

# Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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**Zoom Meeting  
December 6, 2021, 7:00 p.m.  
Meeting #10 Minutes**



Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Kevin Davis	Present 7:07	1	Barbara Ringuette	Present	7
Lanira Murphy	Present 7:06	1	Ronee Reece	Absent	7
Emilie Hill	Absent	1	David Hunter	Present till 8:00	7
Brian Allen	Absent	2	Jamie Tijerina	Absent	8
Glenn Bailey	Present	2	Liz Amsden	Present	8
Garry Fordyce	Present	2	Lynda Valencia	Present	8
Carol Newman	Present	3	Elias Garcia	Present	9
Lee Blumenfeld	Present	3	Elice Hennessee	Absent	9
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Howard Katchen	Present	4	-----	-----	10
Brandon Pender	Present	4	Hugo Rodriguez	Excused	10
Jack Humphreville	Excused	5	Jay Handal	Present 7:37	11
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Daniel Perez	Absent	5	Jon Liberman	Present	11
Ernesto Castro	Resigned	6	Danielle Sandoval	Present 7:07	12
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Margarita Lopez	Absent	6	Gina Martinez	Absent	12

- I. Welcome and Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Jennifer Goodie at 7:02pm, with a full quorum reached at that time.
- II. Roll Call: See above for Roll Call.

Also present was Budget Rep Myrra Bolla (Van Nuys NC) and Dorsay Dujon (West Adams NC).

- III. Approval of minutes from meeting #6 October 4th, 2021, #7 October 16th, 2021, #8 November 1st, 2021, and #9 November 20th, 2021:  
Kay moved to approve all listed minutes. Carol seconded.  
MOTION PASSED, with 13 for and 3 abstentions.

Jennifer will put the minutes on the website and will add the word “service,” so any mention will read that the committee reports must address “budget and services.”

- IV. Public Comment on non-agenda items: None.
- V. First reading of Bylaws update to Article III Membership: A first reading was held on the amendments to Article 3, on Membership. An update was distributed, including both clean and redlined versions. Changes must be sent to Kay and Carol in writing by Friday, for discussion at the next committee meeting Saturday at 1:30pm. The matter will be listed as the first agenda item, so changes can subsequently be reported to the board as either grammatical or substantive.
- VI. Elections To Fill Vacancies (one each in Regions 3, 4, 5, 6, and 10) Update: No updates. One seat is open in each region. Myrra Bolla is a Budget Rep and is interested in becoming a Budget Advocate, along with two others in Region 4.
- VII. NC Visits and Monthly NCBA Reports: Liz will submit a draft report within the next two days.

A. BAs assigned to all NCs in each Region?: Anyone available to fill, or cover vacancies should contact Jennifer and Glenn. Send visit updates to Elice, copying Glenn and Jennifer.

B. How can NCBA support NCs and how can NCs support, participate and advance the work of the NCBAs?: Suggestions include: Budget Advocates attending NC budget meetings as well as/in lieu of board meetings; inviting feedback and requests for help from Neighborhood Councils; escalating issues to the Executive Committee; and preparing CISs that include Council File numbers, for tracking. Members should send Elice all updates on Neighborhood Council visits and assignment changes.

1. CIS, Town Halls, Regional meetings, etc.: Efforts to hold regional meetings have been successful. Request to include them quarterly on the agenda and to ask that Budget Advocates be included on the WRAC agenda.

Council File numbers should be included in CISs, or provided to Neighborhood Councils for those already existing. The statements can be shared with Neighborhood Councils through the monthly newsletter and report.

Contact Barbara to help cover Plan Check and ARC meetings. Send Liz information to be included in the monthly report.

- VIII. Report on SLAANC meeting presentation 11/18/21: Elice's presentation went well. Thanks to those who participated and attended. Jennifer will distribute the meeting slides so other regions can provide similarly-structured presentations to their Neighborhood Councils.

