



# BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

## MEETING MINUTES DRAFT

**Meeting Date:** April 26, 2021

**Meeting Time:** [7:00 PM]

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### Virtual Meeting

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#### 1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Meeting called to order by Rick Nordin at 7:05.

Patti Berman	Absent	Kevin Dieterle	Here
Claudia Oliveira	Here	Allen Gross	Absent
Tony Hoover	Here	Eboney Pearson	Absent
Wendell Blassingame	Here	Cody Nowak	Here
Michelle Duffie	Absent	Jim Sarratori	Here
Naira Harootunian	Here	Debby Zhou	Here
Rick Nordin	Here	James Wilde	Here
Ryan Afari	Here	Jehan Reagan	Here
Lori Summers	Here		
Michael Delijani	Absent		
Tyler Murphy	Here		
Melynda Choothesa	Here, late		
Pablo Fontoura	Here		

#### 2. President Remarks (5 min)

#### 3. Declarations of Ex Parte communications

Claudia has had communications with CD14 office regarding this topic.

Tony has had conversations with CD14 office and the LA Alliance about this topic.

Rick has had conversations with the LA Alliance about this topic in preparation for this meeting.

#### 4. Speakers

a. Presentations with possible discussion from City, State, County or Elected Officials or representatives

5. General Public Comment (10 min) - The public is requested dial \*9, when prompted by the presiding officer, to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comments are limited to two minutes per speaker with a total time of ten minutes. (The chair, depending on number of speakers and time considerations, may change these parameters.

#### 6. New Business [All items possible for discussion and possible action] (50 min)

a. County's motion to dismiss - LA Alliance For Human Rights (possible action)

Background: On March 2020, the LA Alliance For Human Rights filed a lawsuit against the City of Los Angeles and the County of Los Angeles alleging violations of State and Federal Law arising from the City's homelessness conditions. The lawsuit is seeking a mandate for

the City and the County to provide shelter and wrap-around services to the unhoused population. Recently the County of Los Angeles filed a motion to be dismissed from this lawsuit.

**6.a.i MOTION: Jehan motioned to vote in favor of writing a letter being against the LA County motion to dismiss themselves. Kevin seconded.**

Patti Berman	Absent	Kevin Dieterle	Yes
Claudia Oliveira	Yes	Allen Gross	Absent
Tony Hoover	Yes	Eboney Pearson	Absent
Wendell Blassingame	Yes	Cody Nowak	Yes
Michelle Duffie	Absent	Jim Sarratori	Yes
Naira Harootunian	Yes	Debby Zhou	Yes
Rick Nordin	n/a	James Wilde	Yes
Ryan Afari	Yes	Jehan Reagan	Yes
Lori Summers	Abstain		

Michael Delijani	Absent		
Tyler Murphy	Yes		
Melynda Choothesa	Yes		
Pablo Fontoura	Yes		

**Yes = 14, No = 0, Abstain = 1**

**Motion passed.**

**Tony Hoover motioned to amend the motion to clarify where the letter will be filed. He proposed sending to CD14 Kevin de Leons office, Mayor Garcetti's office, and to PACER (Public Access to Court Electronic Records). Kevin seconds.**

**Claudia motioned to amend the amendment to remove PACER. Melynda seconds.**

Patti Berman	Absent	Kevin Dieterle	Yes
Claudia Oliveira	Yes	Allen Gross	Absent
Tony Hoover	Yes	Eboney Pearson	Absent
Wendell Blassingame	Yes	Cody Nowak	Yes
Michelle Duffie	Absent	Jim Sarratori	Yes
Naira Harootunian	Yes	Debby Zhou	Yes
Rick Nordin	n/a	James Wilde	Yes
Ryan Afari	Yes	Jehan Reagan	Yes
Lori Summers	Yes		
Michael Delijani	Absent		
Tyler Murphy	Yes		
Melynda Choothesa	Yes		
Pablo Fontoura	Yes		

**Yes = 15, No = 0, Abstain = 0**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**MOTION: To File and send a letter of response to the County of Los Angeles' motion to dismiss themselves as Defendants of LA Alliance For Human Rights v. City of Los Angeles; County of Los Angeles.**

Patti Berman	Absent	Kevin Dieterle	Yes
Claudia Oliveira	Yes	Allen Gross	Absent
Tony Hoover	Yes	Eboney Pearson	Absent
Wendell Blassingame	Yes	Cody Nowak	Yes
Michelle Duffie	Absent	Jim Sarratori	Yes
Naira Harootunian	Yes	Debby Zhou	Yes
Rick Nordin	n/a	James Wilde	Yes
Ryan Afari	Yes	Jehan Reagan	Yes
Lori Summers	Abstain		

Michael Delijani	Absent		
Tyler Murphy	Yes		
Melynda Choothesa	Yes		
Pablo Fontoura	Yes		

**Yes = 14, No = 0, Abstain = 1**

**Motion passed.**

**Rick, Kevin, Pablo, and Melynda volunteered to form a working group to draft a letter and Wendell with proof read prior to sending to the board for review. The letter will review a vote on the next May 11<sup>th</sup> board meeting.**

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8. Other Board Member Comments (5 min)

9. Next Meeting [To be Announced] (5 min)

**10. Adjourn**

Rick adjourned the meeting at 9:06pm.

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