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STUDIO CITY

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL



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SECRETARY**
 Dimitri Gatsiounis

GENERAL BOARD MEETING Minutes November 19, 2025

Board Member	Seat Category	Method	Roll Call		Funding Vote Eligible
			Y	N	
Bergers	Residential Renter	ZOOM	1		Yes
Borirak	Residential Homeowner	ZOOM	1		Yes
Burkhart	Employee/Independent	ZOOM	1		Yes
Clements	Residential Renter	ZOOM	1		Yes
Cutler	Employee/Independent	ZOOM	1		Yes
Epstein	Business Representative	ZOOM	1		Yes
Gatsiounis	Residential Renter	ZOOM	1		Yes
Hartwick	Residential Homeowner	ZOOM	1		Yes
Larsen	Business Representative	ZOOM	1		Yes
Lewis	Residential Homeowner	ZOOM	1		Yes
Meehan	Service Organization	ZOOM	1		Yes
Niederberg	Service Organization	ZOOM	1		Yes
Rittenberg	At-Large Stakeholder	ZOOM	1		Yes
Thompson	Residential Homeowner	ZOOM	1		Yes
Vacant	Business Representative	Vacant			Yes
Vacant	Youth Member	Vacant			No

Total Boardmembers: **16** Present: **14** Absent: **0** at Roll Call

*Funding vote eligibility key: A=age less than 18 yrs.; E=Ethics training; F=Funding training; N=not taken; X=expired

1. Call to Order & Roll Call (5 min)

President Chip Meehan called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

The roll was called by Secretary Burkhardt. 14 board members present on Zoom at roll call. Quorum was met. President Meehan read the opening announcements to the attendees and the Board.

- a. Announcement only: A reminder to those attending, during public comment you may hear colorful language that some might find offensive. The SCNC has no ability to control or regulate the content of speech that is protected under the 1st Amendment.
- b. Announcement only: Please remember that the presentations and questions from stakeholders are not an opportunity to engage in a two-way conversation.
- c. Announcement only: To ensure all stakeholders and board members are given an opportunity to be heard, we will be timekeeping as per the allocation in the agenda.

2. Election to Fill Open Business Owner Seat (15 min)

The board called to fill the open Business Owner seat. Each candidate gave a 2 minute statement to the board.

- a. Candidate Daniel Fuselier spoke of his business background and what he felt was important moving forward.
- b. Candidate Merci Borden discussed her perspective as the owner of a store on Tujunga and what other business owners had requested she do.

Public Comment:

- a. Stakeholder Scott Mandel expressed his opinion that a board member with a brick and mortar business located in the heart of our retail area would provide insight and information that would be invaluable and urged the board to vote for Merci.

Board Comment:

- a. Board Member Jeff Hartwick asked a question of each candidate for their solution to what they each saw as the most pressing matters for Studio City. Daniel thought that traffic and parking were vital to grow our businesses. Merci talked about the stores experiencing hardship and how we should work with them to have more street festivals, events and cleanup.
- b. Board Member Kim Clements thanked Daniel for his participation and said this was a difficult choice.
- c. Board Member and President Meehan reminded us all that the committee level is where much of the work happens. He also encouraged Daniel to be patient and that his time would come.

The board voted and announced the results.

Board Member	Daniel	Merci
Bergers		1
Borirak		1
Burkhart		1
Clements		1
Cutler		1
Epstein		1
Gatsiounis		1
Hartwick		1
Larsen		1
Lewis	1	
Meehan		1
Niederberg		1
Rittenberg		1
Thompson		1

Daniel: **1**

Merci: **13**

The board thanked Daniel for his interest in joining and encouraged him to continue participating via committees.

Secretary Burkhart administered the Oath to Merci.

3. Call for Special Items

(3 min)

The Secretary called for and items from board members that they wanted pulled from the Consent Agena. President Meehan asked that we pull Motion CCGA-A.

4. Public Comments on **non-agenda** items within the Board's jurisdiction, and public comment on the consent calendar (15 min, extendable by chair) a. Each stakeholder will have 2 minutes for their comments along with a 30 second question & answer if required.

- a. Stakeholder Sharon commented about the alley behind the Radford studio.
- b. Stakeholder Scott Mandell asked about non-controversial items appearing in the consent agenda and called for greater scrutiny of motions going forward.
- c. Stakeholder Calabrese commented on cleanup efforts of homeless encampments.
- d. Stakeholder MacLennan commented about bike paths along Moorpark and said someone was recently almost hit.
- e. Board Member Thompson commented about street lights. Secretary Burkhart reminded member that there is a section in the agenda for board members to discuss non-agenda items.

