



# Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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**Zoom Meeting  
October 3, 2022, 8:00 p.m.  
Meeting #7 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 for Training	7
Vacant Seat	----	1	Vacant Seat	----	7
Brian Allen	Present	2	Lynda Valencia	Present	8
Garry Fordyce	Present	2	Samantha McBride	Present	8
Scott Wright	Present	2	Vacant Seat	----	8
Glenn Bailey	Present	3	Elias Garcia	Absent	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	Present	4	Vacant Seat	----	10
Jack Humphreville	Excused	5	Jay Handal	Present	11
Vacant Seat	----	5	Kay Hartman	Present	11
Vacant Seat	----	5	Adriana de la Cruz	Present	11
Ernesto Castro	Absent	6	Sheryl Akerblom	Present	12
Vacant Seat	----	6	Vacant Seat	----	12
Vacant Seat	----	6	Vacant Seat	----	12

- I. Welcome and Call to Order: The Business Meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Jennifer Goodie at 8:02pm, with a full quorum in attendance.
- II. Roll Call: See above.  
Also in attendance were: Lee Blumenfeld (Encino Neighborhood Council), Mark Dutton (Candidate for Los Angeles Community College District for Member, Board of Trustees, Seat 7) and Budget Representatives Miran Kalaydjian (Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council), Sonny Liampetchakul (Northridge West Neighborhood Council) and Tess Taylor (Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council).
- III. Training with Jacob Wexler: Jacob Wexler held the second training session before the Business Meeting, starting at 6:00 pm. Recordings of the trainings will be available on the Budget Advocates website.
- IV. Approval of minutes from meeting #6 September 17th, 2022:  
Howard moved to approve the minutes from meeting #6 on September 17, 2022. Jay seconded.  
MOTION PASSED, with 15 for and 2 abstentions.

- V. Public Comment on non-agenda items within subject matter jurisdiction: None
- VI. Vacancies - One each in regions 1, 3, 7, and 8, two each in regions 5, 6, 9, 10, and 12: One vacancy each remains in regions 1, 3, 7, and 8 and two each in regions 5, 6, 9, 10, and 12. Anyone aware of someone interested in participating should contact Glenn.
- VII. Future training sessions: Discussion on scheduling training to discuss guidelines for writing reports and conducting departmental meetings. Discussion will continue offline.
- VIII. Department meetings:  
Review of the [signup sheet](#) for department meetings. Point people were designated for each department and members were redistributed as needed to cover departments and to avoid over-commitment. Those appointed will begin meeting with their teams, scheduling a meeting with the department and compiling a list of questions for the interview.
- IX. Council File 11-1020-S3 Update: The Budget and Finance Committee passed the motion, specifying that the department will report back to Budget Advocates on how the organization's money will be protected and on rules and procedures that will be implemented to manage it. "Budget Day" was removed from the motion.  
Funds will be held in the general account for "Budget Advocacy" as part of DONE's budget, to be used according to the department's needs. Projects will require department approval. The General Manager will meet with Brian, as Treasurer, to discuss the Council File.
- X. MOTION to approve a letter to BONC: The document will be sent on letterhead to the Commissioners, with a copy sent to all Budget Advocates.  
Brian moved to approve the letter. Barbara seconded.  
MOTION PASSED, with 13 for, 2 abstain
- XI. Committee Reports:
  - A. Executive Committee:
    - 1. Proposal to restructure the work of the Budget Advocates. Please review and be prepared for a future discussion tentatively scheduled for October 15.
  - B. Finance Committee:
    - 1. FY 2021-2022 End of Year Financial Report: Brian distributed the End of Year Financials.
      - a) Status on receiving a closeout from DONE
    - 2. FY 2022-2023 Budget:
      - a) Finance Committee to create - Adriana, Glenn, Miran, Jennifer and Kay will participate on the Finance Committee.

Jennifer moved to refer the item to committee for further review, skip subsequent agenda items and adjourn the meeting.

MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION.

- C. Outreach:
  - 1. Volunteers
- D. Bylaws:
- E. Budget Day:
  - 1. June 17th, 2023 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
  - 2. Send out Save the Date
- F. Training and Education:
- XII. Upcoming Meetings and Events:
  - A. Budget Advocates Saturday October 15th, 9:30 am
  - B. BONC Monday October 17th, 1:00 pm
- XIII. Items for Future Meeting Agendas: Send items for future agendas to [labudgetadvocates@gmail.com](mailto:labudgetadvocates@gmail.com)
- XIV. Budget Advocates Training:
- XV. Adjournment: Jennifer adjourned the meeting at 10:24pm. The next meeting will be on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am.

Minutes of Budget Advocate meeting #7 (October 3<sup>rd</sup>)  
ELSPETH WEINGARTEN  
October 9, 2022