

**Sherman Oaks
Neighborhood Council**

Executive Committee

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Jeffrey Hartsough, Treasurer
EL-Bethel Debela, Secretary

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**Executive Committee Meeting
VIRTUAL - ZOOM**

Minutes

Tuesday, January 6th, 2026, 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 **6:31 pm**.
- b. President's appointment of SONC Board Members to Executive Committee panel for the balance of the meeting pursuant to standing rules : Martin Stahl

2. Roll Call

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

Finance committee only has the MER added to the agenda

Some issues with scheduling and virtual issues, no meeting so the MER will require a second

5. Executive Committee Items

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

Motion to approve Executive Committee meeting minutes for December, 2025

MOVED: *Hartsough* **SECOND:** *Debela*

YES: *Leilt Endashaw, Howard Katchen, EL-Bethel Debela, Jeffrey Hartsough(4)*

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

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

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

- **Board Member Area 4 Residential – Kesavan Korand**
YES: Leilt Endashaw, Howard Katchen, EL-Bethel Debela, Jeffrey Hartsough(4)
NO: (0) / ABSENT: Martin Hernandez (1) / ABSTAIN: (0)
Item 5b carries unanimously /-4-0-1-0-0

- **Green & Sustainability appointment – Hana Weinstein and Martin Stahl**
YES: Leilt Endashaw, Howard Katchen, EL-Bethel Debela, Jeffrey Hartsough(4)
NO: (0) / ABSENT: Martin Hernandez (1) / ABSTAIN: (0)
Item 5b carries unanimously /-4-0-1-0-0

c. Items For Discussion and Possible Actions or motions

- 1) Ad Hoc Committee Status – SONC Board Retreat
- Martin Hernandez was lead, but hasn't attended or been focused, suspecting that the retreat will not be held in January.
- With great misgivings, he will try to lead us to have a retreat on a future date that is not before february
- Thinking about speakers, no real progress on the retreat
- 2) Board meeting speaker: January Michael Menjivar, Director Community Relations LA28
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- Speaks about olympic organization, volunteer, tickets, etc

6. Agenda Items for Upcoming SONC Board Meeting

● **Agenda motions to date**

- **Finance: (see Item #4).**
 - 1) SONC Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) November 30, 2025

- **Gov't Affairs:**
 - 1) Support: CF 25-1514 Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Council (VNY CAC) / Compiled Bylaws / Appointments

- **Green & Sustainability:**
 - 1) Recommends SONC purchase branded promotional items for public giveaways which are made of biodegradable or recycled materials, free of hazardous and toxic materials whenever possible
 - 2) Support: CF 25-0962 ShadeLA / Shade Expansion / Heat Action and Resilience Plan and the Sustainability Plan.

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3) Support: CF 24-0602 Synthetic Grass / Artificial Turf / Polyflouroalkyl Substances (PFAS) / Forever Chemicals / Health and Environmental Risks / Drought-Friendly Landscaping.

7. Executive Committee Member Announcements

- Happy New Year!
- NC should be actively consider motions that would be addressed to the city council that would express the opinion of the neighborhood council on what the government is doing and the impact it has on constituents

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned without objection at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted

EL-Bethel Debela