Feedback included requests for: more frequent e-mail communication; dealing with issues in committee, instead of general board meetings; and Budget Advocates becoming more active in South Los Angeles.

- IX. Report from DONE regarding their proposed FY 2022-23 Budget:  
A. Raquel has offered to come to our meeting to present: Jennifer and Glenn will invite Raquel and propose opening the meeting up as "A Conversation on the DONE's Budget." This would be presented under the Town Hall format, to allow Neighborhood Councils and Budget Reps to attend. Jon will set a follow-up date with DONE on the draft budget, if not already scheduled.
- X. Second Financial Status Report (FSR) CF 21-0600-S110: Item postponed to next meeting. A recording will be available of this discussion by the City Council Budget and Finance committee.
- XI. Departmental Reports/White Paper:

A. Update from the Editors: Have ideas in to Liz by December 18, for circulation. Contact Liz next with a date when she'll be sent a draft.

B. Updates on meetings: Liz has taken over the list of committees and report details. Send her updated information, as available. Anyone who not been contacted about their committee should reach out to Barbara.

Barbara has developed resource lists to help some departments get moving in the right direction, and to use the available Education Coaching Booklet, White Papers and rosters to their advantage.

Mayor (Glenn): Glenn agreed to attend.

Streets L.A. (Glenn): In process.

Transportation (Glenn): Glenn will join the committee and coordinate activity.

Ports (Danielle): Danielle has reached out, but the point of contact hasn't responded. She will send another e-mail, copying everybody. Danielle expressed concern that her campaign is blocking involvement from representatives and invited others to help.

Housing (Elias): A meeting was held last week. Everyone involved is working on the report.

Engineering: Anyone interested in being a point person should contact Barbara. A committee exists.

Contract Administration: Kevin will be point person for the committee and will contact Lee to get started.

Civil and Human Rights: Danielle will be point person. Danielle and Jennifer will attend the meeting, along with Elice and Daniel. Glenn will sit in, if available. This will include the L.A. Repair pilot program.

Convention and Tourism: Dropped. Contact Barbara if interested.

Aging, Disability and Cultural Affairs: Deirdre Greenaway (former Budget Advocate) is working on this.

XII. Committee Reports:

A. Outreach:

1. Sign ups for Outreach Committee: The committee did not meet in November and has offered a Doodle poll for the next meeting, planned for December 19 at 6:00pm. Kay has been posting on social media.

B. Bylaws Committee: The committee will meet on Saturday at 1:30pm to continue working through the document from the beginning. Edits already approved have been merged into the document and will be added to the webpage.

C. Budget and Finance Committee:

1. October 2021 Financial Report - 11/20/21 referred to Committee for meeting: Lanira will contact committee members to schedule a meeting date before the holidays.

2. Update on payments to vendors: Lanira was told that payments were sent for all bills through October. Receipt was confirmed from Mailroom, but not Barbier and AppleOne. Lanira will continue following up.

D. Budget Day Planning Committee June 18th, 2022:

1. Schedule meeting prior to 12/18/21: Committee members should watch for communication on scheduling.

2. Send Save The Dates to all NCs, with an invitation to join committee.

E. Quarterly Meeting for Regions:

1. 1 & 2 date is TBA for December/January.

2. Any other regions scheduled?: Jennifer will ask Elice about Regions 9 & 10. Liz hopes to schedule a meeting for Regions 7 & 8.

F. Upcoming Meetings and Events:

1. BONC Tuesday, December 7, 2021 6:00 PM
2. BONC Monday, December 20, 2021 1:00 PM
3. Budget Day June 18th, 2022

XIII. Items for Future Meeting Agendas: These should be e-mailed to Jennifer and Glenn.

XIV. Adjournment: Jennifer adjourned the meeting at 8:39pm.

Next meeting #11 is December 18, 2021 at 9:30 am.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:  
Minutes of Budget Advocate meeting #10 (Dec. 6)

ELSPETH WEINGARTEN  
Dec 14, 2021