

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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200 N. Spring Street 20th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012
Monday, April 1st, 2019 at 7 PM

Meeting #18 Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Kevin Davis	Present (7:26)	1	Tony Michaelis	Present	7
John DiGregorio	Present	1	Barbara Ringuette	Present	7
Rick Ramirez	Present (7:10)	1	Connie Acosta	Present (7:19)	7
Brian Allen	Present	2	Liz Amsden	Present	8
Glenn Bailey	Present (7:08)	2	Jamie Tijerina	Absent	8
Diedra Greenaway	Present (7:09)	2	Jose Orozco Pelico	Absent	8
Jeffrey Mausner	Present	3	Chelsea McElwee	Excused	9
Carol Newman	Present (7:10)	3	Evelyn Valdez	Present	9
Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Present (7:09)	3	VACANT	VACANT	9
Jeannette Hopp	Absent	4	Carol Derby-David	Absent	10
Howard Katchen	Present (7:06)	4	Erick Morales	Present	10
Brandon Pender	Present (7:08)	4	KJ Clark	Present (7:03)	10
Jack Humphreville	Present	5	Jay Handal	Present	11
VACANT	VACANT	5	Jacqueline Le Kennedy	Absent	11
Patrick Seamans	Absent	5	Jon Liberman	Present	11
James Hornik	Present	6	Melanie Labrecque	Present	12
Adrienne Nicole Edwards	Absent	6	Danielle Sandoval	Absent	12
Nina Smith	Absent	6	Dr. Princess Sykes	Absent	12

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Co-Chair Jay Handal.
2. Roll Call: At the beginning of the meeting, a quorum of 15 Budget Advocates were present. 8 more Budget Advocates joined the meeting later, bringing the total to 23. John Darnell from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment also joined the meeting.
3. Public Comment: No public comments were made
4. Approval of the Minutes from Meetings #11 (December 15th), #16 (March 4th) and #17 (March 16th): Budget Advocates had received the minutes for meetings #16 and #17 before the meeting. Minutes for meeting #11 remain pending and will be voted on at a later time.

MOTION: Mr. Humphreville moved to approve the minutes for Meetings #16 and #17. Mr. Liberman seconded.

SUPPORT: 14 votes

OPPOSE: 0 votes

ABSTAIN: 1 votes (Co-Chair Amsden)

MOTION PASSED. MINUTES FOR MEETING #16 AND #17 APPROVED.

5. Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Katchen confirmed that \$1,500 is earmarked for camera supplies in this year's budget. Treasurer Katchen asked that all Budget Advocates ask their assigned neighborhood councils for a contribution for next year's budget.

MOTION: Mr. Liberman moved to approve the Treasurer's report for the most current period. Ms. Yvanek-Garb seconded the motion.

SUPPORT: 15 votes

OPPOSE: 1 votes (Mr. Allen)

ABSTAIN: 0 votes

MOTION PASSED.

6. Status on White Paper Delivery to Neighborhood Councils and Elected Officials: Budget Advocates who attended the recent meeting with Mayor Garcetti were able to distribute hard copies of the White Paper to some, but not all, elected officials. Budget Advocates should distribute hard copies to their assigned councils. Those in need of hard copies may request them from Treasurer Katchen

7. Status on Redlining Paper Delivery to Neighborhood Councils and Elected Officials: Co-Chair Handal will send out the redlining paper to all neighborhood council board members via email. A hard copy was given to the Mayor at the most recent meeting.

8. Motions on Letter to Mayor and City Revenue Paper: To maximize time for public input, it was suggested that the Budget Advocates write to the Mayor requesting that his budget be released in the January before the next fiscal year.

MOTION: Mr. Humphreville moved to write a letter requesting that the Mayor release the budget by January 10th. Mr. Liberman seconded the motion.

AMENDMENT: Mr. Bailey moved to amend the requested date for release to March 1st. Mr. Mausner seconded the motion.

SUPPORT: 4 votes

OPPOSE: 14 votes

ABSTAIN: 5 votes

AMENDMENT FAILED

AMENDMENT: Mr. Allen moved to amend the requested date for release to February 1st. Co-Vice-Chair Ringuette seconded the motion.

Mr. Allen withdraws his motion.

AMENDMENT: Co-Chair Amsden moved to amend the requested date for release to the first Monday in February. Mr. Allen seconded the motion.

SUPPORT: 17 votes

OPPOSE: 4 votes

ABSTAIN: 0 votes

AMENDMENT PASSED

VOTE ON MOTION AS AMENDED

SUPPORT: 20 votes

OPPOSE: 1 vote (Treasurer Katchen)

ABSTAIN: 0 votes
MOTION PASSED

Mr. Humphreville will draft the letter.

Co-Vice-Chair Ringuette circulated ideas for city revenue collection before the meeting. Any further comments and suggestions should be sent to Co-Chair Amsden by Friday, April 5th.

9. Options to Change Bylaws Regarding Budget Advocates Terms: The Budget Advocates discussed the possibilities of either extending current terms by one year or electing Budget Advocates to a one year term to realign the elections cycle in the years that neighborhood council elections are not scheduled.

MOTION: Should the Neighborhood Budget Advocates consider extending their current terms by one year to realign the elections cycle?

SUPPORT: 20 votes

OPPOSE: 3 votes

ABSTAIN: 0 votes

MOTION PASSED.

Parliamentarian Newman will draft language for an official bylaws change to be reviewed by the Budget Advocates Board.

10. Budget Day 2019 Assignments and Discussion: This item was tabled.

11. Outreach: A recent Budget Advocates town hall at USC was successful. Co-Vice-Chair DiGregorio will work with the Budget Advocates in each region to organize a town hall and report to the Executive Committee for each event. Co-Chair Handal will organize the West LA town hall on April 27th.

Co-Chair Handal reported that the Budget Advocates will no longer be engaging with a public relations firm. A quote of \$7,950 was provided to the Budget Advocates for potential radio advertisements. The Outreach committee will follow up with Mr. Pender regarding what is needed in terms of content for the advertisements.

Any presentation for the next Neighborhood Council Congress was deferred to after Budget Day.

A new Budget Advocates report card or survey will not be discussed further until the next budget year.

12. Budget Advocates Successes: Mr. Allen is waiting on a response from Fernando Campos.

13. Budget Advocates Tasks: Any new committees will not be considered for this fiscal year.

Budget Advocates are encouraged to adapt the content of their reports for CityWatch articles. They should be no more than 500 to 600 words in length and sent to the Co-Chairs or Co-Vice-Chair DiGregorio.

All Budget Advocates should adapt their reports for presentation to the Budget and Finance Committee by April 20th.

14. New Business: Secretary Morales will furnish Parliamentarian Newman with the latest attendance report. The Budget Advocates should agendaize removals at their next meeting.

Mr. Bailey suggested that the Budget Advocates send out an email with information on how neighborhood councils can agendaize appointment of Budget Representatives. Co-Chair Amsden suggested that the Bylaws be amended to include that Budget Representatives terms last until their respective neighborhood council replaces them.

Mr. Michaelis needs to follow up with his contact at CSULA regarding a Budget Advocates Fellowship Program.

Treasurer Katchen informed that the budget for the annual Budget Day will be discussed at the April 20th meeting.

15. Adjournment: All other items were postponed. Co-Chair Handal adjourned the meeting at 8:39 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:
ERICK M. MORALES
2018 - 2019 NCBA Secretary