

**SCNC BOARD**  
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 Kevin Burkhart  
 Kim Clements  
 Dean Cutler  
 Andrew Epstein  
 Dimitri Gatsiounis  
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 Richard Niederberg  
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 Dimitri Gatsiounis

**GENERAL BOARD MEETING**  
**Minutes**  
**January 28, 2026**

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

arr 7:09  
 arr 7:12  
 arr 7:30

Total Boardmembers: **16** Present: **12** Absent: **3** 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 Burkhart. 12 board members present in person at roll call. Quorum was met. Three members arrive late for the meeting.

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. Call for Special Items (3 min)

The Secretary called for items from board members that they wanted pulled from the Consent Agenda.

- a. Board member Clements asked to remove consent calendar motions GAC-B and GAC-C.
- b. Board member Hartwick asked to remove consent calendar motion GAC-D.

3. 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 Pamela Raber commented about the recent homeless activity and cleanup in the Grove area. She gave an update on the status of an unhoused person. Lastly, an individual who allegedly was shooting objects from a slingshot has been arrested.
- b. Stakeholder Richard Centeno commented about additional lights on Tujunga for added safety.
- c. Stakeholder Steve Wolf commented about a sober home issue in the Windswept area.
- d. Stakeholder Barry Johnson commented about information contained in several motions such as the issue with the Brady Bunch home and a guide to points of interest to be published by the city.
- e. Stakeholder Scott Mandell comment about:
  - I. Issues with the Outreach committee meetings that could be violations of the Brown Act regarding a proposed Music in the Park even.
  - II. Items appearing in the consent agenda that either ignored a report-out or had already been voted on at a higher level and called for greater scrutiny of motions going forward.

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

Denise Schall provided updates from Adrin Nazarian's office

Sidney Liss presented various updates from Nithya Raman's office.

Public Comment:

Stakeholder Raber asked about encampment cleanups.

Stakeholder Mandell asked about ULA fixes for ballot measures.

Board Comment:

Board member Epstein asked about status of Laural Plaza demolition. Board member Hartwick asked for explanation on why council member voted against funding for additional police officers.

5. Administrative Motions

**Motion A-A:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves authorizing the use of teleconferencing for Neighborhood Council meetings, including board meetings and committee meetings, in accordance with the rules established by Senate Bill 707. The board is proposing this action to promote increased accessibility and inclusive participation.

Public Comment:

Stakeholder Mandell asked whether DONE had prepared a cheat sheet for guidelines on how to be apply AB707. Lorenzo agreed to check into that.

Stakeholder Johnson voiced a negative opinion of remote participation.

An unnamed stakeholder supported hybrid meetings.

Board Comment:

Board member Rittenberg asked that the use of hybrid or remote meetings be at the discretion of the executive committee.

**Motion: Passed**

Board Member	YES	No
Bergers	1	
Borden	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 15	NO 0

## CONSENT CALENDAR

The consent calendar minus one item was voted on. The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approved the consent calendar except for motions moved to later discussion at the end of the meeting.

### Motion: Passed

Board Member	YES	No
Bergers	1	
Borden	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 15	No 0

## SELECTED OFFICER REPORTS

(All times extendable by chair)

### 6. **President's Report** Chip Meehan (5 min)

The President thanked Sidney and Denise for all their support.

- a. President Meehan discussed a high-level update on the Radford Studio financing issue. The company that had purchased the property had experienced financial difficulty and that Goldman Sacs had taken the property back. It is unclear how they will proceed. A stakeholder asked for additional information and lamented this entire situation. It was explained that there was no further information at this time.
- b. President Meehan discussed that there are many events planned for the upcoming new year and encouraged all board members to participate. The President reiterated that all board members must actively participate in the board and committees. He asked that if members could no longer make the commitment required that they should step down and allow others to join the board.
  - I. The Music in the Park proposed event needs additional work to ensuring it being brought into Brown Act and SCNC Board Operating Guidelines.
  - II. There are new time requirements for committee leads to submit meeting notification to the city for proper posting/notification.

### 7. **Vice President's Report** Jerry Lewis (5 min)

Jerry asked Kim about any upcoming Budget committee meetings. She replied that there are only meetings when they have items to discuss.

8. **Secretary’s Report** Kevin Burkhart (5 min)  
 Secretary Burkhart called for a vote on approval of previous Board Meeting Minutes  
 a. November 2025 General Board Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved. By a show of hands.

9. **Corresponding Secretary’s Report** Dimitri Gatsiounis (5 min)  
 Mr. Gatsiounis passed his time.

10. **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 December 2025. The Board voted to approve the treasurer’s motion.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

**Motion: Passed**

Board Member	YES	No
Bergers	1	
Borden	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	
	<b>YES 15</b>	<b>NO 0</b>

**Motion TR-B:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) approves the Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) in the amount of \$250 for Carpenter Community Charter for materials used to make care kits to support the school’s community service week, March 2-6, 2026, benefitting various groups such as, but not limited to, Children’s Hospital Los Angeles and North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry serving the unhoused.

