



General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 16, 2026 @ 6:30pm

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

1. Meeting Called to Order by Chair Michael Lynn at 6:37 P.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance led by: Terrence Gomes

3. Roll Call:

Board members Present: Michael Lynn, Terrence Gomes, Stuart Weiss, Baila Romm, Michelle Bega, Barry Levine, Daniel Romm, Rachael Petru, Beth Klein, Mitch Cohen, David Bruk, Jason Plummer, Shirley Traum.

A quorum was established with thirteen (13) Boardmembers present.

Board members Absent: Ronald Steinhoff, Aaron Sinai, Ryan Spivey, Sandy Block, Joe Lisuzzo, Judit Maull, and Megan Goldring.

Board members that entered later:

Marlene Katz entered the meeting at 6:42 P.M.

Joseph Mollaie entered the meeting at 6:52 P.M.

Ronak Tumari entered the meeting at 7:10 P.M.

4. General Public Comment:

Susan addressed the Board regarding the proposed local development expressing concerns regarding neighborhood safety and security. She advised that residents are planning to meet with the developer and distributed informational flyers to Board members and members of the public.

5. Brief Board Announcements

- a. Items for Committee Agendas and other Brief Board Announcements
-None

6. Community Reports

- a. LA Police Department (Cohen) - 41706@lapd.online / (Ojeda) - 36393@lapd.online
- Not present
- b. LA Fire Department- Battalion 18 lafdbattalion18@lacity.org

Battalion Chief **Damon Leach** reported on recent fire incidents, including LAFD assistance at a large fire outside its jurisdiction and a vegetation fire that spread to a nearby structure. He emphasized the importance of vegetation management. In response to Board questions, he stated that he did not have information regarding the recent water main break

c. Office of Councilwoman Yaroslavsky, CD-5 (Rodriguez) - cairo.rodriquez@lacity.org - **Not Present**

d. Office of Councilwoman Hutt, CD-10 (Guevara) - mayra.guevara@lacity.org
Terrence Gomes announced the upcoming Shredding Event scheduled for July 25, 2026, and the Splish Splash community event scheduled for August 9, 2026. Mr. Gomes also reported that the number of encampments within Council District 10 has significantly decreased and discussed recent outreach and housing efforts.

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 / (Moret) allen.moret@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) - ALaflan@bos.lacounty.gov - **Not present**

j. Office of State Assemblymember Bryan, AD-55 (Persoff) - Michelle.Persoff@asm.ca.gov

Office of Assemblymember Isaac Bryan: District Director **Michelle Persoff** clarified a previous statement regarding ACA 22 and provided a legislative update as the State Legislature approaches the end of session. She announced upcoming community outreach events, including a resource table at the Crenshaw YMCA and a backpack giveaway in Culver City. In response to Board questions, she provided an update on Caltrans' efforts to install additional freeway fencing and explained that such projects require extensive planning and approvals.

k. Office of State Senator Smallwood-Cuevas, SD-28 (Hickambottom) Ann.Hickambottom@sen.ca.gov - **Not present**

l. Office of Congressmember Kamlager-Dove, CD-37 (Benarroch) - Jackson.Benarroch@mail.house.gov - **Not present**

m. Office of LAUSD School Board District 1 – (Newbill) - **Not present**

n. Other Neighborhood, City and State offices - **Not present**

7. Board Membership- Selections, Removals, & Resignations (*Members of the public can choose to speak on multiple agenda items in this section for no more than one (1) minute total, with the time for each speaker to be determined by- 5min divided by # hands raised*)

- a. Appointment of the At Large Representative 3 Board Seat (Term ending June 2029) (GB071626-01)
 - Miger Diaz

- Ronak Tumari

Terrence Gomes recused himself from discussion and voting.

Board members questioned both candidates regarding their qualifications and interest in serving on the Board.

