

SCNC BOARD

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GENERAL BOARD MEETING**Minutes**

April 22, 2026

Call to Order & Roll Call by President Jerry Lewis started at 7:00 PM.

- a. 9 board members present
- b. 2 board members absent: Clements & Cutler
- c. Quorum was met.

Presenters:

- a. North Hollywood Police Senior Lead Officer (SLO) - Cesar Gonzalez
 - i. A review and discussion on Public Safety was conducted with the SLO Cesar Gonzalez.
- b. Brush Clearance - Wildfires (Zone Zero) - Warren Sutton
 - i. A review and discussion was conducted on the topic above.
- c. Riverwalk at Studio City Development Project - Nicole Kuklok-Waldman
 - i. A review and discussion was conducted on the topic above.

Public Comments were heard on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction.

Announcements were provided by Government Representatives:

- a. Denise Schall provided updates from Adrin Nazarian's office CD2.
- b. Sidney Liss presented updates from Nithya Raman's office CD4.
- c. Vincent Autiero (Neighborhood Empowerment) provided updates from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

1. The Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) announced four vacant Board seats with the following candidate criteria per our [SCNC Bylaws](#):

- a. **Business Representative (1):** A Business Representative is a person who (i) legally provides goods or services for compensation in Studio City and who maintains a valid City of Los Angeles Tax Registration Certificate (otherwise known as a City of Los Angeles business license) or (ii) owns business real property in Studio City. Stakeholders who are 18 years of age or older at the time of filing for candidacy.
- b. **Employee/Independent Contractor (1):** An Employee/Independent Contractor is a person who legally provides goods or services for compensation in Studio City, whose compensation is reported by way of a Form W-2 or a Form 1099, and who is not required to maintain a City of Los Angeles Tax Registration Certificate (otherwise known as a City of Los Angeles business license). Stakeholders who are 18 years of age or older at the time of filing for candidacy.
- c. **Service Organization Representative (1):** Member or full time employee of a community based organization, including but not limited to a religious institution, educational institution, non-profit organization, neighborhood association, school/parent group, faith based group, senior group, youth group, arts association, service organization, boys or girls club, cultural group, or environmental group within the NC boundaries. Stakeholders who are 18 years of age or older at the time of filing for candidacy.
- d. **Residential Renter (1):** A stakeholder who rents an apartment, condominium, multiplex or single-family dwelling. Stakeholders who are 18 years of age or older at the time of filing for candidacy.

Candidates who wish to apply must submit (e-mail) the following information, along with documentation verifying they meet the eligibility criteria for the selected Board position, by Wednesday, May 13, 2026 to jalewis@studiocitync.org or jhartwick@studiocitync.org.

Name: _____ Email: _____ Cell/Phone: _____
 Requested Vacant Board Position: _____
 Documentation validating eligibility for the selected position: _____

Next Steps: All qualifying candidates must attend (In-Person) the Wednesday, May 27th, 2026, Regular Board Meeting to participate in the Vacant Board Seat Candidate Nomination and Voting session.

- 2. The Studio City Neighborhood Council announced the launch of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) **Youth Committee** per our [SCNC Operating Procedures](#). The Youth Committee shall be composed of high school students, generally between 15-18 years of age. If the Youth Committee brings a motion to the Board, it will come from the adult Board member and require a second. The Youth Committee may elect a representative to sit on the Studio City Neighborhood Council Board as a non-voting liaison (Youth Board Seat). The representative chosen must be at least 15 years and no more than 17 years of age on the day of the appointment. [Youth Committee – Framework and Responsibilities](#)

3. The Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) announced two vacant Executive Board seats,..... Secretary & Treasurer. Duties can be found in our [SCNC Operating Procedures](#).

SELECTED OFFICER REPORTS

President’s Report

Jerry Lewis

The board approval of the previous Board Meeting Minutes [GBM Minutes Mar - 26](#)

Approved

YES	NO	Abstain	Absent
Borden, Borirak, Epstein, Gatsiounis, Hartwick, Lewis, Niederberg, Rittenberg, Thompson			Clements Cutler

Treasurer’s Report

Motion TR - A: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the Monthly Expenditure Report for [March 2026](#).

