

# Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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**Zoom Meeting  
April 23, 2022, 2:30 p.m.  
Meeting #18 (Special) Minutes - REVISED**



Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Kevin Davis	Present	1	Barbara Ringuette	Present	7
Lanira Murphy	Absent	1	Ronee Reece	Present	7
Emilie Hill	Absent	1	David Hunter	Present	7
Brian Allen	Present	2	Jamie Tijerina	Absent	8
Glenn Bailey	Present	2	Liz Amsden	Present	8
Garry Fordyce	Excused	2	Lynda Valencia	Absent	8
Carol Newman	Excused	3	Elias Garcia	Present	9
Lee Blumenfeld	Absent	3	Elice Hennessee	Absent	9
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Myrra Bolla	Present	4	Jennifer Goodie	Present	10
Howard Katchen	Present	4	-----	-----	10
Brandon Pender	Present	4	Hugo Rodriguez	Excused	10
Jack Humphreville	Present (3:03)	5	Jay Handal	Present (until 3:25)	11
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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 2:35 pm, with 14 members in attendance.

Budget Representatives Jamie York (Reseda), and Adriana de la Cruz (Del Rey) also attended.

- II. Roll Call: See above for roll call.
- III. Minutes: Jay moved to approve the minutes for Meeting #17 on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Jon seconded.  
MOTION PASSED unanimously.

IV. Public Comment: None.

V. Vacancies: Vacancies exist, one each in Regions 3 and 10, and two each in Regions 5 and 6. Replacement will be deferred until elections in June.

VI. Departmental Reports/White Paper:

A. Approval of White Paper and Reports:

Jay moved to approve as presented. Jon and Brian seconded.  
MOTION PASSED unanimously.

B. Approval of the cover for the White Paper:

Four options were displayed. Jennifer moved to approve Option 1. Kay seconded.  
MOTION PASSED with 9 for, 4 opposed, and 2 abstentions.

C. Distribution of White Paper and Reports:

Howard moved to approve a fully electronic distribution (no hard copies).  
Jon seconded.  
MOTION PASSED unanimously.

D. Presentation to the Budget and Finance Committee on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9 am:

Jennifer will check on how much time we have to present, if it's for just the Budget Advocates, and how many can present.

Glenn and Jennifer may introduce and let those more familiar with the White Paper and its reports speak. David, Kay, Jack, Liz and any others who are interested will discuss and present their plans to the Budget Advocates at the meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

E. Daily presentations, Budget and Finance Committee hearings:

Applicable reports will be submitted daily prior to each hearing to the Budget and Finance Committee members and their Legislative Assistant. It would be good if people who worked on these reports could attend these hearings to answer questions.

VII. Update on meeting with Raquel Beltrán: Raquel will check with Petty Santos of the City Clerk's office about changing the Neighborhood Council contributions form to offer a choice of Budget Advocates or Tribunes as well as Congress.

Raquel is considering petitioning City Council to amend the Administrative Code to reflect Budget Advocacy instead of Budget Advocates.

Raquel acknowledged that issues exist concerning timely processing of Budget Advocate payments and a new procedure with better oversight is now in place.

She also promised more timely reports from DONE on the disbursement and receipt of Budget Advocate funds.

Raquel will also consider including a Zoom account for the Budget Advocates at the City-negotiated rate with the requests for Neighborhood Councils' accounts due at the end of April.

Glenn moved to request DONE facilitate a City Zoom license for the Budget Advocates at the \$200 Neighborhood Council rate, seconded by Liz.

MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Glenn and Jennifer will submit a request in writing emphasizing the services we provide for the Neighborhood Councils through Town Halls and other meetings.

VIII. Committee Reports:

- A. Outreach: People are asked to follow the Budget Advocates on @LABudgetAdvocates on Facebook and Instagram, and @BudgetAdvocates on Twitter.

April 30<sup>th</sup> Town Hall: The invitations to “Thoughts on the Mayor’s Proposed Budget” have been sent and links posted. Barbara advised that the CAO’s office wanted to send three people to speak at the event, and the Mayor’s Budget Team will also send one or more.

In confirming, Jennifer wanted to be sure we had sufficient representation from the CAO’s office for Budget Day. If there are more than a couple of people from each office, perhaps they can help identify questions from chat.

Jack is confirmed for the Budget Advocates, and we are currently seeking a host to replace Lanira. Kay will be checking the notes from last Budget Day to ensure we include topics that are important to board members and stakeholders. Barbara will help with asking questions. Jennifer will order a Spanish-language interpreter.

The link to the past Town Hall with the Controller candidates has been posted to the Budget Advocates’ website.

- B. Finance Committee: Some discussion relating to the revised format. Since Lanira was absent, the item was postponed until the next meeting without objection.

IX. Upcoming Meetings and Events:

1. Town Hall on Mayor's Proposed Budget Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 10 am
2. BONC Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6 pm: Moving forward, Budget Advocates will present monthly at BONC's Tuesday evening meetings.
3. BONC Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm
4. NC Budget Day Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am to 1 pm
5. Congress of Neighborhoods Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>: Workshop proposals are due by June 15<sup>th</sup>.

X. Items for future agendas: Discussion on the Budget Advocates' presentation to the Budget and Finance Committee on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

XI. Jennifer adjourned the meeting at 4:03 pm.

This was followed by a brief discussion about the Mayor's Proposed Budget and City budget issues.

The next Budget Advocate meeting will be on Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm