

# Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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Los Angeles City Hall, DONE Office  
200 N. Spring Street 20<sup>th</sup> Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012  
Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7 PM

## Meeting #14 Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Kevin Davis	Present (7:14)	1	Tony Michaelis	Present	7
John DiGregorio	Present (7:05)	1	Barbara Ringuette	Present (7:05)	7
Rick Ramirez	Present (8:17)	1	Connie Acosta	Present (7:06)	7
Brian Allen	Present	2	Liz Amsden	Present	8
Glenn Bailey	Present	2	Jamie Tijerina	Present (7:55)	8
Diedra Greenaway	Present	2	Jose Orozco Pelico	Absent	8
Jeffrey Mausner	Present	3	Chelsea McElwee	Present	9
Carol Newman	Present	3	Evelyn Valdez	Present	9
Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Present	3	VACANT	VACANT	9
Jeanette Hopp	Excused	4	Carol Derby-David	Present	10
Howard Katchen	Present (time tbd)	4	Erick Morales	Present	10
Brandon Pender	Present (time tbd)	4	KJ Clark	Present	10
Jack Humphreville	Present	5	Jay Handal	Absent	11
VACANT	VACANT	5	Jacqueline Le Kennedy	Absent	11
Patrick Seamans	Excused	5	Jon Liberman	Present (7:09)	11
James Hornik	Present	6	Melanie Labrecque	Present	12
Adrienne Nicole Edwards	Absent	6	Danielle Sandoval	Present (8:17)	12
Nina Smith	Absent	6	Dr. Princess Sykes	Present	12

1. Call to Order: Co-Chair Liz Amsden called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.
2. Roll Call: At the beginning of the meeting, a quorum of 17 Budget Advocates were present. 8 more Budget Advocates joined the meeting later, bringing the total to 25. John Darnell from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment also joined the meeting.
3. Public Comment: None
4. Approval of the Minutes from Meeting #13 (January 19, 2019):

MOTION: Assistant Secretary McElwee moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Clark seconded the motion.

SUPPORT: 17 votes

OPPOSE: 0 votes

ABSTAIN: Ms. Yvanek-Garb

**MOTION PASSED. MINUTES APPROVED.**

5. Treasurer's Report:

MOTION: Dr. Sykes moved to approve the Treasurer's report for the current period. Parliamentarian Newman seconded the motion.

SUPPORT: 17 votes  
OPPOSE: Mr. Allen  
ABSTAIN: Ms. Clark, Mr. Bailey  
**MOTION PASSED. REPORT APPROVED.**

6. Budget Advocates' White Paper:

MOTION: Dr. Sykes moved to approve the White Paper along with any edits of the reports that would be suggested by February 5, 2019. Ms. Derby-David seconded the motion.  
AMENDMENT: Mr. Michaelis moved to replace certain words/phrases in the White Paper that might be considered offensive by some stakeholders. **Amendment accepted** with suggestions for replacement due by the night of February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Final editing to be at the sole discretion of Co-Chair Amsden.  
SUPPORT: 20 votes  
OPPOSE: 0 votes  
ABSTAIN: Ms. Greenaway, Ms. Ringuette  
**MOTION PASSED.**

The White Paper committee is still working on the document cover.

There has been no update on scheduling a January meeting with the Mayor. Mr. Bailey asked that the Budget Advocates inform the Mayor that they will take up the item at their February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting if the Mayor does not respond by then.

Co-Chair Amsden asked for the Budget Advocates to pull appropriate content out of their reports to adapt for CityWatch articles, also for the City Council Budget and Finance Committee presentations.

7. Outreach: At the request of Vice-Chair DiGregorio, the motion to reissue the Budget Advocates' Report Card survey and related items were moved to later on the agenda (to follow the discussion with DONE General Manager Liu).

Ms. Clark reported that the Outreach Committee is working on securing dates in March for Budget Town Halls. Specifics were to be taken offline and with logistics sent to Ms Clark and Vice-Chair DiGregorio.

A funding motion for TV and radio spots was tabled pending Mr. Pender creating a more formal plan to be distributed to Budget Advocates prior to the next meeting.

A funding motion for a new camera was tabled pending Vice-Chair DiGregorio researching whether the Budget Advocates should purchase or rent a new camera based on concerns about the cameras currently available through DONE and the rapidity of technical improvements.

A funding motion to hire someone to collate the Budget Advocate recommendations for the past five years was tabled to determine the scope necessary. In the interim, Mr. Bailey will contact Fernando Campos to ascertain what is currently available.

8. Bylaws Committee: Parliamentarian Newman advised they would start by addressing revisions for procedures to elect Budget Advocates.
9. Conversation with DONE General Manager Grayce Liu: Ms. Liu responded to Budget Advocate complaints about why the Budget Advocates Report Card was not distributed by DONE.

Vice-Chair DiGregorio will discuss options with DONE staff to present to the Budget Advocates.

Ms. Liu agreed to address Budget Advocate requests on a more timely basis in future.

11. Given the time, all other items were tabled and the meeting was adjourned by Co-Chair Amsden at 9:20 PM

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