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DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
RULES & SELECTIONS COMMITTEE  
VIRTUAL MEETING DRAFT MINUTES

Tuesday June 7, 2022 – 6:30 PM

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- 1. Call to Order / Roll Call
  - a. Meeting called to order at 6:32pm

Naira Harootunian	H
Jim Sarratori	H
Claudia Oliveira	H
Reeyan Raynes	H

- 2. General Public Comment: 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.)

- 3. Old Business:
  - a. Continue discussion and possible action on amending DLANC bylaws and standing rules.
    - i. Jim noted the goal of updating Standing Rules for the board and shared previous working versions of the document from previous meeting. Jim also noted that he wants to develop operating rules and procedures for each committee, as well as roles and responsibilities for each board officer. Lastly, Jim wants to develop an on-boarding guide for future board members to easily access DLANC resources and rules.

All of these items must be completed by the next board election to make the transition easier for future generations.

- ii. Reeyan noted the EmpowerLA 200+ page guide that already exists – and we may just include this file in the future onboarding package.
- iii. Reeyan suggests to not include Operating Procedures in the Standing Rules so they can be more easily edited per Committee without board votes for every change.
- iv. Jim would like to set goals and begin meeting each month. First goal is complete next Standing Rules by the August general board meeting.
- v. Samir will share an example from Kennedy School at Harvard for their board and committee operating procedures.
- vi. The Committee determined that the First Tuesday of every month would work for typical meetings, however the next few do not work for everyone's schedules. Instead, the next three meetings will be scheduled on July 11<sup>th</sup>, August 30<sup>th</sup>, and September 27<sup>th</sup>.
- vii. Samir will join committee.
- viii. Reeyan noted that according to our bylaws this committee is supposed to be 'overseeing the selection process to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors'. Several seats are currently open on the board, but no candidates have applied. Samir will investigate if there are any timelines for applications. The committee will discuss the best way to oversee candidates in future meetings.
- ix. Potential bylaw changes to be added to next meeting agenda for discussion and possible action:
  1. Add agenda item for discussion and possible action to edit the language in the bylaws to allow not only homeless individuals to run for the seat, but also any individual that has been homeless in the past.
  2. Add agenda item for discussion and possible action to change the length of DLANC terms from 2 years to 4 years, alternating half the board every 2 years.
- x. Jim will place working documents on Google Drive and the committee members will review and add suggested edits prior to the next meeting.

#### 4. New Business:

- a. Discussion and possible action to form a working group to study amending the standing rules to allow the President to have regular voting privileges.
  - i. The committee discovered that the current bylaws and standing rules posted on our current website [www.dlanc.com](http://www.dlanc.com) do not address the President voting, however an older document called 14.03 Board Rules of Order was found on the old website [www.dlanc.org](http://www.dlanc.org). DLANC shall post the Board Rules of Order on the website.
  - ii. The committee discovered the bylaws posted on the website are from July 2020, but EmpowerLA updated them in November 2020. DLANC will update the website to include the most recently approved bylaws.
  - iii. Reeyan motions to nullify the document called 14.03 Board Rules of Order (found on the old [www.dlanc.org](http://www.dlanc.org) website) at the next board meeting. Claudia seconded.
  - iv. 2 N, 2Y. Motion fails.
  - v. Committee will continue to investigate nullifying the 14.03 Board Rules of Order at future meetings while consolidating any relevant information into a updated Standing Rules document.

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6. Other Committee Comments and Announcements

7. Next Meeting – Monday, July 11th

8. Adjourn

a. Meeting adjourned at 9:02pm.

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