

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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**Zoom Meeting
July 5, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
Meeting #1 Minutes**



Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
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Lanira Murphy	Present	1	-----	-----	7
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Brian Allen	Present	2	Jamie Tijerina	Present 7:13	8
Glenn Bailey	Present	2	Liz Amsden	Present	8
Garry Fordyce	Present	2	-----	-----	8
Carol Newman	Present	3	Elias Garcia	Absent	9
Lee Blumenfeld	Absent	3	Elice Hennessee	Present 7:40	9
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Howard Katchen	Present	4	Edmond Warren	Absent	10
Brandon Pender	Present	4	Hugo Rodriguez	Present	10
Jack Humphreville	Present till 9:00	5	Jay Handal	Present till 7:39	11
Julia Moser	Resigned	5	Kay Hartman	Present	11
Daniel Perez	Present	5	Jon Liberman	Present	11
Ernesto Castro	Absent	6	Danielle Sandoval	Present	12
Naira Harootunian	Absent	6	Sheryl Akerblom	Present till 8:20	12
Margarita Lopez	Absent	6	Gina Martinez	Absent	12

1. Call to order / Roll Call: The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Liz Amsden at 7:03pm, with a full quorum reached at that time. See above for Roll Call.

Also present were guests: Adriana de la Cruz (Mar Vista del Rey NC), Sarah Ramsawack (North Hollywood Northeast NC) and Connie Calderon (North Hollywood NE NC).

2. Officer positions:
Budget Advocates will be electing two Co-Chairs, one Vice-Chair of Development, one Treasurer, one Parliamentarian, one Administrative Secretary and one Corresponding Secretary.
3. Nominations for the 2021-22 Co-Chairs:
 - statement by the nominees

- voting (turn over meeting to new Co-Chairs)

Jennifer Goodie was nominated by Liz as Co-Chair.
Jennifer accepted.

Jay Handal was nominated by Jon as Co-Chair.
Jay accepted.

Glenn Bailey was nominated by Barbara as Co-Chair.
Glenn accepted.

Candidates provided statements.

VOTE on the candidates (total 18):
Jennifer received 94% of the vote.
Glenn received 56% of the vote.
Jay received 44% of the vote.

Jennifer Goodie and Glenn Bailey were elected Co-Chairs of the Budget Advocates.

Jennifer nominated Glenn to host meetings and to take care of back-end Responsibilities. Jennifer will read items off the Agenda at meetings.
Glenn accepted the arrangement.

Jennifer took over leading the meeting at this point.

4. Nominations for the 2021-22 Vice-Chair for Development:

- statement by the nominees
- voting

Barbara Ringuette was nominated by Kay as Vice Chair of Development.
Barbara accepted.

No other nominations.

VOTE: 18 for and no abstentions.
Barbara Ringuette was elected by acclamation as Vice Chair of Development of the Budget Advocates.

5. Nominations for the 2021-22 Vice Chair for Outreach:

- statement by the nominees
- voting

Kay was nominated by Barbara as Vice Chair of Outreach.

Kay accepted.

Liz nominated Jay as Vice Chair of Outreach.
Jay fell off the meeting, due to low phone battery.

Brandon moved to defer the vote to later in the meeting.
Kay objected, on the basis that it would prevent the non-winning candidate from running for another position.

Liz reached Jay by phone to ask if he would accept the nomination.
Jay accepted.

Kay provided a statement.

VOTE on the candidates (total 18):
Kay received 79% of the vote.
Jay received 21% of the vote.

Kay Hartman was elected Vice Chair of Outreach of the Budget Advocates.

6. Nominations for the 2021-22 Budget Advocate Treasurer:

- statement by the nominees
- voting

Howard Katchen was nominated by Jennifer as Treasurer.
Howard declined.

Jon Liberman nominated himself as Treasurer.

Lanira Murphy nominated herself as Treasurer.