Moved by Baila Romm; **Seconded by** David Bruk

Roll Call Vote: Baila Romm-**Ronak Tumari**, Stuart Weiss-**Ronak Tumari**, Michael Lynn-**Ronak Tumari**, Michelle Bega-**Ronak Tumari**, Barry Levine-**Ronak Tumari**, Daniel Romm-**Ronak Tumari**, Rachael Petru-**Ronak Tumari**, Jason Plummer-**Abstain**, Beth Klein-**Ronak Tumari**, Marlene Katz-**Ronak Tumari**, Mitch Cohen-**Ronak Tumari**, Joseph Mollaie-**Ronak Tumari**, Shirley Traum-**Ronak Tumari**, David Bruk-**Ronak Tumari**

Ronak Tumari received **13 votes**. Miger Diaz received **0 votes**. There was **1 abstention**.

Ronak Tumari was appointed to the At Large Representative 3 Board Seat and entered the meeting at 7:10 P.M.

President Michael Lynn welcomed Ms. Tumari to the Board and noted that she would be eligible to vote upon completion of the required Board Member training.

- b. Appointment of the Organization Representative 3 Board Seat (Currently At Large, Term ending June 2027) (GB071626-02)
- Miger Diaz
 - Nathan Maryamian
 - Ronak Tumari
 - Yesenia Aguirre

Miger Diaz was the only candidate present

Terrence Gomes remained recused.

Boardmembers asked Mr. Diaz questions regarding his restaurant business, its current status, and recent litigation involving the property.

Mr. Diaz advised that the matter had recently been heard in court and reported that everything is going fine.

No public comment

Moved by Jason Plummer, **Seconded by** Shirley Traum

Roll Call Vote: Baila Romm-**No**, Stuart Weiss-**Yes** Michael Lynn-**No**, Michelle Bega-**No**, Barry Levine-**Abstain**, Daniel Romm-**No**, Rachael Petru-**Abstain**, Jason Plummer-**Yes**, Beth Klein-**No**, Marlene Katz-**Yes**, Mitch Cohen-**No**, Joseph Mollaie-**No**, Shirley Traum-**Abstain**, David Bruk-**No**

Appointment failed (3 Yes, 8 No, 3 Abstentions).

President Michael Lynn thanked Mr. Diaz for his willingness to serve and encouraged him to apply for future Board vacancies.

Terrence Gomes returned to the meeting.

- c. Appointment of the Student Representative Board Seat (1 year term) (GB071626-03)
 - Max Ezra Feingold

Continued to the next General Board Meeting by Chair, without objection.

- d. Motion to appoint a SORO NC Vice President (GB071626-04)

Continued to the next General Board Meeting by Chair, without objection.

8. Committees, Liaisons and Alliances

- a. Committee, Liaisons and Alliance Reports
 - I. Standing Committees: Executive (Lynn); Education (VACANT); Land Use Cohen); Public Safety (Gomes/Romm); Outreach (Lynn); Transportation (Plummer); Budget & Finance (Gomes); Bylaws (VACANT); Board Development (Plummer)

Executive Committee: President Michael Lynn reported that the Executive Committee has several matters to address in the coming months.

Education Committee: President Lynn announced that the Committee is scheduled to meet the following Monday to consider appointing a Committee Chair and whether to dissolve the Committee.

Land Use Committee: Mitch Cohen reported on recent discussions regarding the proposed development previously referenced during General Public Comment. He advised that the developer did not attend the scheduled committee meeting and provided an update regarding the proposed 242-unit development.

Public Safety Committee: Baila Romm announced that the next Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for August 3, 2026.

Outreach Committee: President Michael Lynn reported on upcoming outreach activities and community engagement efforts.

Transportation Committee: Jason Plummer reported that the Committee did not meet during the previous month. The next meeting is scheduled for July 28, 2026.

Budget and Finance Committee: Terrence Gomes reported that the Committee budget had been submitted and approved. Mr. Gomes also advised that a new required Neighborhood Council training has been implemented for Boardmembers.

II. Ad-hoc Committees: Trees

- III. Liaisons and Alliances: LANCC (Gomes), WRAC (Lynn), LADWP (Plummer, Maull), Budget Advocates (Maull), City Attorney (Lynn), Homelessness (Katz)

LANCC: Terrence Gomes reported that LANCC did not meet during July and briefly discussed City Clerk funding matters.

LADWP: Jason Plummer reported that the previous meeting was cancelled because it coincided with the Fourth of July holiday.

Homelessness: Marlene Katz reported that there was no meeting.

