

SCNC BOARD

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GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Minutes

March 25, 2026

PRESIDENT

Jerry Lewis

VICE PRESIDENT

Jeff Hartwick

TREASURER

David Bergers

SECRETARY

Vacant

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Dimitri Gatsiounis

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call** (5 min)
 - a. President Jerry Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
 - b. The roll was called by the Chair.
 - i. 11 board members present (one online) at roll call.
 - ii. 1 board member absent: Dimitri Gatsiounis
 - iii. Quorum was met.
 - c. Chair read the opening announcements to the attendees and the Board
 - i. 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.
 - ii. Announcement only: Please remember that the presentations and questions from stakeholders are not an opportunity to engage in a two-way conversation.
 - iii. Announcement only: To ensure all stakeholders and board members are given an opportunity to be heard, we will be timekeeping as per the allocation on the agenda.
2. **Public Comments on non-agenda** items within the Board's jurisdiction, and public comment on the consent calendar (15 min, extendable by chair)
 - a. Conducted most public comments prior to State Assemblymember Nick Shultz' arrival. The remaining public comments were shared after Nick Shultz' departure
3. **State Assemblymember Nick Schultz** (Assembly District 44) (30 min)
 - a. State Assemblymember addressed the board/stakeholders and conducted a Q&A
4. **Announcements by Government Representatives** (20 min, extendable by chair)
 - a. Denise Schall provided updates from Adrin Nazarian's office CD2.
 - b. Sidney Liss presented updates from Nithya Raman's office CD4.

SELECTED OFFICER REPORTS

(All times extendable by chair)

- 5. **President’s Report** Jerry Lewis (5 min)
 - . Appointment of Officers for vacant positions on the SCNC Executive Board.
 - i. Jeff Hartwick was nominated and unanimously voted in as the new Vice President.
 - a. Appointment of Board Members for vacant positions on the SCNC Board.
 - i. It was agreed we would formally announce openings and requests for candidates in the April SCNC Regular Board meeting.

6. **Vice President’s Report** Vacant

7. **Secretary’s Report** Vacant

Approval of previous Board Meeting Minutes: Will approve Feb & Mar Minutes at April Meeting

8. **Corresponding Secretary’s Report** Dimitri Gatsiounis (5 min)
No report provided.

9. **Treasurer’s Report** David Bergers (10 min)

Motion TR-A: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the Monthly Expenditure Report for February 2026.

Motion Passed

| Yes - 11 | No - 00 | Abstain - 00 | Absent - 01 |
|---|---------|--------------|-------------|
| Bergers, Borden, Borirak, Clements, Cutler, Epstein, Hartwick, Lewis, Niederberg, Rittenberg, Thompson, | | | Gatsiounis |

SELECTED COMMITTEE REPORTS

(All times extendable by chair)

- 11. **Outreach Committee Report** Andrew Epstein (5 min)
Motion ORC-A: Motion: The Studio City Neighborhood Council approves an expenditure not to exceed \$1,500 to purchase promotional merchandise intended for community outreach and stakeholder engagement.

Motion Passed

| Yes - 11 | No - 00 | Abstain - 00 | Absent - 01 |
|---|---------|--------------|-------------|
| Bergers, Borden, Borirak, Clements, Cutler, Epstein, Hartwick, Lewis, Niederberg, Rittenberg, Thompson, | | | Gatsiounis |

Motion ORC-B: The Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) approves sponsoring and hosting a community blood drive in partnership with the American Red Cross. The event will be held on the Radford Studio Center lot on Thursday May 21 (10 a.m.–4p.m. with one hour for setup and one hour for cleanup)

Motion Passed

| Yes - 11 | No - 00 | Abstain - 00 | Absent - 01 |
|---|---------|--------------|-------------|
| Bergers, Borden, Borirak, Clements, Cutler, Epstein, Hartwick, Lewis, Niederberg, Rittenberg, Thompson, | | | Gatsiounis |

12. Budget Committee

Kim Clements (3 min)

Motion BC-A The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the revised budget for fiscal year 2025/2026 and the officers/signers named within the administrative packet. (Note: Officers/signers will be determined at the March 2026 regular board meeting).

Motion Passed

| Yes - 11 | No - 00 | Abstain - 00 | Absent - 01 |
|---|---------|--------------|-------------|
| Bergers, Borden, Borirak, Clements, Cutler, Epstein, Hartwick, Lewis, Niederberg, Rittenberg, Thompson, | | | Gatsiounis |

13. Land Use Committee

Chip Meehan (3 min)

No new updates provided

14. Public Safety & Homelessness Committee

Jeff Hartwick (5 min)

Motion PHS-A: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) approves the following members of the Public Safety and Homelessness Committee as Homeless Liaisons to the City: Jeff Hartwick, Michael Jedrzejewski, and Pamela Raber.(PHS Agenda Item #11)

Motion Passed

| Yes - 11 | No - 00 | Abstain - 00 | Absent - 01 |
|---|---------|--------------|-------------|
| Bergers, Borden, Borirak, Clements, Cutler, Epstein, Hartwick, Lewis, Niederberg, Rittenberg, Thompson, | | | Gatsiounis |

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

Motion ORC-B: The Studio City Neighborhood Council moves to Partner with LA Sanitation & Environment (LASAN) to host a free quote;Home Composting and Urban Gardening Workshop" for the community at North Hollywood High School on a date TBD on a Saturday morning in June.