Motion Passed

YES	NO	Abstain	Absent
Borden, Borirak, Epstein, Gatsiounis, Hartwick, Lewis, Niederberg, Rittenberg, Thompson			Clements Cutler

Motion TR - B: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the officers/signers named within the [Admin Packet](#). (Note: Officers/signers will be named/confirmed at the April 2026 regular board meeting).

Motion Passed

YES	NO	Abstain	Absent
Borden, Borirak, Epstein, Gatsiounis, Hartwick, Lewis, Niederberg, Rittenberg, Thompson			Clements Cutler

Budget & Finance Committee

Kim Clements

Motion BFC - A: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) approves the expenditure of up to \$300.00 for the purchase of branded t-shirts for board and committee members. Andrew Epstein/Outreach Motion, Vendor Quotes and Product Samples: [SCNC Branded Shirts Motion](#)

Motion Passed

YES	NO	Abstain	Absent
Borden, Borirak, Epstein, Gatsiounis, Hartwick, Lewis, Niederberg, Rittenberg, Thompson			Clements Cutler

Motion BFC - B: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) approves the purchase of an [Owl Labs Meeting Camera](#) necessary for hybrid board meetings at a cost of up to \$1,300.00 from a large retailer such as Amazon, Best Buy, or Walmart, depending on best price (including open stock or like-new with service plan, as cost saving measure).

Motion Passed

YES	NO	Abstain	Absent
Borden, Borirak, Gatsiounis, Hartwick, Lewis, Niederberg, Rittenberg, Thompson		Epstein	Clements Cutler

Motion BFC - C: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) approves the purchase of a second Zoom license for up to \$225.

The Board voted to postpone this Motion.

Motion Postponed

YES	NO	Abstain	Absent
Borden, Borirak, Epstein, Gatsiounis, Hartwick, Lewis, Niederberg, Rittenberg	Thompson		Clements Cutler

Motion BFC - D: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) approves the Los Angeles River Open Space Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) for up to \$2,600.00 to help fund Summer Sounds 2026 event for items outlined in NPG. [Grant](#)

[Application & Formation Docs](#)

[Event Budget](#)

[Event Flyer](#)

The Budget Committee was mixed on the following (Vote: 2 yes, 1 no, 3 abstain)

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1. The NPG applicant was not present
 2. Lewis & Borden recused
 3. There was no quorum to take a vote

Outreach Committee

Andrew Epstein

Motion ORC-A: Motion: Approval of Reimbursement for Technical Printing Preparation The Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) moves to approve the reimbursement of \$50 for professional graphic services required for technical file preparation (high- resolution and "bleed" adjustments) of the SCNC Blood Drive Flyer, to be funded from the Outreach budget. [Link](#)

Background and Justification:

- **Issue:** The initial design files for the approved Blood Drive project did not meet professional printer specifications, risking a work stoppage or a low-quality final product.
- **Action Taken:** A "good-faith" expenditure was made to a graphic designer to ensure the file was functional and print-ready.
- **Fiscal Responsibility:** This technical adjustment protects the larger, previously approved printing budget by ensuring the final materials are usable and professional.

Motion Passed

YES	NO	Abstain	Absent
Borden, Borirak, Epstein, Gatsiounis, Hartwick, Lewis, Niederberg, Rittenberg, Thompson			Clements Cutler

Government Affairs Committee

Barry Johnson

Motion GAC-A: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) *supports* Council File 26-0173 to request the City Attorney, with assistance of the Department of City Planning and the Department of Building and Safety, to prepare and present an ordinance to amend to the Los Angeles Municipal Code to mandate accountability, close regulatory loopholes, and safeguard the public right-of-way with penalties sufficient to deter illegal off-site signage and "ambush" marketing activity. The amendments should include the following elements:

1. Establish a broad definition of Outdoor Advertising Companies (OACs) that captures any entity marketing space facing the public right-of-way; require all OACs to register a sworn inventory of assets, similar to the Home Sharing Ordinance registration requirements; and mandate an irrevocable Letter of Credit or Surety Bond to guarantee compliance and cost reimbursement;
2. Establish a fine of up to \$50,000.00 per day for code violations related to maintaining digital, off-site signage in any format; and a fine of up to \$25,000.00 per day for violations related to maintaining static, off-site signage in any format; thereby establishing a severe penalty framework with substantial daily, escalating fines;
3. Redefine "on-site" to strictly require bona fide, primary business operations, thereby prohibiting any artificial business arrangement designed to circumvent the City's off-site advertising prohibitions;
4. Clarify that this framework applies to all commercial sign formats including but not limited to, billboards, wallscapes, wild postings, mobile, supergraphics, rooftop structures, and window-displays;

