

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
CALIFORNIA



**DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
OFFICERS**

CLAUDIA OLIVEIRA
PRESIDENT

NAIRA HAROOTUNIAN
VICE PRESIDENT OF ADMINISTRATION

ANGELA DELEON
VICE PRESIDENT OF
COMMUNICATION & OUTREACH

JIM SARRATORI
SECRETARY

TONY HOOVER
TREASURER

**DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
VIRTUAL MEETING DRAFT MINUTES**

Tuesday, May 10th, 2022 – 6:30 PM

Contact: claudia.oliveira@dlanc.com for more information

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Claudia called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM with quorum.

Patti Berman	Here, left around 8:30	Ryan Afari	Here	Allen Gross	Here, at 6:36
Claudia Oliveira	Here	Ana Carril-Grumberg	Here	Leonel Aguilar	Here
Tony Hoover	Here	Samir Bitar	Here	Cody Nowak	Here, at 6:36
Wendell Blassingame	Here	Melynda Choothesa	Here, arrived at 6:43	Jim Sarratori	Here
Michelle Duffie	Absent	Tyler Murphy	Here	Jehan Reagan	Here
Naira Harootunian	Here	Pablo Fontoura	Here	Debby Zhou	Here
Rick Nordin	Absent	Kevin Dieterle	Here	James Wilde	Absent
Wendy Celaya	Absent	Damion Wagner	Here	Angela DeLeon	Here

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3. Declaration of Ex-Parte Communications

Claudia

4. Board Seats (all items subject to discussion and possible action)

a. Announcement of Vacant Seat - Historic Core Resident Director

Kevin Dieterle has not yet vacated, so item was tabled.

b. Removal by absence - Michelle Duffie (Central City East Resident)

Jose Galdamez said that the member has been removed because of code of conduct training violation. Her seat will be announced as open on the next agenda.

5. Speakers

a. City/County/State/Federal elected officials or representatives

b. Liaisons Reports - Open liaison positions: FilmLA Liaison, LLANC, Purposeful Aging, Data, DWP MOU, Plan Check, Budget Representative

6. Minutes

a. Approval of the 04/12/2022 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion: Tony Hoover

2nd: Jim Sarratori

Patti Berman	Yes	Ryan Afari	Yes	Allen Gross	Yes
Claudia Oliveira	N/A	Ana Carril-Grumberg	Yes	Leonel Aguilar	Yes
Tony Hoover	Yes	Samir Bitar	Yes	Cody Nowak	Yes
Wendell Blassingame	Yes	Melynda Choothesa	Yes	Jim Sarratori	Yes
Michelle Duffie	Absent	Tyler Murphy	Yes	Jehan Reagan	Yes
Naira Harootunian	Yes	Pablo Fontoura	Abstain	Debby Zhou	Yes
Rick Nordin	Absent	Kevin Dieterle	Yes	James Wilde	Absent
Wendy Celaya	Absent	Damion Wagner	Yes	Angela DeLeon	Yes

Yes =18, No =0, Abs =1, Rec =0

Motion passed.

b. Approval of the 04/28/2022 Special Board Meeting Minutes

Motion: Jim Sarratori

2nd: Samir Bitar

Patti Berman	Abstain	Ryan Afari	Yes	Allen Gross	Yes
Claudia Oliveira	N/A	Ana Carril-Grumberg	Yes	Leonel Aguilar	Yes
Tony Hoover	Yes	Samir Bitar	Yes	Cody Nowak	Yes
Wendell Blassingame	Yes	Melynda Choothesa	Yes	Jim Sarratori	Yes
Michelle Duffie	Absent	Tyler Murphy	Yes	Jehan Reagan	Yes
Naira Harootunian	Yes	Pablo Fontoura	Abstain	Debby Zhou	Yes
Rick Nordin	Absent	Kevin Dieterle	Yes	James Wilde	Absent
Wendy Celaya	Absent	Damion Wagner	Abstain	Angela DeLeon	Yes

Yes =16, No =0, Abstain =3, Rec =0

Motion passed.

