Finance Committee hearings will begin on April 27, during which departments will present and justify their budget requests. The City Council will then review and make modifications before returning the budget to the Mayor. Final approval is expected the week of June 2. Budget Day is scheduled for June 27. The Budget Advocates requested that the Board consider contributing \$500 toward the event. It was also noted that Neighborhood Councils are encouraged to submit Community Impact Statements in response to the White Paper.

**City Attorney (Lynn)**- Reported that City Attorney sent two documents regarding Recusals and has been forwarded them to the Board. Any Boardmember can request them to be re-emailed.

**Homelessness (Katz)**- no report

- b. Opportunity for Board members to Join and/or Change Membership of Standing Committees (GB041626-02)

**Rachael Petru requested to join the Transportation committee  
Baila Romm requested to be removed from Outreach Committee**

## 9. Unfinished Business

- a. Motion to approve proposed changes to the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORO NC) Bylaws and submit them to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (GB041626-03)

**Moved by Terrence Gomes; Seconded by ; Beth Klein**

**Public Comment: NONE**

**Board Discussion: NONE**

**Vote: Megan Goldring- yes, Baila Romm- yes, Stuart Weiss- yes, David Bruk- yes, Terrence Gomes- yes, Michael Lynn- yes, Barry Levine- yes, Joe Lisuzzo- yes, Jason David Plummer- yes, Sandy Block- yes, Beth Klein- yes, Judit Maull- yes, Mitch Cohen- yes, Joseph Mollaie- yes, Shirley Traum- yes, Jack Twalirji- yes**

**MOTION PASSED 16-0-0**

## 10. Consent Agenda

- a. Motion to accept the March 19, 2026 General Board Meeting Draft Minutes (GB041626-04)

- ~~b. Motion for the SORO NC to submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in support of CF 26-0124 which drafts an ordinance that establishes a requirement for type 10 (retail) cannabis license applications to include letters of support or opposition from the corresponding neighborhood council, the Council Office where it will reside, LAPD and a community-based organization that serves the community where the cannabis business would operate, before approval to open and operate is granted (GB041626-07)~~
- ~~c. Motion for the SORO NC to write a letter to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health requesting the investigation of new "pop up street vendors" operating within the SORO NC's boundaries and observed to not be in compliance with the Department's health and safety standards (GB041626-08)~~

**PUBLIC COMMENT- NONE**

Items Removed: b, c (by Jason Plummer)

**Motion to approve remaining item on Consent Agenda  
Moved by Terrence Gomes; Seconded by Baila Romm**

**Vote: Megan Goldring- yes, Baila Romm- yes, Stuart Weiss- yes, David Bruk- yes, Terrence Gomes- yes, Michael Lynn- yes, Barry Levine- yes, Joe Lisuzzo- yes, Jason David Plummer- yes, Sandy Block- yes, Beth Klein- abstain, Judit Maull- yes, Mitch Cohen- yes, Joseph Mollaie- yes, Shirley Traum- yes, Jack Twalirji- yes**

**15 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain  
MOTION PASSED**

**11. New Business**

**Multiple Item Public Comment:**

- a. **Motion to approve the March 2026 Monthly Expenditure Report (GB041626-04)  
Moved by Terrence Gomes; Seconded by Mitch Cohen  
PUBLIC COMMENT- None  
BOARD DISCUSSION- NONE**

**Vote: Megan Goldring- yes, Baila Romm- yes, Stuart Weiss- yes, David Bruk- yes, Terrence Gomes- yes, Michael Lynn- yes, Barry Levine- yes, Joe Lisuzzo- yes, Jason David Plummer- yes, Sandy Block- yes, Beth Klein- yes, Judit Maull- yes, Mitch Cohen- yes, Joseph Mollaie- yes, Shirley Traum- yes,**

**15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain  
Motion PASSED**

- b. Motion for the SORO NC to participate in the May 9, 2026 LAFD Annual Fire Service Day and fund up to \$500 for snacks and refreshments (GB041626-05)  
**Moved by Terrence Gomes; Seconded by Mitch Cohen**  
**PUBLIC COMMENT- None**  
**BOARD DISCUSSION- NONE**

**Vote: Megan Goldring- yes, Baila Romm- yes, Stuart Weiss- yes, David Bruk- yes, Terrence Gomes- yes, Michael Lynn- yes, Barry Levine- yes, Joe Lisuzzo- yes, Jason David Plummer- yes, Sandy Block- yes, Beth Klein- yes, Judit Maull- yes, Mitch Cohen- yes, Joseph Mollaie- yes, Shirley Traum- yes,**