Motion Passed

| Yes - 11 | No - 00 | Abstain - 00 | Absent - 01 |
|---|---------|--------------|-------------|
| Bergers, Borden, Borirak, Clements, Cutler, Epstein, Hartwick, Lewis, Niederberg, Rittenberg, Thompson, | | | Gatsiounis |

16. Government Affairs Committee Barry Johnson (3 min)

Motion CC-GAC-A: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) *supports* Council File 12-1824-S3 to report back on options for increasing fines and penalties for repeat "party house" violations, including but not limited to:

1. Establish an updated fine structure and formula that takes into account the assessed market value of the subject property, the scale and impact of the violation, the commercial nature of the violation, land use designation, geographic location (e.g., increased if in higher fire severity zones), and/or the cumulative number of party house-related violations.
2. Establish penalties that eliminate the hosting capacity of the subject property, including, but not limited to, coordination with the Department of Water and Power to disconnect or restrict service, and action by LADBS to board and secure the property, when there is evidence of chronic, unpermitted commercial use in a residential zone;
3. Establish a process for investigating and making an administrative determination of whether a subject residential property is being used for a revenue generating purpose; and
4. Implement a cost recovery mechanism, based on a percentage of the property's assessed market value or a multiple of an event host's estimated net revenue, to fully recoup all costs associated with City intervention, including, but not limited to, LAPD and LADBS overtime, and ensure effective enforcement of collection through mechanism as a lien on the property. Upon receipt of the report back, the SCNC requests holding off submitting this Council File to the designated City Council Committee(s) and the full City Council for votes for at least 4 weeks to allow this NC and others to review and submit comments based on the report back.

This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to 12-1824-S3.

Motion Passed

| Yes - 10 | No - 00 | Abstain - 01 | Absent - 01 |
|---|---------|--------------|-------------|
| Bergers, Borden, Borirak, Cutler, Epstein, Hartwick, Lewis, Niederberg, Rittenberg, Thompson, | | Clements | Gatsiounis |

Motion CC-GAC-B: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) *supports* Council File 25-1304 to report back on the feasibility on establishing a legal framework authorizing designated Council Aide positions to issue administrative citations for illegal dumping violations under the City’s existing Administrative Citation Enforcement (ACE) Program structure.

Upon receipt of the report back, the SCNC requests holding off submitting this Council File to the designated City Council Committee(s) and the full City Council for votes for at least 4 weeks to allow this NC and others to review and submit comments based on the report back.

This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to 25-1304.

Motion Passed

| Yes - 10 | No - 01 | Abstain - 00 | Absent - 01 |
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| Bergers, Borden, Borirak, Clements, Cutler, Epstein, Lewis, Niederberg, Rittenberg, Thompson, | Hartwick | | Gatsiounis |

Motion CC-GAC-C: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) *supports* Council File 25-1437 to report back on increasing the criminal fines for illegal dumping of all forms of waste materials on unauthorized public property or on private land for both first-time and repeat offenders.

Upon receipt of the report back, the SCNC requests holding off submitting this Council File to the designated City Council Committee(s) and the full City Council for votes for at least 4 weeks to allow this NC and others to review and submit comments based on the report back.

This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to 25-1437.

Motion Passed (With Edits)

| Yes - 11 | No - 00 | Abstain - 00 | Absent - 01 |
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| Bergers, Borden, Borirak, Clements, Cutler, Epstein, Hartwick, Lewis, Niederberg, Rittenberg, Thompson, | | | Gatsiounis |

17. Transportation Committee

Barry Johnson (3 min)

Motion CC-TA-A: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File 25-1510 for the Bureau of Street Lighting to present verbally to the City Council on:

1. The status of the utilitarian light program in partnership with LADWP;
2. Current Outages by Council District;
3. Average repair time per Council District;
4. The amount of return repairs to same locations by Council District;
5. How the Bureau is allocating funding for repairs by Council District;
6. How much overtime funding the Bureau has received to do the repairs from Council offices to complete the repairs on overtime and/or a dedicated crew

Upon the verbal presentation to the City Council, the SCNC requests holding off submitting this Council File to the designated City Council Committee(s) and the full City Council for votes for at least 4 weeks to allow this NC and others to review and submit comments based on the verbal presentation to the City Council.

This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File 25-1510.

Motion Passed (With Edits)

| Yes - 11 | No - 00 | Abstain - 00 | Absent - 01 |
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| Bergers, Borden, Borirak, Clements, Cutler, Epstein, Hartwick, Lewis, Niederberg, Rittenberg, Thompson, | | | Gatsiounis |

Motion CC-TC-B: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File 26-0046, a City Council Resolution to support the Metro Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project Modified Alternative 5, which combines the best aspects of Alternative 5 and Alternative 6, including the automated train technology and single-bore tunneling of Alternative 5, and the direct alignment of Alternative 6 from the East San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor to UCLA and the Westside.

This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File 26-0046.

Motion Passed

| Yes - 09 | No - 02 | Abstain - 00 | Absent - 01 |
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| Bergers, Borden, Borirak, Clements, Cutler, Lewis, Niederberg, Rittenberg, Thompson, | Hartwick, Epstein | | Gatsiounis |

END SELECTED REPORTS

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

19. Good of the Order

20. Motion to Adjourn was approved at 9:52pm