- b. Opportunity for Board members to Join and/or Change Membership of Standing Committees (GB071626-05)

The following committee membership changes were made:

Ronak Tumari joined the Public Safety Committee.

Daniel Romm joined the Budget and Finance Committee.

David Bruk removed himself from the Public Safety Committee

David Bruk joined the Land Use Committee.

9. Unfinished Business:

- a. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORO NC) to send a letter to CD 5 Councilwoman Yaroslavsky and the Los Angeles Zoning Administrator recommending approval of the construction of a new seven-story, 78' height, 55,567sf apartment building on a vacant lot at 1416 S. Beverly Dr., on the condition of review of the impact on the water supply, sewer and electrical systems servicing the site (GB071626-06)

Continued to the next General Board Meeting by Chair, without objection.

Rachael Petru left the meeting at 7:56 P.M.

10. Consent Agenda:

Technical Questions: None.

Public Comment: None.

Items Removed (letter and Boardmember who requested): Agenda Item 10(a) was removed from the Consent Agenda requested by Jason Plummer. to be considered separately under Item 12

- ~~a. Motion to accept June 18, 2026 General Board Meeting Draft Minutes (GB071626-07) (Removed)~~
- b. Motion for the SORO NC to approve the SORO NC Newsletter Signup Auto Response Notice, using the following text- "Welcome to the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORO NC) Newsletter. Thank you for subscribing! We are delighted that you are here, and we appreciate your interest in our community. Our Newsletter is designed to keep you informed about past and upcoming events, neighborhood updates, information, resources, and opportunities for you to become involved. " (GB071626-08)

- c. Motion to approve the SORO NC Public Safety Committee Regular Meetings for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027, to be held at the Kosher Pizza Station (8965 W Pico Blvd) at 7:00 pm on the 1st Monday of each month with the exception of September (to be held on Wednesday, September 2, 2026) and December (to be held on Wednesday, December 2, 2026) (GB071626-09)
- d. Motion to approve the SORO NC Outreach Committee Regular Meetings for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027, to be held online via Zoom at 7:00 P.M. on the last Monday of each month with the exception of December (to be held in person at the Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, 1845 S. La Cienega on Monday, December 21, 2026) (GB071626-10)
- e. Motion to approve the SORO NC General Board Regular Meetings for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027, to be held at the Claude Pepper Senior Center on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 P.M. (GB071626-11)
- f. Motion to approve the SORO NC Executive Committee Regular Meetings for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027, to be held online via Zoom on the second Thursday of each month at 7 P.M. (GB071626-12)
- g. Motion to reactivate the Ad-hoc Trees Committee with up to five Boardmembers empaneled until June 30, 2027 (GB071626-13)

Motion to approve remaining items 10(b) through 10(g) on the Consent Agenda

Moved by Terrence Gomes; Seconded by Baila Romm;

Roll Call Vote: Baila Romm-**Yes**, Stuart Weiss-**Yes**, Terrence Gomes-**Yes**, Michael Lynn-**Yes**, Michelle Bega-**Yes**, Barry Levine-**Yes**, Daniel Romm-**Yes**, Jason Plummer-**Yes**, Beth Klein-**Yes**, Marlene Katz-**Yes**, Joseph Mollaie-**Yes**, Shirley Traum-**Yes**, David Bruk-**Yes**, Mitch Cohen-**Yes**
Motion approved 14 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

11. New Business:
Multiple Item Public Comment:

- a. Motion to approve the June 2026 Monthly Expenditure Report (GB071626-14)

Moved: Terrence Gomes. Seconded: Joseph Mollaie

Roll Call Vote: Baila Romm-**Yes**, Michelle Bega-**Yes**, Stuart Weiss-**Yes**, David Bruk-**Yes**, Terrence Gomes-**Yes**, Barry Levine-**Yes**, Jason Plummer-**Yes**, Beth Klein-**Yes**, Marlene Katz-**Yes**, Mitch Cohen-**Yes**, Joseph Mollaie-**Yes**, Shirley Traum- **Yes**, Michael Lynn-**Yes**
Motion approved (13 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions).

