

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, December 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 **6:34 pm.**
- b. President's appointment of SONC Board Members to Executive Committee panel for the balance of the meeting pursuant to standing rules : Harold Shapiro

2. Roll Call

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

- The only motion coming to the board meeting is the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)
- If you have an anticipated need for funding please see Jeffrey as early as possible.
- New budget for fiscal year 2026 will be created within the next few weeks
- Nice to know what anticipated expenditure reports are in the future

5. Executive Committee Items

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

Motion to approve Executive Committee meeting minutes for November, 2025

MOVED: Hartsough SECOND: Endashaw

YES: *Endashaw, Katchen, Debela, Hartsough* (4)

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

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

B. Items For Discussion and Possible Actions or motions

1) Vacant SONC Board Seats: Area 2 Business, Area 3 Business, Area 4 Residential, Area 5 Business, Area 5 Community Interest and Area 5 Residential

2) Ad Hoc Committee Status – SONC Board Retreat

- Ad hoc committee met before last board meeting,
- Target dates are in January and based upon MLK holiday
- Options are the 10th, the 24th or the 31st. At 9am to 3pm at the community room in the gallery agenda

3) Board meeting speakers: December 8th LAUSD Board President Scott Schmerelson.

- Talk about the current school situation.

Presentations – LAHSA and LAWA – Van Nuys-

- What LAHSA will use the numbers for from the homeless count

LAWA

- Lawa may be a controversial presentation
- Could have LAWA come and present to traffic and transportation committee before main board meeting so all the questions can be discussed

How do we ensure that the speakers aren't using up lots of time?

4) Who to invite as future speakers at SONC Board meetings? (Ideas)

- For January maybe the City Attorney
- Potentially Henry Stern, and ask the office to provide a field rep for our meetings
- Ron Galperin former controller of the city
- Properly promote the speakers by learning in advance and advertising

5) Discuss 2026 issues, ideas, initiatives, improvements and 2025 successes

- In 2025 our two hallmark events were the tree giveaway and the movies in the park
- Potentially have a face to face meeting with Nithya Raman, when NC members speak at LA City meetings so they get the same time for public comment

6. Agenda Items for Upcoming SONC Board Meeting

- **Agenda motions to date**
 - **Finance: (see Item #4).**
 - **1) SONC Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) October 31, 2025**

7. Executive Committee Member Announcements

- Pray and offer kindness for everyone

8. Adjournment

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Meeting adjourned without objection at 7:21 pm

Respectfully submitted

EL-Bethel Debela