5. Include mechanisms to hold parent companies, property owners, and affiliates liable for fines incurred by shell entities to halt the ability of OACs and property owners to hide assets;
6. Exercise authority under California Government Code Sections 38771 and 38773 to declare illegal off-site signs a public nuisance per se, authorizing summary abatement (removal) of signage and equipment, with all costs assessed against the owner via nuisance abatement liens.;
7. Ensure the applicability of this Ordinance to violators of the Olympic and Paralympic Planning and Zoning Exemption Ordinance (CF No. 15-0989-S47);
8. Preclude any OAC or property owner with outstanding sign violations from bidding on future City contracts or partnerships;
9. Ensure the applicability of this Ordinance to violators of Los Angeles Municipal Code section 14.4.17; and
10. Facilitate a streamlined process for sign takedowns and pulling demolition permits for unpermitted signs; and waive all related plan check and inspection fees.

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

This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [Council File 26-0173](#).

Motion Passed

YES	NO	Abstain	Absent
Borden, Borirak, Epstein, Gatsiounis, Hartwick, Lewis, Niederberg, Rittenberg,	Thompson		Clements Cutler

Motion GAC-B: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) *supports* Council File 26-0162 to instruct the Department of Public Works, including its Bureaus and Board of Public Works, to report on their issues with MyLA311 including how these technical issues impact service delivery timelines and work order completion rates since the rollout of the new MyLA311 website and app on March 28, 2025.

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

This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [Council File 26-0162](#).

Motion Passed

YES	NO	Abstain	Absent
Borden, Borirak, Epstein, Gatsiounis, Hartwick, Lewis, Niederberg, Rittenberg,	Thompson		Clements Cutler

Motion GAC - C: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) *supports* Council File 26-0329 for the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to install permanent ceremonial signage to commemorate the intersection at Ventura Boulevard and Berry Drive as “Oil Can Harry’s Square”.

This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [Council File 26-0329](#)

Motion Failed

YES	NO	Abstain	Absent
Borden, Lewis, Niederberg, Rittenberg	Borirak, Epstein, Gatsiounis, Hartwick, Thompson		Clements Cutler

Transportation Committee

Barry Johnson (5 min)

Motion TC - A: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) *supports* Council File 26-0141 for the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), in coordination with the Department of City Planning (DCP) and the City Attorney’s Office, to identify and report back on potential funding sources that could be utilized to fund the preparation of the requested traffic and emergency access analyses for the proposed parkingless apartments at 11143 - 11157 1/2 Acama Street, including legally permissible cost-recovery mechanisms, and to advise Council on the feasibility of deploying such funds for this purpose.

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

This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [Council File 26-0141](#)

Motion Passed

YES	NO	Abstain	Absent
Borden, Borirak, Gatsiounis, Hartwick, Lewis, Niederberg, Rittenberg	Thompson	Epstein	Clements Cutler

Motion T C- B: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) *supports* adding the following blocks to existing Preferential Parking District (PPD) 57 in the Silver Triangle neighborhood of Studio City:

- Mound View between Laurel Terrace and Viewcrest
- Mound View south of Laurel Terrace
- Laurel Terrace from Laurel Canyon to Vantage

Motion Passed

YES	NO	Abstain	Absent
Borden, Borirak, Epstein, Gatsiounis, Lewis, Niederberg, Rittenberg, Thompson	Hartwick		Clements Cutler

Motion TC-C: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) *supports* Council File 26-0380 to instruct the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), with the assistance of the CAO, to report back with a long-term staffing and implementation plan, including costs and timeline, to increase the total number of active Parking Enforcement Traffic Control (PETC) staff from just over 500 officers to 700 officers by June of 2028.

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

This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [Council File 26-.0380](#).

Motion Passed

YES	NO	Abstain	Absent
Borden, Gatsiounis, Hartwick, Lewis, Niederberg, Rittenberg,	Borirak, Epstein, Thompson		Clements Cutler

Motion to Adjourn was approved at 9:52pm