

Executive Committee

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



**Sherman Oaks
Neighborhood Council**

**Executive Committee Meeting
VIRTUAL - ZOOM**

Minutes

Tuesday, November 4th, 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: (5) Martin Hernandez, Leilt Endashaw, Howard Katchen, EL-Bethel Debela, Jeffrey Hartsough**
 - ii. **Absent: (0)**
 - iii. **SONC Board Members: (1) Harold Shapiro**

3. General Public Comment on non-agenda items - *remarks from the public*

4. Treasurer's Report

Finance Committee items and updates- MER for September

- Scheduling Problem since normal nov meeting will be on Thanksgiving Eve, may reschedule to a different time
- Not much activity and won't start up until January.
- Tree giveaway soon

5. Executive Committee Items

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

Motion to approve Executive Committee meeting minutes for October, 2025

MOVED: Jeffrey **SECOND:** Leilt

YES: Hernandez, Endashaw, Katchen, Debela, Hartsough **(5)**

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

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

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

Board Member Removal – Christopher Maghar Area 5 Residential Representative – SONC by laws absence policy

MOVED: Jeffrey **SECOND:** Lielt

YES: Hernandez, Endashaw, Katchen, Debela, Hartsough **(5)**

NO: **(0)** / **ABSENT:** **(0)** / **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

- Difficult to get everyone on a main schedule, many have reached out to plan, but a definitive meeting/day has not been made yet.

2) Student Committee Status – Devon Jasiukonis

- Creating a student committee to work around the community
- Student reps will work together to create a more outlined project

3) Board meeting speakers: November Assemblyman Nick Schultz

- On Nov 10, Assembly Member Nick Shultz will be providing us with a Sacramento Update, and plenty of Q&A
- Also have a presentation form LA vector control, speak about mosquito season, valuable info for board and general public

6. Agenda Items for Upcoming SONC Board Meeting

- **Agenda motions to date**
 - **Finance:** (see Item #4).
 - **1) SONC Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) September 30, 2025**
 - **Gov't Affairs:**
 - **1) Support:** CF 25-1136. Neighborhood Prosecutor Program / Crime Prevention / Local Engagement / Reestablishing.
 - **2) Against:** CF 24-1085-S. Transfer of \$150,000 from Homeless Services Account to Police Fund
 - **3) Support:** CF 25-1223 Expenditures for Lawyers to Defend City in Suit Filed Against LAPD
 - **4) Support:** CF 25-1221 Pet Fairs & Increasing Adoption Rates

Planning & Land Use

- **Suggested City Charter Reform Suggestions**
- Public safety**

7. Executive Committee Member Announcements

- Have members post photos for website, and make bios
- Have a video/cinemetagropher
- Youth should consider establishment of an understanding before a public comment and an adherence so people feel equal
- The projector doesn't work well, consider purchasing a new one for better presentations.
- Have someone represent Brad Sherman's Office to talk about the scene of federal closure
- Representative from Karen Bass will come and represent at our meeting

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned without objection at 7:33 pm

Respectfully submitted

EL-Bethel Debela