7. President’s Report

8. Consent Calendar - None

9. Old Business - See item 4c

10. New Business (all items subject to discussion and possible action)

a. Livability:

- i. Discussion and possible action to submit a CIS in **support** of **CF [22-0368](#)**: Vision Zero Initiative / Executive Directive No. 10 / Traffic Deaths / Collisions

Livability Vote Count: Y(3), N(0), A (0), Absent (2)

Motion: Debby Zhou

2nd: Kevin Dieterle

Patti Berman	Yes	Ryan Afari	Yes	Allen Gross	Yes
Claudia Oliveira	N/A	Ana Carril-Grumberg	Yes	Leonel Aguilar	Yes
Tony Hoover	Yes	Samir Bitar	Yes	Cody Nowak	Yes
Wendell Blassingame	Yes	Melynda Choothesa	Yes	Jim Sarratori	Yes
Michelle Duffie	Absent	Tyler Murphy	Yes	Jehan Reagan	Yes

Naira Harootunian	Yes	Pablo Fontoura	Yes	Debby Zhou	Yes
Rick Nordin	Absent	Kevin Dieterle	Yes	James Wilde	Absent
Wendy Celaya	Absent	Damion Wagner	Yes	Angela DeLeon	Yes

Yes =19, No =0, Abs = 0, Rec =0

Motion passed.

- ii. Discussion and possible action to submit a CIS in **support** of **CF [22-0369](#)** - Community Reporting System / Idling Commercial Vehicles / New York City Citizen Air Complaint Program / Toxic Air Pollution / Noxious Odors / Global Warming

Livability Vote Count: Y(3), N(0), A (0), Absent (2)

Motion: Debby Zhou

2nd: Tony Hoover

Patti Berman	No	Ryan Afari	Abstain	Allen Gross	Abstain
Claudia Oliveira	N/A	Ana Carril-Grumberg	Abstain	Leonel Aguilar	No
Tony Hoover	Yes	Samir Bitar	Abstain	Cody Nowak	Abstain
Wendell Blassingame	No	Melynda Choothesa	Absent for this issue	Jim Sarratori	No
Michelle Duffie	Absent	Tyler Murphy	No	Jehan Reagan	No
Naira Harootunian	No	Pablo Fontoura	No	Debby Zhou	Yes
Rick Nordin	Absent	Kevin Dieterle	No	James Wilde	Absent
Wendy Celaya	Absent	Damion Wagner	No	Angela DeLeon	Yes

Yes =3, No =10, Abs =5, Rec =0

Motion failed.

b. Government Liaison:

- i. Discussion & possible action on submitting a CIS in **support** of **CF [22-0158](#)**: Los Angeles Municipal Code /12.03/12.80/12.81/Shelters for the Homeless/Interim Housing/Zones
Government Liaison Committee Vote Y(5) N (0) A(0) R(0)
- ii. Discussion & possible action on submitting a CIS in **support** of **CF [22-0002-S8](#)**: Lived Experience Advocacy Services/Supplemental Security Income/Benefit Reductions/Homeless Services Delivery System
Government Liaison Committee Vote Y(5) N (0) A(0) R(0)

- iii. Discussion & possible action on submitting a CIS in **support** of **CF 22-0436**: Live Interpreting Services / Expansion / Software / Technology / In-Person Shortage Government Liaison Committee Vote Y(5) N (0) A(0) R(0)

Kevin Dieterle motioned to approve items 10.b.i through 10.b.iii. Wendell Blassingame seconded.

Patti Berman	Abstain	Ryan Afari	Yes	Allen Gross	Yes
Claudia Oliveira	N/A	Ana Carril-Grumberg	Yes	Leonel Aguilar	Yes
Tony Hoover	Yes	Samir Bitar	Abstain	Cody Nowak	Yes
Wendell Blassingame	Yes	Melynda Choothesa	Yes	Jim Sarratori	Yes
Michelle Duffie	Absent	Tyler Murphy	Yes	Jehan Reagan	Yes
Naira Harootunian	Yes	Pablo Fontoura	Yes	Debby Zhou	Yes
Rick Nordin	Absent	Kevin Dieterle	Yes	James Wilde	Absent
Wendy Celaya	Absent	Damion Wagner	Yes	Angela DeLeon	Yes

Yes =17, No =0, Abs = 2, Rec =0

Motion passed.

c. Rules & Selections:

- i. Discussion & possible action to amend the standing rules to allow the President to have regular voting privileges

Angela DeLeon moved to approve, and Wendell Blassingame seconded.

