



Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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Zoom Meeting
August 29, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
Meeting #5 Minutes
Board Retreat

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	7
Vacant Seat	-----	1	Vacant Seat	-----	7
Brian Allen	Absent	2	Lynda Valencia	Present	8
Garry Fordyce	Present	2	Samantha McBride	Present	8
Scott Wright	Present till 8:25	2	Vacant Seat	-----	8
Glenn Bailey	Present	3	Elias Garcia	Present till 8:25	9
David Uebersax	Present	3	Vacant Seat	-----	9
Vacant Seat	-----	3	Vacant Seat	-----	9
Howard Katchen	Present	4	Jennifer Goodie	Present	10
Brandon Pender	Absent	4	Vacant Seat	-----	10
Myrra Bolla	Present	4	Vacant Seat	-----	10
Jack Humphreville	Excused	5	Jay Handal	Present	11
Vacant Seat	-----	5	Kay Hartman	Excused	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 8:26pm, with a full quorum in attendance.
- II. Roll Call: See above.
Also in attendance were Budget Representatives Miran Kalaydjian (Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council), Dorsay Dujon (West Adams Neighborhood Council), and Sonny Liampetchakul (Northridge West Neighborhood Council).
Present at the Training were Jacob Wexler (Finance Specialist to the CAO) and Budget Representatives Nicole Antoine (Silverlake Neighborhood Council) and Linda Gravani (Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council).
- III. Training with Jacob Wexler: A Budget training was held by the CAO's Office from 6:30 p.m. to 8:19 p.m. The link will be posted on the Budget Advocates' website and the second part of the training will be held after the monthly Business Meeting on September 17.

- IV. Minutes:
Garry Fordyce moved to approve the minutes from Meeting #3 on August 1, 2022, as corrected. Cindy Cleghorn seconded.
MOTION PASSED, with 16 for and no abstentions.
- V. Public Comment: Adriana de la Cruz urged all Budget Advocates to attend the Congress of Neighborhoods in September and thanked those who will be making presentations. Glenn Bailey reminded members that another Digital Communications Policy Training is being held this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Information is available on the EmpowerLA Calendar, at EmpowerLA.org.
- VI. Vacancies: Glenn Bailey has begun preparation for elections in regions 1, 3, 7, and 8. These elections will be held simultaneously, and election notices will be distributed. Existing Budget Advocates in the region are asked to ensure they've submitted and recorded details regarding all Budget Representatives. Elections are scheduled for completion by the end of September. Contact Glenn with questions.
- VII. Dividing NC Assignments: Members within each region are asked to work together in dividing Neighborhood Council assignments among themselves and to inform Adriana de la Cruz of their chosen assignments.
- VIII. Congress of Neighborhoods: Budget Advocates will host a virtual "table" (Zoom room) from 12:40 to 2:45 p.m. Adriana de la Cruz and Sheryl Akerblom will share the assignment, with Adriana running the first hour and Sheryl running the second. Additional members interested in helping are invited to contact Adriana at DelReyBoardMember@Gmail.Com. Jennifer Goodie will follow up with the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) regarding the Zoom license, reach out to Kay Hartman and Jack Humphreville, and notify all Budget Advocates of the need for additional help.
- IX. Future training sessions: Those absent at tonight's training are asked to review the recording before the September 17 meeting. The link to both the training and Jacob Wexler's slide presentation are available on the Budget Advocates's website. Members are invited to solidify their training experience by taking the Pre-test available on the website. Barbara Ringuette will send the information to Webmaster Kristina Smith to be posted.
The September 17 meeting is scheduled to begin with the Business Meeting at 9:00 a.m., followed by the second half of Jacob Wexler's training, expected to end around 12:15 p.m. Jacob will be invited to arrive at 9:45 a.m.
- X. Committee Reports:
- A. Finance Committee:
1. FY 2021-2022 End of Year Financial Report:
- a) Status on receiving a closeout from DONE: Jennifer Goodie reported on Brian Allen's behalf that he received a closeout report from Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE). Man-Qin is reversing the charges that DONE accidentally paid for most of Budget Advocates' Translation services. An error was also found regarding a payment by CANNDU Neighborhood Council, which donated \$3,500. Budget Advocates will receive the appropriate funds and the Council will be protected against duplicate charges.
2. FY 2022-2023 Budget: Brian Allen is compiling the End of the Year Report with information received from DONE and from Lanira.
- B. Outreach: No report.
- C. Bylaws: A revised version of the Bylaws will be distributed to all members. Current Bylaws will be reviewed from top to bottom, after elections have finished.

D. Budget Day: Committee not yet formed.

XI. Upcoming Meetings and Events:

A. BONC Tuesday, September 6th, 6:00 p.m.

B. Budget Advocates Saturday September 17, 9:00am: Meeting start time has been changed to 9:00 a.m.

C. Congress of Neighborhoods Saturday, September 24, 2022: Registration opened this Saturday for the event, which will take place 8:00am – 3:45pm. More information is available at <https://www.neighborhoodcongress.la>.

XII. Items for Future Meeting Agendas: Please send items for future agendas to labudgetadvocates@gmail.com

XIII. Adjournment: Jennifer Goodie adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

Next meeting September 17, at 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Minutes of Budget Advocate meeting #5 (August 29)

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