



# Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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**Zoom Meeting  
February 6, 2023, 7:00 p.m.  
Meeting #14 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	7
Vacant Seat	-----	1	Vacant Seat	-----	7
Brian Allen	Absent	2	Lynda Valencia	Present	8
Garry Fordyce	Present	2	Samantha McBride	Absent	8
Scott Wright	Absent	2	Vacant Seat	-----	8
Glenn Bailey	Present	3	Elias Garcia	Present	9
David Uebersax	Absent	3	Vacant Seat	-----	9
Vacant Seat	-----	3	Vacant Seat	-----	9
Howard Katchen	Excused	4	Jennifer Goodie	Present	10
Brandon Pender	Present	4	Vacant Seat	-----	10
Myrra Bolla	Absent	4	Vacant Seat	-----	10
Jack Humphreville	Present 7:30 to 7:42	5	Jay Handal	Present 7:30-7:46	11
Vacant Seat	-----	5	Kay Hartman	Present 7:25-7:45	11
Vacant Seat	-----	5	Adriana de la Cruz	Excused	11
Ernesto Castro	Present	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 7:14 pm, with 13 members in attendance.
- II. Roll Call – See above for attendance. Also in attendance was former Budget Advocate Liz Amsden (Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council).
- III. Minutes – Approval of minutes from meeting #12 on January 2 and meeting #3 on January 21 postponed to next meeting.
- IV. Public Comment – None
- 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. Meeting with Mayor Bass

1. February 14th 11:00 a.m. – A meeting with Mayor Bass’s budget team has been scheduled for February 14 at 11:00 a.m. It not bet decided whether the meeting will be held virtually, or in person. RSVP to [labudgetadvocates@gmail.com](mailto:labudgetadvocates@gmail.com) if able to attend.
- C. Town Hall: A Town Hall on DONE’s FY 2023-24
  1. February 11th at 12:30 p.m.
  2. Registration – here and submit questions to the link, or to [labudgetadvocates@gmail.com](mailto:labudgetadvocates@gmail.com).
- D. Starting February 18th we will be using a new Zoom meeting ID
  1. Some months ago we voted to purchase an account under DONE’s contract and they have provided us with that account. The Town Hall will proceed with using the link sent out via event registration.

## VI. Updates

- A. December 19 meeting with Raquel Beltran to discuss Budget Advocates funding
- B. Update on CF 11-1020-S3
  1. Ordinance suggested by Elise Ruden
- C. Update on meetings with newly elected officials

## VII. New Business

- A. Letter regarding Mayor’s Appointments – Budget Advocates have prepared an official letter objecting to the veracity of a qualification listed by BONC candidate Josh Nadel, regarding his previous work with the Budget Advocates.  
Jay moved to support the letter. Barbara seconded.  
MOTION PASSED by Budget Advocates in attendance at the regularly scheduled board meeting, with 12 for and 2 abstentions.

## VIII. Old Business

- A. Department meetings – Members provided status updates on reports and department meetings. Reports must be submitted by the next regularly scheduled Budget Advocates meeting on February 18, in order to have recommendations submitted to the CAO in time for the Budget Hearings
  1. Budget Requests
  2. Spreadsheet
  3. White Paper
    - a) Theme is Restart, Reform, Refocus... – David Hunter has volunteered to write the theme paper on the theme of “Restart, Reform, Refocus...”

## IX. Committee Reports

- A. Executive Committee – Jennifer Goodie and Kay Hartman, co-chairs
  1. Items have been discussed above. The committee expressed hope that department reports will arrive in time to be incorporated into the theme paper.
- B. Finance Committee – Brian Allen – Mr. Allen not in attendance
  1. November 2022 Financial Report
  2. December 2022 Financial Report
  3. January 2023 Financial Report
- C. Outreach – Samantha McBride – Ms. McBride not in attendance
- D. Bylaws – Glenn Bailey
  1. Bylaws work is pending and will increase once department reports are written. Contact Glenn to participate.
- E. Budget Day – June 17th, 2023 – No Chair Yet appointed
  1. Volunteers needed for chair and committee – A meeting date is being scheduled. Volunteers are needed. Contact [labudgetadvocates@gmail.com](mailto:labudgetadvocates@gmail.com) to participate. Kay and Jennifer will follow up on whether the event can be held at City Hall.
- F. Training and Education – Barbara Ringuette
  1. Barbara is available to assist anyone needing help preparing reports, or holding department meetings. A report template is available in the provided Training Materials, to assist those needing help.
- G. Ad Hoc Editing – David Hunter

1. David Hunter reported that many committee reports have not yet been received.  
Jennifer will confirm this with Kay.

H. Ad Hoc Restructuring – David Hunter

1. David will send out an email to schedule a meeting.

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 – [CF22-0600-S96](#)
- C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Financial Status Report released – [CF22-0600-S99](#)

XI. Upcoming Meetings and Event:

- A. BONC: February 7th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
- B. Budget Advocates Town Hall on DONE Budget: February 11th, 2023 at 12:30 p.m.
- C. Budget Advocates: February 18th, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.
- D. 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 8:11 p.m.

Next meeting February 18th, 2023 9:30 a.m.

Minutes of Budget Advocate meeting #14 (February 6)  
ELSPETH WEINGARTEN  
February 15, 2023