

Executive Committee

Howard Katchen President
Martin Hernandez, 1st VP
Lielt Endashaw, 2nd VP
Jeffrey Hartsough, Treasurer
EL-Bethel Debela, Secretary



**Sherman Oaks
Neighborhood Council**

**Executive Committee Meeting
VIRTUAL - ZOOM**

Minutes

Tuesday September 2nd, 2025, 6:30 pm.



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The Neighborhood Council system enables meaningful civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. We are an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, comprised of stakeholder volunteers who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities.

1. Call to Order

- a. Howard Katchen, President, called the meeting to order at **6:32 pm.**
- b. President's appointment of SONC Board Members to Executive Committee panel for the balance of the meeting pursuant to standing rules : *one*

2. Roll Call

- a. El-Bethel Debela, Secretary, called the roll.
 - i. **Present: (4) Martin Hernandez, Leilt Endashaw, Howard Katchen, EL-Bethel Debela**
 - ii. **Absent: (1) Jeffrey Hartsough**
 - iii. **SONC Board Members: (1) Lindsey Imber**

3. General Public Comment on non-agenda items - *no remarks from the public*

4. Treasurer's Report

Finance Committee items and updates- *Jeffrey Hartsough is absent, so there are no updates.*

5. Executive Committee Items

a. Approval of Minutes for Prior Meeting(s).

Motion to approve Executive Committee meeting minutes for August, 2025

MOVED: Leilt SECOND: Hernandez

YES: Hernandez, Endashaw, Katchen, Debela (4)

NO: (0) / ABSENT: Hartsough (1) / ABSTAIN: (0)

Item 5a carries unanimously /-4-0-1-0

b. Approval of President & Chair's Board or Committee and liaison Appointments

Green & Sustainability appointment – Elizabeth Meshes as Co-Chair

MOVED: Leilt **SECOND:** Hernandez

YES: Hernandez, Endashaw, Katchen, Debela (4)

NO: (0) / **ABSENT:** Hartsough (1) / **ABSTAIN:** (0)

Item 5b carries unanimously /-4-0-1-0

Homelessness Liaison appointment – Pamela Harris

MOVED: Leilt **SECOND:** Hernandez

YES: Hernandez, Endashaw, Katchen, Debela (4)

NO: (0) / **ABSENT:** Hartsough (1) / **ABSTAIN:** (0)

Item 5b carries unanimously /-4-0-1-0

• *Community Impact Statement Filers – Jeffrey Hartsough, Lindsay Imber and Howard M. Katchen*

MOVED: Leilt **SECOND:** Hernandez

YES: Hernandez, Endashaw, Katchen, Debela (4)

NO: (0) / **ABSENT:** Hartsough (1) / **ABSTAIN:** (0)

Item 5b carries unanimously /-4-0-1-0

• *Regional Grievance Panelist – Howard M. Katchen*

MOVED: Leilt **SECOND:** Hernandez

YES: Hernandez, Endashaw, Katchen, Debela (4)

NO: (0) / **ABSENT:** Hartsough (1) / **ABSTAIN:** (0)

Item 5b carries unanimously /-4-0-1-0

C. Items For Discussion and Possible Actions or motions

1) Ad Hoc Committee Status – plan SONC Board Retreat

- Hopefully someone from the board will step up and help lead the committee, and someone else to plan the retreat. As for now we are looking for prospects, so reach out if you are interested.

2) Board meeting speakers: September LA Civil Rights Department, October Assemblyman Nick Schultz & FilmLA

- Various departments and agencies within the city, and elected officials are welcomed to come join us. We will have the LA civil rights department come speak at our next board meeting (September Meeting)
- Nick Schultz and film LA will be the guest speaker at our October Board Meeting
- They will seek cooperation from our communities, and want to bolster the film industries.

3) 2025 Empower LA Awards: Nomination – SONC Vision Committee

- For the Empower LA award nomination, Vision sub committee has been put forth. It started in 2012, by engaging with the public and city agencies in planning and safety . The committee creates an important and unique 400 page document that outlines the

future of Sherman Oaks. The document includes their vision for housing, transportation, and the environment.

- Given at the empower LA awards on September 27

4) SONC Community Recognition Award

- For the Sepulveda transit corridor, the purpose of having an award is so SONC can give a community a recognition award for an organization, individual, or group that has done wonders for our community

6. Agenda Items for Upcoming SONC Board Meeting

● Agenda motions to date

- **Finance:** (see Item #4).
- 1) SONC Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) July 31, 2025
- **Gov't Affairs:**
 - 1) Support: CF 25-0331 Unarmed Crisis Response / Single City-Wide Program / Crisis and Incident Response Through Community Led Engagement (CIRCLE) / Unarmed Model of Crisis Response (UMCR)
 - 2) Support: CF 25-0749. Goat Utilization / Brush Clearance / High Fire Severity Zones. Back in 2022 was weighed on by SONC, in terms of utilizing the goats
 - 3) Charter Reform Commission CIS proposal

Public Safety

- Request the termination of funding to oppose Judge Carter's ruling

Planning & Land Use

- Support Metro Sepulveda Transit Corridor Hybrid Alternative 6 with the technology of Alternative 5

7. Executive Committee Member Announcements

No member announcements

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned without objection at 7:02 pm

Respectfully submitted

EL-Bethel Debela