

**Government Affairs Committee**

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**Government Affairs**

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**Bylaws Committee**

**Joint Meeting**

**Minutes**

Tuesday, December 23, 2025, 6:30 pm.  
Sherman Oaks Martin Pollard Branch Library

*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 & Roll Call**

- a. Lindsay Imber, Chair, called the meeting to order at **6:30pm**.
- b. Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger called the roll.

**Government Affairs Committee:**

- i. **Present:** Durbin, Katchen, Materna, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger **(5)**
- ii. **Absent:** **(0)**

**Bylaws committee:**

- i. **Present:** Imber, Shapiro, Durbin, Endashaw **(4)**
- ii. **Absent:** Silverman **(1)**

**2. Motion to approve Gov't Affairs Meeting minutes for Prior Meetings**

- a. *A motion to approve the Minutes of the October 2025 Government Affairs Committee Meeting.*

**MOVED:** Materna    **SECOND:** Katchen

**YES:** Katchen, Materna, Imber, Endashaw, Segarra-Bohlinger **(5)**

**NO:** **(0)**      **ABSTAIN:** Durbin **(1)**      **ABSENT:** Shapiro, Silverman **(2)**  
**item 2a approved unanimously 5-0-1-2**

**3. Comments by Elected or Appointed Officials, City Agencies, and Staff - *none***

**4. Comments on Non-Agenda Items Within Committee Jurisdiction**

*Remarks from Public*

**5. Chair's Report**

Virtual comment permission / access reinstated per the brown act update, Senate Bill 411

*Thanks for being here on December 23rd*

**6. Committee Business and Discussion**

**a. Bylaws Committee:** Introduction and Overview. Discussion: Review and amendment of the SONC Governing Documents: Bylaws; Standing Rules, Policies & Procedures; Rules of Debate. > Submission Deadline to EmpowerLA: April 1, 2026.

*Discussion of previous bylaws update*

*Lack of approval from DONE*

*Youth Alternate*

*Seat structure, voting*

*Absence policy*

*At Large / Alternate seats*

*Community Interest qualifications*

*Potential to limit time spent on meetings, number of presentations*

*Time management, speakerships, public comment*

*Electronic / written public comment submission*

*Putting public comment before comments by elected officials*

*Frustration toward elected officials lack of engagement / dialogue*

*Hybrid capabilities, “virtual” meeting loophole*

*Committee responsibilities / purpose, Chair responsibilities*

*Assigning newsletter editor within Outreach committee*

*Photographer*

*Require vice-chair appointment*

*Role designations, position alternates*

*Look into paid videographer in lieu of purchasing equipment*

*Section 10, resignation*

*Minimum time for public comment for standing rules addition*

**b. Government Affairs Committee:** VNY Citizen's Advisory Committee Review.

Discussion and possible motion regarding CF 25-1514: Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Council (VNY CAC) / Compiled Bylaws / Appointments.

*MOTION: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports CF 25-1514 that City Council is in charge of its designated Van Nuys Airport*

*Citizen's Advisory Council (VNY CAC) appointees, as written in the CAC founding documents. SONC opposes efforts by Board of Airport Commissioners (BOAC) or Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) to unilaterally reduce or eliminate Councilmembers' ability to appoint pre-existing seats, in conformance with the original intent of the structure of what CAC's original vision was, as created by Councilmember Ferraro at its initial phase of creation.*

**MOVED:** Materna    **SECOND:** Imber

**YES:** Katchen, Materna, Imber, Endashaw, Shapiro, Segarra-Bohlenger **(6)**

**NO: (0)**    **ABSTAIN: (0)**    **ABSENT:** Durbin, Silverman **(2)**

**item 6b approved unanimously 6-0-0-2**

## **7. Closing Announcements**

*Happy Holidays, etc.*

## **8. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:51pm**

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shirley".