5. Announcements by Government Representatives (20 min, extendable by chair) a. Each Representative/Office will be allotted 5 minutes each

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Passed

The consent calendar minus one item was voted on. The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approved the consent calendar except for motion CCGA-A which was moved to discussion at the end of the meeting.

Board Member	YES	No
Bergers	1	
Borirak	1	
Burkhart	1	
Clements	1	
Cutler	1	
Epstein	1	
Gatsiounis	1	
Hartwick		1
Larsen	1	
Lewis	1	
Meehan	1	
Niederberg	1	
Rittenberg	1	
Thompson	1	

YES 12 No 2

SELECTED OFFICER REPORTS

(All times extendable by chair)

5. President's Report Chip Meehan (5 min)
The President discussed that there are many events planned for the upcoming new year and encouraged all board members to participate. Pres Meehan also discussed the recent event that Lindsay Horvath hosted at Skirball Center and encouraged us to have one more specific to Studio City. He is working with local electeds to have discussions on topics such as Trash, Lighting, CAL Trans Budgets, River Walk previews.

6. Vice President's Report Jerry Lewis (5 min)
Jerry discussed recent meetings with committees and the progress they are making on the neighbor teams program. He also discussed forming a joint Neighborhood Watch group.

7. Secretary's Report Kevin Burkhart (5 min)
Mr. Burkhart called for a vote on approval of previous Board Meeting Minutes
a. October 2025 General Board Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved.

8. Corresponding Secretary's Report Dimitri Gatsiounis (5 min)
Mr. Gatsiounis reported that progress has been on the transfer of responsibilities.

9. Treasurer's Report David Bergers (5 min)

David Bergers reported on the state of the budget and recent expenses.

Motion TR-A: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the Monthly Expenditure Report for October 2025. The Board voted to approve the treasurer's motion.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

Motion: Passed

Board Member	YES	No
Bergers	1	
Borirak	1	
Burkhart	1	
Clements	1	
Cutler	1	
Epstein	1	
Gatsiounis	1	
Hartwick	1	
Larsen	1	
Lewis	1	
Meehan	1	
Niederberg	1	
Rittenberg	1	
Thompson	1	

YES **14**

No **0**

SELECTED COMMITTEE REPORTS

(All times extendable by chair)

10. Outreach Committee Report Charlotte Larsen (3 min)

11. Budget Committee Kim Clements (3 min)

12. Land Use Committee Chip Meehan (15 min)

After discussion of the meaning of the wording in the motions along with a desire to see additional information for the motions, President Meehan elected to withdraw the motions and work them back through the committee.

13. Public Safety & Homelessness Committee Jeff Hartwick (10 min)

Jeff Hartwick presented the Motion PS&H-A

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

Motion: Passed

Board Member	YES	No
Bergers	1	
Borirak	1	
Burkhart	1	
Clements	1	
Cutler	1	
Epstein	1	
Gatsiounis	1	
Hartwick	1	
Larsen	1	
Lewis	1	
Meehan	1	
Niederberg	1	
Rittenberg	1	
Thompson	1	

YES 14 No 0

14. Sustainability & Beautification Committee Andrew Epstein (3 min)

Andy spoke on several topics such as the cleanup efforts he is organizing. They intend to use Vitello's for a staging point. He also spoke about an upcoming CALTrans event.

15. Transportation Committee Barry Johnson (10 min)

Charlotte Larsen presented the motion to the board and discussed the motion.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

Motion: Passed

Board Member	YES	No
Bergers	1	
Borirak	1	
Burkhart	1	
Clements	1	
Cutler	1	
Epstein		1
Gatsiounis	1	
Hartwick	1	
Larsen	1	
Lewis	1	
Meehan	1	
Niederberg	1	
Rittenberg	1	
Thompson	1	

YES 13 No 1

END SELECTED REPORTS

16. Comments by Board members on other matters within the jurisdiction of the SCNC (5 min)

17. Consent Calendar Items for Discussion

The board discussed the motion from the consent agenda.

The language was changed to reflect the board's desire to change the types of 'crime' designations.

Board Member	YES	No
Bergers	1	
Borirak	1	
Burkhart	1	
Clements	1	
Cutler	1	
Epstein	1	
Gatsiounis	1	
Hartwick	1	
Larsen	1	
Lewis	1	
Meehan	1	
Niederberg	1	
Rittenberg	1	
Thompson	1	

YES 14 No 0

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

Motion: Passed

Board Member	YES	No
Bergers	1	
Borirak	1	
Burkhart	1	
Clements	1	
Cutler	1	
Epstein	1	
Gatsiounis		1
Hartwick	1	
Larsen	1	
Lewis	1	
Meehan	1	
Niederberg	1	
Rittenberg	1	
Thompson	1	

YES 13 No 1

18. Good of the Order

19. Motion to Adjourn was approved at 8:55 PM.