**15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain**  
**Motion PASSED**

- c. Motion for the SORO NC to renew one (1) Zoom License for the 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR in the amount of up to \$256 (GB041626-06)

**Moved by TERRENCE GOMES; Seconded by BAILA ROMM**

**Public Comment: None**

**Board discussion- Jason- would it be beneficial to have more than one zoom license.**

**Joseph- we can make sure that meetings don't go over 40 minutes.**

**Rachael- is there a rule that the meeting must be done on a zoom city sponsored official account**

**Lynn- it doesn't have to be on an official city account but there are parameters that it must meet**

**Vote: Megan Goldring- yes, Baila Romm- yes, Stuart Weiss- yes, David Bruk- yes, Terrence Gomes- yes, Michael Lynn- yes, Barry Levine- yes, Joe Lisuzzo- yes, Jason David Plummer- yes, Sandy Block- yes, Beth Klein- yes, Judit Maull- yes, Mitch Cohen- yes, Joseph Mollaie- yes, Shirley Traum- yes,**

**15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain**  
**Motion PASSED**

## 12. Items Removed from Consent Agenda:

### Item b.

**Motion for the SORO NC to submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in support of CF 26-0124 which drafts an ordinance that establishes a requirement for type-10 (retail) cannabis license applications to include letters of support or opposition from the corresponding neighborhood council, the Council Office where it will reside, LAPD and a community-based organization that serves the community where the cannabis business would operate, before approval to open and operate is granted (GB041626-07)**

**Moved by Terrence Gomes; Seconded by Baila Romm.**

### **Board Discussion:**

**Megan Goldring asked what negative outcomes the motion could create and**

questioned the impact of limiting cannabis business locations. Discussion compared cannabis regulations to liquor store density rules.

Baila Romm and Joseph explained that liquor stores are subject to spacing and density requirements. Jason stated the motion was unnecessary given existing processes. Beth Klein encouraged review of the Community Impact Statement. David clarified that cannabis is federally regulated.

Megan Goldring raised concerns about assumptions regarding business outcomes and whether community opposition would prevent cannabis businesses from opening. Lynn stated outcomes could vary depending on circumstances.

Beth Klein noted that multiple stakeholders are involved in the review process. Terrence Gomes stated that unregulated operators can negatively impact communities and compliant businesses.

Joe Lisuzzo asked about recusal requirements for board members.

Roll Call Vote: Megan Goldring- abstain, Baila Romm- yes, Stuart Weiss- yes, David Bruk- yes, Terrence Gomes- yes, Michael Lynn- yes, Barry Levine- yes, Joe Lisuzzo- yes, Jason David Plummer- no, Sandy Block- yes, Beth Klein- yes, Judit Maull- yes, Mitch Cohen- yes, Joseph Mollaie- yes, Shirley Traum- yes, Jack Twalirji- yes

14 yes, 1 no, 1 abstain

**Motion PASSED**

Item c

Motion for the SORO NC to write a letter to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health requesting the investigation of new "pop up street vendors" operating within the SORO NC's boundaries and observed to not be in compliance with the Department's health and safety standards (GB041626-08)  
Moved by Terrence Gomes; Seconded by Baila Romm.

**Board Discussion:**

Discussion focused on food safety compliance, including refrigeration, food handling, permitting, and taxation requirements.

Some board members expressed concern about the impact on small vendors and the need for outreach and support to help vendors become compliant. Others stated that public health and safety standards should be applied consistently across all food vendors and that enforcement typically includes warnings and opportunities to comply before penalties are issued.

Members also discussed verification of permits and whether vendors are currently operating in compliance with health regulations.

**Michael Lynn stated this would be determined by the City Attorney.**

**Roll Call Vote: Megan Goldring- no, Baila Romm- yes, Stuart Weiss- yes, David Bruk- yes, Terrence Gomes- yes, Michael Lynn- yes, Barry Levine- yes, Joe Lisuzzo- yes, Jason David Plummer- no, Sandy Block- abstain, Beth Klein- yes, Judit Maull- yes, Mitch Cohen- no Joseph Mollaie- yes, Shirley Traum- yes, Jack Twalirji- no**

**11 Yes, 4 No, 1 Abstain.**

**Motion PASSED**

- 13. Meeting Adjourned at 8:35PM by MICHAEL LYNN, without objection**