Brian Allen was nominated by Brandon as Treasurer.
Brian accepted.

Jon withdrew his nomination for himself.

The candidates provided statements.

VOTE on the candidates:
Lanira received 53% of the vote.
Brian received 53% of the vote.
Total number of voting members was 18.

Suggestions were made that the two candidates become Co-Chairs of the Treasurer position. Lanira accepted and Brian declined.

VOTE #2 on the candidates (total 18):
Lanira received 53% of the vote.
Brian received 53% of the vote.

Discussion of postponing the vote to a later BA meeting to have the opportunity to receive additional responses.

Brian withdrew his candidacy.

Lanira Murphy was approved as Treasurer of the Budget Advocates.

7. Nominations for the 2021-22 Budget Advocate Parliamentarian:

- statement by the nominees
- voting

Carol Newman was nominated by Jennifer as Parliamentarian.
Carol accepted.

Jack Humpreville was nominated by Brian as Parliamentarian.
Jack declined.

VOTE 18 for and no abstentions.
Carol Newman was elected by acclamation as Parliamentarian of the Budget Advocates.

8. Nominations for the 2021-22 Administrative Secretary:

- statement by the nominees
- voting

Hugo Rodriguez was nominated by Jennifer as Administrative Secretary.
Hugo accepted

Elice Hennessee was nominated by Carol as Administrative Secretary.
Elice accepted.

Daniel Perez was nominated by Liz as Administrative Secretary.
Daniel declined.

The candidates provided statements.

VOTE on the candidates (total 18):
Elice received 69% of the vote.
Hugo received 31% of the vote.

Elice Hennessee was elected Administrative Secretary of the Budget Advocates.

9. Nominations for the 2021-22 Corresponding Secretary:

- statement by the nominees
- voting

Hugo Rodriguez was nominated by Kay as Corresponding Secretary.
Jennifer and Liz seconded.
Hugo accepted.

VOTE 18 for and no abstentions.

Hugo Rodriguez was elected by acclamation as Corresponding Secretary of the Budget Advocates.

10. Meeting days/times:

Howard moved to maintain the current meeting schedule as is. Jennifer seconded.
MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION, with 18 for and no abstentions.

11. Retreat and Trainings: The Budget Advocates retreat is being planned tentatively for the traditional third-Saturday meeting day in July. ExComm will be asked to make plans accordingly. Discussion on inviting Budget Reps to the training.

Members should e-mail Glenn and Jennifer with any information about boards that did not get seated by July 1.

12. Assignments by the new Co-Chairs: Priority projects include:

- 1) Planning the retreat for July 17.
- 2) Helping Carol fill the eight vacancies: members in those and adjacent regions are responsible for helping garner interest.
- 3) Completing and submitting committee reports.
- 3) Determining whether Budget Day planning needs to pivot focus to a virtual meeting.
- 4) Help is needed updating the Bylaws.
- 5) Glenn will talk to Kristina Smith regarding the website.

13. Election of new Budget Advocates: This item has been covered.

14. Pressing Business:

-Jennifer has reached out to Budget Advocates with attendance issues: Naira Harootunian and Edmond Warren have not responded. ExComm will consider them for removal. Any removals will happen at a meeting subsequent to the retreat.

-Liz will coordinate with Glenn on making an Budget Advocate statement for advocacy, to be read at Tuesday's BONC meeting.

-Howard made a motion of appreciation for Liz, Jack and the whole Executive Committee for this past year. Kay seconded.
MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION, with 18 for and no abstentions.

-Anyone interested in joining the Outreach Committee should contact Kay.

15. Adjournment:

Kay moved to adjourn at 9:16pm. Howard seconded.
MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION.

The next Budget Advocate meeting will be the retreat on July 17 at 9:30am.
Please submit items for consideration to the Co-Chairs five days prior.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Minutes of Budget Advocate meeting #1 (July 5)

ELSPETH WEINGARTEN

July 8, 2021