- b. Motion for the SORO NC to approve funding of \$17,465 for all of the following Operational Expenses for the 2026-2027 year: Mailchimp for email newsletter - \$900, Extra Space Storage for storage unit- \$6000, Webcorner for website services- \$2400, Partners In Diversity for notetaking services- \$2400, USPS PO BOX for mail collection- \$350, Zoom for online meeting hosting- \$255, Vonage

for telephone voice mail- \$360, Meeting Space at the Claude Pepper Senior Center - \$1200, Refreshments for meetings- \$3600 (GB071626-15)

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

Roll Call Vote: Baila Romm-**Yes**, Michelle Bega-**Yes**, Stuart Weiss-**Yes**, David Bruk-**Yes**, Terrence Gomes-**Yes**, Barry Levine-**Yes**, Jason Plummer-**Yes**, Beth Klein-**Yes**, Marlene Katz-**Yes**, Mitch Cohen-**Yes**, Joseph Mollaie-**Yes**, Shirley Traum- **Yes**, Michael Lynn-**Yes**

Motion approved (13 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions).

- c. Motion for the SORO NC to participate in the CD10/LA Sanitation Department Event on July 25, 2026 with an outreach table and fund up to \$250 for refreshments (GB071626-16)

Moved by Terrence Gomes; **Seconded by** Michelle Bega

Roll Call Vote: Baila Romm-**Yes**, Michelle Bega-**Yes**, Stuart Weiss-**Yes**, David Bruk-**Yes**, Terrence Gomes-**Yes**, Barry Levine-**Yes**, Jason Plummer-**Yes**, Beth Klein-**Yes**, Marlene Katz-**Yes**, Mitch Cohen-**Yes**, Joseph Mollaie-**Yes**, Shirley Traum- **Yes**, Michael Lynn-**Yes**

Motion approved (13 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions).

- d. Motion for the SORO NC to participate in the CD10 Splish-Splash-Bash Event on August 9, 2026 with an outreach table and fund up to \$1000 for refreshments (GB071626-17)

Moved by Michael Lynn; **Seconded by** Michelle Bega

Roll Call Vote: Baila Romm-**Yes**, Michelle Bega-**Yes**, Stuart Weiss-**Yes**, David Bruk-**Yes**, Terrence Gomes-**Yes**, Michael Lynn-**Yes**, Barry Levine-**Yes**, Jason Plummer-**Yes**, Beth Klein-**Yes**, Marlene Katz-**Yes**, Mitch Cohen-**Yes**, Joseph Mollaie-**Yes**, Shirley Traum-**Yes**

Motion approved (13 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions).

- e. Motion for the SORO NC to fund up to \$125 to purchase 27-gallon storage totes (GB071626-18)

Moved by Terrence Gomes; **Seconded by** Mitch Cohen

Roll Call Vote: Baila Romm-**Yes**, Michelle Bega-**Yes**, Stuart Weiss-**Yes**, David Bruk-**Yes**, Terrence Gomes-**Yes**, Michael Lynn-**Yes**, Barry Levine-**Yes**, Jason Plummer-**Yes**, Beth Klein-**Yes**, Marlene Katz-**Yes**, Mitch Cohen-**Yes**, Joseph Mollaie-**Yes**, Shirley Traum-**Yes**

Motion approved (13 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions).

- f. Motion to approve that the Los Angeles City Clerk conduct the SORO NC Boardmember Elections on Sunday, June 6, 2027 from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. at the

Robertson Recreation Center, and approve Michael Lynn as the Elections Committee Chair (GB071626-19)

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

Continued by Chair to the August 20, 2026 General Board meeting as Unfinished Business

12. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

Item 10a. Motion to Accept the June 18, 2026 General Board Meeting Minutes.

Moved by Terrence Gomes; **Seconded by** Jason Plummer

Roll Call Vote: Baila Romm-**Yes**, Stuart Weiss-**Yes**, David Bruk-**Yes**, Terrence Gomes-**Yes**, Michael Lynn-**Yes**, Michelle Bega-**Yes**, Barry Levine-**Yes**, Daniel Romm-**Yes**, Beth Klein-**Yes**, Marlene Katz-**Yes**, Shirley Traum-**Yes**, Jason Plummer-**Abstain**, Mitch Cohen-**Abstain**

Motion approved (11 Yes, 0 No, 2 Abstentions).

13. Meeting Adjourned by the Chair at 8:32 P.M.