

**Sherman Oaks  
Neighborhood Council**

**Government Affairs Committee**

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**Government Affairs  
&  
Bylaws Committee  
Joint Meeting  
Minutes**

Tuesday, March 31, 2026, 6:30 pm.  
Sherman Oaks Library  
14245 Moorpark St, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

*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 **6:32pm**.
- b. Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger called the roll.

**Government Affairs Committee:**

- i. **Present:** Durbin, Imber, Materna, Segarra-Bohlinger **(4)**
- ii. **Absent:** Katchen [tardy] **(1)**

**Bylaws committee:**

- i. **Present:** Durbin, Endashaw, Imber, Shapiro, Silverman **(5)**
- ii. **Absent:** **(0)**

**2. Motion to approve Gov't Affairs & Bylaws Joint Committee Meeting minutes for Prior Meetings [January and February meetings]**

**Moved:** Shapiro    **Second:** Durbin

**Yes:** Endashaw, Shapiro, Segarra-Bohlinger, Imber **(4)** / **No:** **(0)**

**Abstain:** Durbin, Materna, Silverman **(3)** / **Absent:** Katchen **(1)**

**Item 2 carries unanimously 4-0-3-1**

**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

Everything bylaws / rules related passed in February Board meeting  
officially adopted

Deadline for submission moved to May 1st

#### 6. Committee Business and Discussion

##### a. Bylaws Committee: Amendments (Follow-Up).

Discussion & motion(s): Review and amendment of the SONC  
Governing Documents: Bylaws; Standing Rules, Policies &  
Procedures; Rules of Debate.

##### 1. Selection Process Authorized in the Event of Cancelled Elections. Bylaw X.1:

*“The Neighborhood Council’s election will be conducted pursuant to any and all City ordinances, policies and procedures pertaining to Neighborhood Council elections as administered by the City Clerk or SONC will conduct a selection process each election cycle in accordance with the current SONC Selection Manual.” [Submitted by Treasurer.]*

“In the event of canceled or postponed elections, The Neighborhood Council may adopt an alternate selection process. The Board must approve the selection process by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board Members present. A selection differs from an election in that individual votes must be made public, e.g., via signed ballots or a public show of hands. The selection process must preserve the goals and objectives of the Council; occur during the same time period as the planned election; include a method for resolving any challenges to the results; and be inclusive, transparent, and non-discriminatory.” [Submitted by President]

*Language Submitted by President for item 6a.1 adopted unanimously*

**YES:** Durbin, Endashaw, Imber, Katchen, Materna,  
Segarra-Bohlinger, Shapiro, Silverman

**NO: (0) / ABSTAIN: (0) / ABSENT: (0) / 8-0-0-0**

2. SONC Board Member Terms Reduced from Four to Two Years.

*Bylaw V.4: "Board Members shall serve a two (2) four (4) year term commencing after being seated. [Submitted by Treasurer.]*

*Item 6a.2 Rejected Unanimously*

**YES: (0) / NO:** Durbin, Endashaw, Imber, Katchen, Materna, Segarra-Bohlinger, Shapiro, Silverman **(8)**

**ABSTAIN: (0) / ABSENT: (0) / 0-8-0-0**

3. R Vacancy Appointment Eligibility to Include Any SONC Resident. Bylaw [Various]:

*Any Stakeholder, as defined in Admin. Code 22.801.1(a), who is at least 18 years of age and who lives in or whose residence is located in the boundaries of Geographic Area [1-7] is eligible to run for the Seat or if the Seat is vacant any stakeholder who lives in the geographic area of the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council may be appointed. [Submitted by Treasurer.]*

6a.3 adopted unanimously

**YES:** Durbin, Endashaw, Imber, Katchen, Materna, Segarra-Bohlinger, Shapiro, Silverman

**NO: (0) / ABSTAIN: (0) / ABSENT: (0) / 8-0-0-0**

*Discussion Regarding*

*self-attestation*

*Challenges in requesting a ballot*

*Mail-in vs in-person voting*

*Eligibility not tied to existing voter registration*

*Bifurcating adoption of bylaws and standing-rules*

*Consent calendar voting procedure*

*Revising standing rules*

*Clarification regarding DONE requirements*

*On revisions / approvals*

*Bylaws Committee: Amendments Already Adopted (Information Only). All items previously adopted by the Bylaws Committee, as*

*appearing on the agenda for the SONC Board Meeting on February 9, 2026 as Item #11, will be submitted by this committee for the upcoming Board agenda to join any amendments adopted by this committee earlier in this agenda.*

**7. Closing Announcements**

Happy Birthday Lielt

**8. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:45pm**

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stacy". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Respectfully submitted".