Samir Bitar offered to chair a working group about the issue under the rules committee.

Claudia Oliveira asked if Angela DeLeon and Wendell Blassingame would like to send the motion back to a working group, and both said they would not.

Debby Zhou moved to amend the motion to take it to a working group under the rules and selections committee. Samir Bitar seconded.

Motion as amended:

Patti Berman	Yes	Ryan Afari	Yes	Allen Gross	No
Claudia Oliveira	N/A	Ana Carril-Grumberg	Yes	Leonel Aguilar	Yes
Tony Hoover	Yes	Samir Bitar	Yes	Cody Nowak	Yes

Wendell Blassingame	Yes	Melynda Choothesa	Yes	Jim Sarratori	Yes
Michelle Duffie	Absent	Tyler Murphy	No	Jehan Reagan	Yes
Naira Harootunian	Yes	Pablo Fontoura	Yes	Debby Zhou	Yes
Rick Nordin	Absent	Kevin Dieterle	Yes	James Wilde	Absent
Wendy Celaya	Absent	Damion Wagner	Yes	Angela DeLeon	Yes

Yes =17, No =2, Abs =0, Rec =0

Motion passed.

- ii. Discussion & possible action to appoint the Secretary, to Co-Chair the Rules & Selections Committee

Motion: Naira Harootunian

2nd: Claudia Oliveira

Patti Berman	Yes	Ryan Afari	Yes	Allen Gross	Yes
Claudia Oliveira	N/A	Ana Carril-Grumberg	Yes	Leonel Aguilar	Yes
Tony Hoover	Yes	Samir Bitar	Yes	Cody Nowak	Yes
Wendell Blassingame	Yes	Melynda Choothesa	Yes	Jim Sarratori	Yes
Michelle Duffie	Absent	Tyler Murphy	Yes	Jehan Reagan	Yes
Naira Harootunian	Yes	Pablo Fontoura	Yes	Debby Zhou	Yes
Rick Nordin	Absent	Kevin Dieterle	Yes	James Wilde	Absent
Wendy Celaya	Absent	Damion Wagner	Yes	Angela DeLeon	Yes

Yes =19, No =0, Abs =0, Rec =0

Motion passed.

11. Treasurer's Items:

- a. Status update on the budget.
- b. Status update on office lease/license agreement
- c. Discussion and possible action on the April 2022 MERS

Tony Hoover explained that they still have some items outstanding for the month of April, so they cannot vote on the April MERs.

- d. Discussion and possible action to approve an expenditure not to exceed \$1000 to purchase a custom canopy. Monies to come from the Outreach Budget.

Motion: Jim Sarratori
2nd: Wendell Blassingame

Patti Berman	Absent	Ryan Afari	Yes	Allen Gross	Yes
Claudia Oliveira	N/A	Ana Carril-Grumberg	Yes	Leonel Aguilar	Yes
Tony Hoover	Yes	Samir Bitar	Yes	Cody Nowak	Yes
Wendell Blassingame	Yes	Melynda Choothesa	Yes	Jim Sarratori	Yes
Michelle Duffie	Absent	Tyler Murphy	Yes	Jehan Reagan	Yes
Naira Harootunian	Yes	Pablo Fontoura	Yes	Debby Zhou	Yes
Rick Nordin	Absent	Kevin Dieterle	Yes	James Wilde	Absent
Wendy Celaya	Absent	Damion Wagner	Yes	Angela DeLeon	Yes

Yes =18, No =0, Abs =0, Rec =0

Motion passed.

e. Discussion and possible action to approve an expenditure not to exceed \$1500 to purchase custom t-shirts. Monies to come from the Outreach Budget.

