



# Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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**Zoom Meeting**  
**February 18, 2023, 9:30 a.m.**  
**Meeting #15 Minutes**

Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Kevin Davis	Present	1	Barbara Ringuette	Present	7
Cindy Cleghorn	Present	1	David Hunter	Present 9:42	7
Vacant Seat	-----	1	Vacant Seat	-----	7
Brian Allen	Excused	2	Lynda Valencia	Excused	8
Garry Fordyce	Present	2	Samantha McBride	Absent	8
Scott Wright	Present	2	Vacant Seat	-----	8
Glenn Bailey	Present	3	Elias Garcia	Present till 10:56 a.m.	9
David Uebersax	Excused	3	Vacant Seat	-----	9
Vacant Seat	-----	3	Vacant Seat	-----	9
Howard Katchen	Present	4	Jennifer Goodie	Present	10
Brandon Pender	Present	4	Vacant Seat	-----	10
Myrra Bolla	Absent	4	Vacant Seat	-----	10
Jack Humphreville	Present 10:01 a.m.	5	Jay Handal	Present	11
Vacant Seat	-----	5	Kay Hartman	Present	11
Vacant Seat	-----	5	Adriana de la Cruz	Excused	11
Ernesto Castro	Present 10:21 a.m.	6	Sheryl Akerblom	Present	12
Vacant Seat	-----	6	Vacant Seat	-----	12
Vacant Seat	-----	6	Vacant Seat	-----	12

- I. Welcome and Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Jennifer Goodie at 9:35 a.m., with 13 members in attendance.
- II. Roll Call: See above.  
Also in attendance were Budget Representatives Tess Taylor (Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council) Jeff Mausner (Former Budget Advocate, Tarazana Neighborhood Council), Jon Liberman (Former Budget Advocate, South Robertson Neighborhood Council), Miran Kalaydjian (Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council) and guest Steve Thomason.
- III. Approval of minutes from meeting #12 January 2nd, meeting #13 January 21st, and meeting #14 February 6th  
Jay Handeal moved to approve minutes for meeting #12 on January 2 and meeting #13 on January 21, 2023. Garry seconded.  
MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION, with 14 for and no abstentions.  
  
Approval of minutes from meeting #14 on February 6, 2023, postponed to next meeting.

IV. Public Comment on non-agenda items within subject matter jurisdiction

- A. Tess Taylor congratulated Kay Hartman and Jennifer Goodie for their work in setting up a meeting with the Mayor. Jeff Mausner asked when the Animal Services Committee would be discussed.

V. Announcements:

- A. Vacancies, seeking Budget Advocates for the following regions – One each in regions 1, 3, 7, and 8, two each in regions 5, 6, 9, 10, and 12
1. Reach out to Glenn, Kay, and Jennifer
  2. Region 12 election forthcoming
- B. Please note that starting this meeting we are using the NCBA Zoom account and the meeting ID has changed – Glenn Bailey commented that anyone in possession of previous meeting recordings, and able to transfer them to a more permanent platform should contact Glenn.

VI. Updates

- A. February 14th Meeting with Mayor Bass's budget team  
Jay Handal moved that Budget Advocates return to the next meeting with analysis and recommendations regarding the meeting, with subsequent discussion on what to recommend in a report-back, or in future action. Garry Fordyce seconded.  
MOTION PASSED, with 16 for 1 opposed and no abstentions.
- B. February 11th Town Hall on DONE's FY 2023-24 Budget
1. A Town Hall was held on February 11 regarding DONE's FY 2023-24 Budget. DONE requested a survey be sent out to attendees after the event. The Executive Committee will compile a list of survey questions. Additional stakeholder questions received after the event will be submitted to DONE for response.
- C. December 19 meeting with Raquel Beltran to discuss Budget Advocates funding
1. On December 19 Kay Hartman and Jennifer Goodie met with Raquel Beltran to discuss Budget Advocates funding. The General Manager was asked to provide her request in writing.
- D. Update on CF 11-1020-S3
1. Ordinance suggested by Elise Ruden
  2. Kay Hartman is still trying to secure a meeting with Bob Blumenfield's staff. Jeff will get information to John Poppich, copying Kay, Jennifer Goodie, Glenn Bailey, David Uebersax, Jeff Mausner and Jeff Jacobberger.
- E. Update on meetings with newly elected officials
1. Still in process. Discussion on arranging a Town Hall with Councilwoman Eunisses Hernandez and one with Bob Blumenfield, as the new Chair of the Office of Budget and Finance.

VII. New Business:

- A. Letter to support SB-411. State law vs. city charter  
Glenn Bailey moved that the Budget Advocates support Senate Bill 411, provided that it's amended appropriately to include the elected Neighborhood Council system. The Executive Committee will draft the letter, which will next be sent out to the body. The body will then have a set amount of time to respond, before the letter will be sent to elected officials. Garry Fordyce seconded.
- B. Letter to support restoration of NC funding – Item addressed above

VIII. Old Business

Members provided status updates on reports and department meetings. Report submission is behind schedule. All reports – especially those on departments with significant budgets, including Street Lighting, Streets L.A. and Transportation – must be completed ASAP to ensure recommendations will be submitted to the CAO in time for the Budget Hearings.

A. Department meetings

1. Budget Requests
2. Spreadsheet
3. White Paper
  - I. Theme is Restart, Reform, Refocus...

IX. Committee Reports:

- A. Executive Committee – Jennifer Goodie & Kay Hartman – No new information
- B. Finance Committee – Brian Allen – Not present
  - 1. November 2022 Financial Report
  - 2. November 2022 Financial Report
  - 3. January 2022 Financial Report
- C. Outreach – Samantha McBride – Not present
- D. Bylaws – Glenn Bailey – No new information
- E. Budget Day – June 17th, 2023
  - 1. Volunteers needed for chair and committee
    - I. The committee will be meeting February 25 at 5:00 p.m. Email Kay Hartman to attend. Volunteers are needed for Chair and committee members.
- F. Training and Education – Barbara Ringuette – No new information
- G. Ad Hoc Editing – David Hunter
  - 1. Tess Taylor will help with editing. Documents will be sent to writers for revisions, with a deadline written in bold in the Subject line.
- H. Ad Hoc Restructuring – David Hunter – Will schedule a meeting soon.

X. Informational Items

- A. Controller Report Relative to Recommendations to more effectively Prepare the City of Los Angeles for Emergencies – [CF 22-1258](#)
- B. 1<sup>st</sup> Financial Status Report released – [CF 22-0600-S96](#)
- C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Financial Status Report released – [CF 22-0600-S99](#)

XI. Upcoming Meetings and Event

- A. BONC Tuesday February 21, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.
- B. LANCC March 4, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
- C. Budget Advocates March 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
- D. BONC Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
- E. Budget Advocates Saturday, March 18, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.
- F. Budget Day June 17, 2023

XII. Items for Future Meeting Agendas – Send items for future agendas to [labudgetadvocates@gmail.com](mailto:labudgetadvocates@gmail.com)

XIII. Adjournment – Jennifer Goodie adjourned the meeting at 11:18 a.m.

Next meeting March 6th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of Budget Advocate meeting #15 (February 18)  
ELSPETH WEINGARTEN  
February 28, 2023