

# Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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**Zoom Meeting  
November 1, 2021, 7:00 p.m.  
Meeting #8 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 till 8:47	1	David Hunter	Absent	7
Brian Allen	Present	2	Jamie Tijerina	Absent	8
Glenn Bailey	Present	2	Liz Amsden	Present	8
Garry Fordyce	Present	2	-----	-----	8
Carol Newman	Present	3	Elias Garcia	Present	9
Lee Blumenfeld	Present till 8:45	3	Elice Hennessee	Excused, Present	9
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Howard Katchen	Present	4	-----	-----	10
Brandon Pender	Present	4	Hugo Rodriguez	Absent	10
Jack Humphreville	Excused Present 7:08- 8:34	5	Jay Handal	Present 8:28	11
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Daniel Perez	Absent	5	Jon Liberman	Present	11
Ernesto Castro	Present	6	Danielle Sandoval	Present	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 7:03pm, with a full quorum reached at that time.

II. Roll Call: See above for Roll Call.

Denny Schneider (NC Westchester/Playa) was also present.

III. Approval of minutes from meeting #6 October 4th, 2021 and meeting #7 October 16th, 2021: Item postponed to next meeting to incorporate revisions.

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

V. Second reading of amendment to NCBA Bylaws Article IV Section 6:

A. Amendment changes financial report to be at least once a month instead of every meeting.

B. MOTION: To approve amendment to Bylaws Article IV Section 6:

Kay moved to approve the Bylaws amendment to change the requirement of the Financial Report being read at “every board meeting,” to being read “at least once a month at regularly scheduled board meetings.” Carol seconded. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, with 19 for and no abstentions. This change is in effect immediately.

VI. Elections To Fill Vacancies: A notice will be sent to Region 8 announcing Lynda Valencia’s appointment as a Budget Rep and she will be welcomed as a Budget Advocate at the next meeting. Brandon contacted two candidates from Region 4 to finalize their Budget Rep status. Region 3 will be addressed next.

VII. NC Visits & Reports: Discussion on creating a Google Doc to report Neighborhood Council visits and outreach each month, separated by region. Contact Elice with additional input.

VIII. Mayor Garcetti’s “Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget Policy and Goals”-- FY 2023 policies and goals: Departments have a deadline by which to make their submittals and must do so by that time.

A. Department Budget submissions due 11/19/21: Budget Advocates should note this deadline and communicate their recommendations by that date, either in departmental meetings, or shortly after, in order to affect the budget.

IX. First Financial Status Report, CF 21-0600-S107: Brief report presented on the City’s improved financial state, as well as ongoing concerns including the upcoming Universal Basic Income plan.

X. Departmental Reports/White Paper:

Liz moved to reduce Item 10 to Items a, b and c and make the time length of the item five minutes only.

MOTION tabled.

Aging: Committee members not in attendance.

Airport (Kay, Denny, Howard): The airport was contacted and a date is being arranged. The department has asked to review proposed meeting questions to make sure the appropriate people can be present at the meeting.

Animal Services (Brian): The committee met with the department today and will be communicating further regarding additional information.

City Attorney (Carol): The department meeting was held on Friday. Emilie might write a first draft of the report.

Building and Safety (Kay, Ernesto): Carol will be helping with this department.

CAO (Emilie and Danielle): The committee hasn't met or talked. Messages were left for the office and will be followed up.

City Clerk (Jon Brian, Garry): A meeting is set for tomorrow.

City Council (Kay): Council members on the Budget and Finance Committee are being contacted. Communication was made today with CLA and others are being sought.

Civil and Human Rights (Daniel, Elice): The department was contacted, but has not responded.

Coliseum: A meeting has not been arranged.

Community Investment (Emilie, Elice): No report or contact has been made. Jennifer offered possible information to help do so.

Economic and Workforce (Elice): A meeting was arranged, but fell through and is being rescheduled. The committee is waiting to hear back from the department point of contact.

Housing (Kay): A meeting has not been arranged.

Controller (Danielle): A meeting has not been scheduled. The department will be contacted about it tomorrow.

Convention and Tourism (Jennifer): A meeting date has not yet been set.

Disability: Committee members not in attendance.

Workforce: Committee members not in attendance.

Economic and Workforce: The meeting date is being rescheduled.

Emergency Management (Liz): The committee is meeting with the department tomorrow, joined by Len Schaffer.

Engineering (Sheryl, Ernest): Ernesto hasn't been reached, but will continue to be pursued. Barbara will be helping the committee

Ethics (Carol): The committee met with the department on Thursday, October 28. David will write the report.

Finance (Brian and Garry): The committee will be meeting with the department on Wednesday, November 3.

Fire (Liz): The report is already written. Jason is reviewing the first draft.

General Services: Liz will talk with Kay about helping. Barbara offered to join the meeting.

Housing (Elias, David, Kay, Elice): The committee has requested a meeting, but has not heard back from the department. This will be followed up.

Housing Authority (Barbara): The department responded saying they had no City budget. The committee asked to talk with them about getting vouchers for housing and other issues.

Information Technology (Liz): Liz was the only one at the meeting and will send the committee a draft paper tonight.

Library (Liz): A draft is complete. Liz is waiting for a response from Madeline.

Mayor: A date has not yet been scheduled

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Brian): The committee will be meeting with the department on November 5.

Pensions, Fire and Police (Jack): A meeting hasn't happened yet, because the report has not been issued. When it is, the committee will meet with Neil Guglielmo and Ray Sirianni, with Peter's help.

Personnel (Jay and Liz): A meeting is set for tomorrow.

Planning (Hugo, Howard and Elice): The committee has met with the department and Hugo will be writing the first draft.

Police (Jennifer): A meeting is scheduled for November 16.

LAPD Union (Brandon): The head of the department has been contacted and will respond with a meeting date.

Port of L.A. (Danielle, Gina, Sheryl): The committee is holding off on this project, since its budget is released in September, apart from the rest of the City.

Project Restore (Danielle): Danielle needs help on the committee. Those interested should contact Barbara and Danielle.

Recreation and Parks (Glenn, Jack, Jamie, Peter): A meeting has been set for November 8.

Retirement systems (Jack): Jack will cover this committee, with Peter's help. The committee is waiting to receive the department's Actuarial Report to be able to proceed.

Sanitation (Lee, Sheryl, Glenn): The meeting will be scheduled this week. Sheryl reached out to the group, but has not received responses.

Street Lighting (Kay): Carol has agreed to help Kay with this committee, which should aid progress.

Street Services (Glenn, Lee): Glenn will schedule the meeting, if no one else has.

Transportation (Sheryl, Emilie, Hugo): Sheryl hasn't heard from others on the committee, but will work on setting the appointment. Glenn will join the committee.

Water and Power: A report is not being done on this committee.

Youth Development (Leslie, Glenn, Danielle, Daniel): Nothing has happened yet. Glenn will set an appointment for the committee to meet.

Zoo (Kay): Kay, Jack and Barbara will work on this committee, but as a lower priority. Jon will join.

Prioritized departments include: Convention and Tourism, General Services, Personnel, Retirement, Airports, Building and Safety, Planning, Police

Discussion on removing Project Restore, and Convention & Tourism from the list of priority departments. Members must include budget information in their reports and provide support for recommendations. Recommendations must be in before the budget is due on November 19. A revised process for editing reports was submitted.

A. Budget Day Regional Breakout notes: Item tabled to next meeting.

B. Priorities: Item tabled to next meeting.

C. Updates on meetings: Item tabled to next meeting.

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

## XI. Committee Reports:

### A. Outreach:

1. Sign ups for Outreach Committee: A meeting was scheduled for

Outreach, but not enough people attended to be able to hold the meeting.

2. SLAANC presentation 11/18/21: A rough outline was created for the presentation and a slide show is being developed. The group will hold a follow-up meeting tomorrow.

B. Bylaws Committee update: The committee met last weekend and continued work on Article 3, regarding Membership. The next meeting will be on November 13, at 2:00pm.

C. Budget and Finance Committee: Jennifer postponed a presentation of the Financial Report to the next meeting, based on the new Bylaws update. Jennifer and Glenn are scheduling a follow-up meeting with DONE to discuss receiving regular updates.

1. October 2021 Financial Report: The report is available at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86212103878><https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=21-0600-S107><https://www.budgetadvocates.org/trainings>

2. Update on payments to vendors: A written report is being sought for distribution before the next meeting.

D. Budget Day Planning Committee June 18th, 2022: This event will be coming up.

E. Departmental Reports Editing Ad Hoc Committee: The White Paper will be edited in the usual manner and will be an up and down vote.

Jon moved that all reports for the White Paper where changes of substance are being made will be returned to the author with 48 hours for a response. If no response is received within that time, the proposed changes are accepted. Jennifer seconded.

Jon modified the motion to state that, "If there is a concern after the initial report comes back, it goes to the Executive Committee for a final decision."

Brandon called the question.

No objections were made to proceeding to a vote.

The final motion states: "If editors have changes to departmental reports, they will send the report back to the committee that wrote it for acceptance of the changes. If there is not a response within 48 hours, the changes will be accepted. If there is a disagreement, the matter will be escalated to the Executive Committee."

VOTE on the motion:  
MOTION PASSED, with 16 for, 1 opposed and no abstentions.

F. Quarterly Meeting for Regions:

1. 1 & 2 in November: This meeting for Regions 1 and 2 will occur in November.
2. Any other regions scheduled?: Those interested in scheduling a meeting for their own region should contact Jennifer.

G. Upcoming Meetings and Events:

1. BONC November 2nd 6pm - Item 7 NC Budget Advocates:
  - a) Request to be scheduled for third Monday meetings?: No objections were raised to the request that the meetings be returned to the third Monday of every month.
2. Budget Day June 18th, 2022: Budget Advocates should be aware of the event.

XII. Adjournment: Jennifer adjourned the meeting at 8:59pm.

Next meeting is November 20, at 9:30 am.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:  
Minutes of Budget Advocate meeting #8 (Nov. 1)

ELSPETH WEINGARTEN  
Nov. 18, 2021