Motion: Jim Sarratori
2nd: Naira Harootunian

Patti Berman	Absent	Ryan Afari	Yes	Allen Gross	Yes
Claudia Oliveira	N/A	Ana Carril-Grumberg	Yes	Leonel Aguilar	Yes
Tony Hoover	Yes	Samir Bitar	No	Cody Nowak	Yes
Wendell Blassingame	Yes	Melynda Choothesa	Abstain	Jim Sarratori	Yes
Michelle Duffie	Absent	Tyler Murphy	Yes	Jehan Reagan	Yes
Naira Harootunian	Yes	Pablo Fontoura	Abstain	Debby Zhou	Yes
Rick Nordin	Absent	Kevin Dieterle	Yes	James Wilde	Absent
Wendy Celaya	Absent	Damion Wagner	Yes	Angela DeLeon	Yes

Yes =15, No =1, Abs =2, Rec =0

Motion passed

f. Discussion and possible action to approve an expenditure not to exceed \$200 annually for one Zoom license to hold Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council virtual

meetings. Monies to come from the Office Budget.

Motion: Pablo Fontoura

2nd: Jim Sarratori

Patti Berman	Absent	Ryan Afari	Yes	Allen Gross	Yes
Claudia Oliveira	N/A	Ana Carril-Grumberg	Yes	Leonel Aguilar	Yes
Tony Hoover	Yes	Samir Bitar	Yes	Cody Nowak	Yes
Wendell Blassingame	Yes	Melynda Choothesa	Yes	Jim Sarratori	Yes
Michelle Duffie	Absent	Tyler Murphy	Yes	Jehan Reagan	Yes
Naira Harootunian	Yes	Pablo Fontoura	Yes	Debby Zhou	Yes
Rick Nordin	Absent	Kevin Dieterle	Yes	James Wilde	Absent
Wendy Celaya	Absent	Damion Wagner	Yes	Angela DeLeon	Yes

Yes =18, No =0, Abs =0, Rec =0

Motion passed.

g. Motion to cancel the Linode account.

Motion: Jim Sarratori

2nd: Wendell Blassingame

Patti Berman	Absent	Ryan Afari	Yes	Allen Gross	Yes
Claudia Oliveira	N/A	Ana Carril-Grumberg	Yes	Leonel Aguilar	Yes
Tony Hoover	Yes	Samir Bitar	Yes	Cody Nowak	Yes
Wendell Blassingame	Yes	Melynda Choothesa	Yes	Jim Sarratori	Yes
Michelle Duffie	Absent	Tyler Murphy	Yes	Jehan Reagan	Yes
Naira Harootunian	Yes	Pablo Fontoura	Yes	Debby Zhou	Yes
Rick Nordin	Absent	Kevin Dieterle	Yes	James Wilde	Absent
Wendy Celaya	Absent	Damion Wagner	Yes	Angela DeLeon	Yes

Yes =18, No =0, Abs =0, Rec =0

Motion passed.

h. Discussion and possible action on a Neighborhood Purpose Grant to Gracie's Giving

Hands. The applicant is asking amount not to exceed \$5,000.

Claudia Oliveira said they would be postponing h to the next budget committee meeting, which was decided at the last budget committee meeting before the agenda was posted.

- i. Discussion and possible action to approve and expenditure not to exceed \$175.00 for ionos for extended PHP support. Monies to come from the office budget line item.

Motion: Jim Sarratori

2nd: Pablo Fontoura

Patti Berman	Absent	Ryan Afari	Yes	Allen Gross	Yes
Claudia Oliveira	N/A	Ana Carril-Grumberg	Yes	Leonel Aguilar	Yes
Tony Hoover	Yes	Samir Bitar	Yes	Cody Nowak	Yes
Wendell Blassingame	Yes	Melynda Choothesa	Yes	Jim Sarratori	Yes
Michelle Duffie	Absent	Tyler Murphy	Yes	Jehan Reagan	Yes
Naira Harootunian	Yes	Pablo Fontoura	Yes	Debby Zhou	Yes
Rick Nordin	Absent	Kevin Dieterle	Yes	James Wilde	Absent
Wendy Celaya	Absent	Damion Wagner	Yes	Angela DeLeon	Yes

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13. Board Members and Committee Announcements.

14. Next Meeting Jun 14th, 2022

15. Adjourn

Claudia Oliveira adjourned the meeting at 8:59 PM.