Public Comment:

Stakeholder Rochelle from Carpenter spoke regarding the good this money does for the area and the impact it has on the children involved.

Board Comment:

None

## Motion: Passed

Board Member	YES	No
Bergers	1	
Borden	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 15	NO 0

## SELECTED COMMITTEE REPORTS

(All times extendable by chair)

### 11. Outreach Committee Report Charlotte Larsen (10 min)

Committee Lead Charlotte Larsen stated the group had decided to remove SCNC participation from the proposed event. The board informed her that that action does not absolve them from following the necessary steps to stay compliant with the Brown Act. President Meehan stated that effort would be required to satisfy record requests.

Stakeholder Scott Mandell questioned if the group can pull a SCNC event. Stakeholder also questioned the possible Brown Act violations this group may have committed.

Stakeholder Barry Johnson said as a SLAROS board member that without SCNC funding, it may not be possible to hold this even since SLAROS would not have sufficient funds.

Board member Andy Epstein stated that as a committee member he was unaware of any of this activity or outcomes from any meetings and was very surprised by all of it.

**Motion OR-A:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) approves the expenditure of \$100 for a one-year license to Canva, an online graphic design platform that simplifies the process of creating visual content—from social media posts and presentations to videos and websites.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

**Motion: Passed**

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>No</b>
Bergers	1	
Borden	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	

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YES **15** NO **0**

**Motion OR-B:** The Board of the SCNC approves the expenditure of \$500 for beverages and snacks for Outreach events and Board and Committee meetings for the remainder of 2026 fiscal year.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

Board member Clements suggested additional language that named the intended place of purchase. The board added ‘at Ralphs and Vons’.

**Language Changes: Motion Passed**

Board Member	YES	No
Bergers	1	
Borden	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	
	<b>YES 15</b>	<b>NO 0</b>

**Amended Motion: Passed**

Board Member	YES	No
Bergers	1	
Borden	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	
	<b>YES 15</b>	<b>NO 0</b>

**12. Budget Committee** Kim Clements

(3 min)

Committee lead Clements gave brief updates on the few issues possibly coming to the committee. Board member Epstein asked again why there are no regularly scheduled monthly meetings. Clements reiterated that there are typically no topics for discussion in a given month and that if there were meetings scheduled, they’d have to cancel them and there are only a certain number of cancelled meetings allowed in a given year, so she did not want to violate that.

**13. Land Use Committee** Chip Meehan (3 min)

President Meehan informed the board that he had asked stakeholder Kiersten Stanley to act as the lead for the committee. He will work on the transition and integration over the next several weeks.

**14. Public Safety & Homelessness Committee** Jeff Hartwick (3 min)

Committee lead Jeff Hartwick discussed an upcoming joint meeting with Sustainability and Beautification to discuss the impact of the unhoused on the local environment.

**15. Sustainability & Beautification Committee** Andrew Epstein (10 min)

Andy spoke on several topics such as the cleanup efforts he is organizing. Andy mentioned that there is a new committee member, Kat Kato. Andy will be forming an ad-hoc committee to discuss wildfire safety.

**Motion SB-A:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) approves the Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) in the amount of \$300 for Volunteers Cleaning Communities (VCC) to compensate VCC for their materials in assisting SCNC stage and manage monthly community cleanups for January through June of 2026.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

Board member Clements requested a list of the items purchased. Board member Lewis asked if the vests could be branded—they cannot. Board member Niederberg asked if we could own the equipment—we cannot due to storage burden.

**Motion Passed**

Board Member	YES	No
Bergers	1	
Borden	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	
	<b>YES 15</b>	<b>NO 0</b>

**16. Transportation Committee** Barry Johnson

(3 min)

Committee lead Barry Johnson brought forward two motions:

**Motion TC-A:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) requests Councilmember Nithya Raman and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation to address the traffic signal structure and timing at the Laurel Terrace / Sunswept Drive / Ventura Boulevard intersection.

Brought by: Chip Meehan. Seconded by: Richard Niederberg.

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

None

**Motion Passed**

Board Member	YES	No
Bergers	1	
Borden	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	
	<b>YES 15</b>	<b>NO 0</b>

**Motion TC-B:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) opposes Council File 25-1181 to allow or expand private access to city owned helicopter pads, which would significantly increase noise pollution and carbon emissions in Los Angeles, while exclusively benefiting the small portion of constituents, visitors, and companies with access to helicopters. In addition, helipads not being available for first responder emergency access would create a public safety issue. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File 25-1181.

Brought by: Chip Meehan. Seconded by: Richard Niederberg

Public Comment:

None

Board Comment:

Board member Hartwick pointed out that this activity was in support of the upcoming Olympics. Board member Rittenberg commented that airspace was already congested over Studio City given Burbank’s expanding hours and runway usage. Board member Clements stated that she is against this study being performed. Board member Niederberg stated that there was only one Olympic event scheduled for our area out at Sepulveda Basin.

