

# Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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**Zoom Meeting  
October 16, 2021, 9:30 a.m.  
Meeting #7 Minutes**



Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Kevin Davis	Absent	1	Barbara Ringuette	Present	7
Lanira Murphy	Absent	1	Ronee Reece	Absent	7
Emilie Hill	Present	1	David Hunter	Present 9:39	7
Brian Allen	Present 9:44	2	Jamie Tijerina	Absent	8
Glenn Bailey	Present	2	Liz Amsden	Present 9:38	8
Garry Fordyce	Present till 10:04	2	-----	-----	8
Carol Newman	Present	3	Elias Garcia	Absent	9
Lee Blumenfeld	Present 9:43	3	Elice Hennessee	Excused	9
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Howard Katchen	Present 9:40	4	-----	-----	10
Brandon Pender	Present	4	Hugo Rodriguez	Absent	10
Jack Humphreville	Excused	5	Jay Handal	Present except 10:10-11:02	11
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Daniel Perez	Absent	5	Jon Liberman	Present 9:41	11
Ernesto Castro	Absent	6	Danielle Sandoval	Absent	12
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Margarita Lopez	Present till 10:28	6	Gina Martinez	Absent	12

I. Welcome and Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Jennifer Goodie at 9:35am, with 11 members in attendance. Quorum was reached at 9:40am.

II. Roll Call: See above for Roll Call.

Samuel Acosta (North Hills West NC), Denny Schneider (Westchester/Playa NC), and Lynda Valencia (Arroyo Seco NC) were also present.

III. Approval of minutes from meeting #5 September 18th, 2021 and meeting #6 October 4th, 2021:

Jay moved to approve the minutes from Meeting #5. Jon seconded. Motion carried.

IV. Public Comment on non-agenda items: None.

V. First reading of update to Bylaws, Article IV Section 6: A second reading of the amendment will be held at the next board meeting.

A. Changes financial report to be at least once a month instead of every meeting: This amendment would allow the Financial Report to be presented only once a month, at regularly scheduled board meetings. The option remains for the report to be shared more frequently.

VI. Elections To Fill Vacancies (Regions 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 10) Update: Lynda Valencia is positioned to be the 3rd Budget Advocate for Region 8. Those expressing interest for Region 4 are not Budget Reps, but at least one may become one. Region 3 will be addressed next, followed by Region 5.

VII. NC Visits & Reports: Jennifer will distribute a report for Budget Advocates to use in conducting and reporting their Neighborhood Council visits. Elice will contact members on how to use the template to record visits. Councils within Regions 1 and 11 will be reassigned.

VIII. Departmental Reports/White Paper: Notes from Budget Day regional breakout sessions will be provided to help guide members' questions in their departmental meetings. White Paper reports should address matters related to the budget only, as should questions to departments.

A. Budget Day Regional Breakout notes: Kay is consolidating and summarizing notes from the regional breakout sessions to help members in developing questions for department meetings.

B. Priorities: Reports should discuss budget matters, and services to stakeholders and their allocation. The following departments need additional members and must be prioritized in preparation for meeting with the Mayor, with a rough draft due by October 31: Convention and Tourism, General Services, Personnel, and The Retirement System.

Lee moved to table this discussion. Jay seconded.  
MOTION was not recognized.

C. Updates on meetings:

Aging (Lanira and Carol): Point people not in attendance.

Airports (Kay): An e-mail was sent on October 14.

Animal Services (Brian): An e-mail was sent, trying to set a date.

City Attorney: Barbara has the information.

Building and Safety (Kay): An e-mail was sent to team members, with no response. Nothing else has been done.

Cannabis (David): The team has heard back from the department and will set a meeting for early November. Barbara will be sent additional details.

City Administrative Office (Emilie): A message was left for the office. Barbara will join Emilie on the team.

City Clerk (Jon, Brian): The City Clerk has been contacted and a date is being arranged.

City Council (Kay Jack, Elice): Jack is leaving the committee and Barbara is joining. An e-mail was sent last night. A leader is being selected so appointments can be arranged.

Airports (Kay): An e-mail was sent to the person listed in the City Directory, which could be outdated.

Civil and Human Rights (Daniel, Elice): Team members are not in attendance.

Community Investment: Elice is calling to schedule a meeting.

Controller (Daniel, Hugo): Team members are not in attendance.

Convention and Tourism (Jennifer): No update. The committee needs more members. (This department was marked as a priority due to the impact it could have on city revenues, due to COVID.)

Cultural Affairs (Ronnie and Leslie): Team members are not in attendance.

Disability (Lanira): Not in attendance.

Workforce: An e-mail was sent on October 13.

Emergency Management (Liz): A meeting was set for November 2. Attempts are being made to move it sooner.