**Motion Passed**

Board Member	YES	No
Bergers	1	
Borden	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	
	<b>YES 13</b>	<b>NO 0</b>

**17. Government Affairs Committee** Barry Johnson (30 min)  
Committee lead Barry Johnson passed his time.

**END SELECTED REPORTS**

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

19. Consent Calendar Items for Discussion

The board discussed the Government Affairs motions from the consent agenda that had been pulled for further discussion.

**Motion GAC-B:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) opposes Council File 25-1501 for a digital Citywide Film Location Fan Tour to expand tourism into residential neighborhoods. The Brady Bunch house is a prime example of where the City should not be going out of its way to legitimize or encourage neighborhood intrusion by tourists. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File 25-1501.

Board member Clements pulled this to facilitate additional discussion.

Public Comment:

Stakeholder Mandell was against motions that wanted to ignore reports back.  
Stakeholder Johnson felt this is an invasion of privacy and too disruptive to neighborhoods.

Board Comment:

Board member Clements liked the motion’s intent and welcomed the information a report back would provide.

The board decided to amend the language.

**Amended language: Passed**

Board Member	YES	No
Bergers	1	
Borden	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 15	NO 0

The board was satisfied that this motion was ready for voting.

**Motion Passed**

Board Member	YES	No
Bergers	1	
Borden	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 1

**Motion GAC-C:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) opposes Council File 25-1509-S1 to rescind all existing Neighborhood Special Filming Conditions that overburdened neighborhoods (in some select areas of the City) fought long and hard for to maintain a minimum quality of life.

This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File 25-1509-S1.

Board member Clements pulled this to facilitate additional discussion.

Public Comment:

Stakeholder Mandell voiced trouble with understanding this motion’s wording and scope. Stakeholder Johnson felt this is an invasion of privacy and too disruptive to neighborhoods. He mentioned that him and his neighbors are constantly disrupted by filming. Stakeholder Mandell said this motion was a possible violation of conflict of interest since members not supposed to bring motions that impact their own interests within 500 feet.

Board Comment:

Board member Epstein pointed out there are already guidelines that limit the number of shoots in a certain location in order to avoid this situation. Board member Burkhart discussed the economic situation with filming Los Angeles and if we continue to make it harder to work here, more shoots will film elsewhere and more jobs will be lost from the local economy.

**Motion Failed**

Board Member	YES	No
Bergers	1	
Borden	1	
Borirak		
Burkhart		1
Clements		1
Cutler		1
Epstein		
Gatsiounis		1
Hartwick		1
Larsen		1
Lewis		
Meehan		1
Niederberg		1
Rittenberg		
Thompson		1
	YES 2	NO 9

There were 3 abstain votes, Borirak, Epstein and Lewis

**Motion GAC-D:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) opposes Council File 25-1258 for the Planning Department to remove existing permanent and temporary "T" (Tentative), "Q" (Qualified) and "D" (Development Limitation) classifications which, among many things, have protected many R-1 zoned residences from having excessively high buildings built directly adjacent to them by higher multi-family zones. It is a complete breach of trust to remove conditions that were negotiated with communities in the past and that were instrumental in developments proceeding where they might otherwise have been opposed, legally challenged, and never built. (Many conditions were agreed upon as a result of legal action taken.) There are a broad range of different types of conditions and it would be a violation of agreements negotiated and made between the community, the City and a third party if conditions were suddenly to be removed. The wholesale nullification of past conditions in a sweeping measure that failed to look at each and every case with the opportunity for community approval or denial is flat out wrong. The City should not be throwing its own stakeholders under the bus by taking away promised protections, many of which saved the City from costly legal battles. Compromise is an important tool to living in a civilized society. Communities compromised by agreeing to conditions on projects that moved forward, Developers agreed to meet

those conditions. You cannot turn back the clock and pretend what happened did not occur. This measure may seek to limit future conditions, but it should not contemplate the removal of existing conditions without a full and robust opportunity for communities to decide whether or not to relax or remove the conditions that were agreed to in the past. Before any motion is adopted, clear language as to what exactly defines a "non-environmentally sensitive area" must be provided for consideration. The definition may be an additional issue that requires broader discussion and consideration. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File 25-1258.

Board member Hartwick pulled this to facilitate additional discussion.

Public Comment:

Stakeholder Mandell pointed out that this had already been voted on at a higher level. Once again, we were voting against receiving additional information—it makes no sense.

Board Comment:

Board member Burkhart voiced a concern with the excessively dramatic and long winded language used to craft this motion. He implored motion managers to keep the language simple and brief to facilitate understanding and remove emotion.

There was overall discussion on how to amend the language. Board member Bergers attempted to craft new language that might be more appealing. In the end, the board decided to just vote as is.

**Motion Failed**

Board Member	YES	No
Bergers		1
Borden		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 0	NO 15

20. Good of the Order

21. Motion to Adjourn was approved at 9:54 PM.