Engineering (Sheryl): No new updates. Sheryl and Barbara will discuss offline.

Ethics (Carol): A proposed date was received yesterday of October 28, at 1:00pm. Carol will set that, unless team members need it changed.

Finance (Brian): E-mailed were exchanged with rthe department and a date will be set for early November.

Fire (Liz): Done.

General Services (Kay): The department has been contacted.

Housing: An e-mail was sent to everyone on the team. Only Elias answered. Elice was asked to schedule the meeting.

Housing Authority: A Meeting is being set up by Peter.

Information Technology: A meeting date was set for October 27.

Library: A meeting date was set for October 19.

Mayor: A meeting date has not yet been set. Jack is leaving this team.

Neighborhood Empowerment (Brian Jon, David): Raquel has not yet been reached, but will be contacted on Monday.

Pensions (Jack, Peter): Team members are not in attendance.

Personnel (Jay): Not in attendance during this discussion.

Planning (Hugo, Elice, Howard, Emilie): Team members have been contacted. Responses are coming in slowly. One person might be leaving the committee.

Police (Jennifer): A meeting date was set for November 11 or 16, at 4:00pm.

Police Union (Brandon, Jay): Contact has not yet been made. Brandon will inform Barbara when it happens.

Port of Los Angeles (Sheryl): Communication has been exchanged, but has stalled within the team. Sheryl and Barbara will discuss offline.

Recreation and Parks: A meeting was set for November without a specific date, but an earlier time frame is being sought.

Sanitation Bureau: Nicole has been out of town until yesterday, with no contact.

Street Lighting Bureau (Kay): An e-mail was sent to the team, with no answer. Another will be sent and a meeting date will be arranged.

Street Services Bureau (Glenn, Liz, Lee): Liz will be leaving the team, but will send questions to Glenn. E-mails were exchanged with the department discussing a meeting date. Updates will be shared with Barbara.

Transportation (Sheryl): Sheryl and Barbara will discuss offline.

Water and Power (Jennifer): This department is no longer being included.

Youth Development (Leslie, Glenn, Daniel, Danielle): No update.

D. New Trainings tab on website: <https://www.budgetadvocates.org/trainings>

IX. Committee Reports:

1. Outreach: Outreach will be holding a meeting on October 20, at 5:30pm. An Agenda will be distributed this weekend. Elice will be sending out a roster with a phone list and e-mails.
  1. Sign ups for Outreach Committee: Those interested in participating should contact Kay.
  2. SLAANC presentation (11/18/21): Elice has sent out a Doodle Poll for availability to all Budget Advocates in South L.A. (plus Danielle). An inaugural meeting will be scheduled to review details.
2. Bylaws Committee update: The committee is working on Membership and just had a first reading of the amendment to Article 4. A meeting is scheduled for October 30.
3. Budget Committee:
  1. September 2021 Financial Report: The committee is investigating AppleOne invoices that have been submitted, but not paid. Discussions are being held regarding ways for Neighborhood Councils to donate money.

Kay moved to approve September Financial Report. Carol seconded.

MOTION PASSED, with 9 for, 3 opposed and 2 abstentions.

2. Update on payments to vendors: An update on payments is being researched at vendor request. The City Clerk asked that Budget Advocates put in writing their request to receive contributions from Neighborhood Councils. Any upcoming policy will be amended for BONC, who will have the authority to grant it. The

matter will be returned for further discussion before taking action, after meeting with DONE.

4. Budget Day Planning Committee June 18th, 2022: The committee is open to additional members. Preparation must start now for next year's event. Kay is joining the committee. Liz will be a resource.
5. Departmental Reports Editing Ad Hoc Committee: The committee is encouraged to assign jobs and to start discussing particulars. Those interested in participating should contact Carol.
6. Publication Process/Procedures Ad Hoc Committee: Discussion on creating a process to support and expedite Budget Advocate publications.

1. Proposed Publication Flow Chart and Review Criteria: Discussion on approval of the proposed Publication Process document. Item will be agendaized for the next Executive Committee meeting for further discussion.

X. Upcoming Meetings and Events:

A. Quarterly Meeting for Regions:

1. Regions 1 & 2 in November: Quarterly meetings for Regions 1 and 2 will begin in November.
2. Any other regions scheduled? Those wanting to schedule meetings for their regions should reach out to those involved and announce a date. Help can be provided.

B. BONC October 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm: The Agenda was sent out Friday.

C. Budget Day June 18th, 2022: It will be determined whether the event is to be held virtually, or in-person.

XI. Adjournment: Jennifer adjourned the meeting at 11:35am.

Next meeting is November 1 at 7:00 pm

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:  
Minutes of Budget Advocate meeting #7 (Oct. 16)

ELSPETH WEINGARTEN  
Oct. 28, 2021