

**Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council**  
**323-200-5532**  
**General Board Meeting Minutes**

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**Pico Pico Library**  
**694 S. Oxford Avenue, 90004**  
**Monday, July 14, 2025**  
**5:30 pm**

**1.** Call to Order, and welcoming remarks from John Darnell. He introduced Mario Hernandez, the new DONE Advocate who presented certificates of membership to all members which included the Code of Conduct oath.

**2.** Roll call Quorum met at **5:35 pm**

BOARD MEMBERS		PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED	
Linkon	Ahmed	X			
Shazia	Hoq	X			
Bill	Robinson	X			
Faisal		X			6:08 pm
Traz	Co	X			
Saidur	Rahman	X			
Ahmed	Faisal		X		
Erica	Jung			X	
JT	Kim	X			
Shin	Suk Oh		X		
Chris	Hwang	X			
Jeffrey	Park		X		
Nikon	Haddadi	X			
Nojan	Haddadi	X			
Rasel	Mahmud Jewel	X			
Madison	Cho	X			
Valerie	Berman	X			
Jongmin	Park	X			
J.	Lincoln Bang	X			
Christopher	Maiorino	X			
Tania	Ramon	X			
Davis	M. Read	X			
Jinny	Oh	X			
Mina	Cheriki		X		

**3. Swearing-in of newly elected board members.**

**Neighborhood Council Board Oath: Members sworn in by John Darnell**

*I pledge to represent my neighborhood with dignity, integrity, and pride. I will encourage other points of view, even when they differ from my own. I will respect, value, and consider everyone's opinion. I will find good in my neighborhood, and praise it and promote it. I will act at all times in accordance with our bylaws and will conform fully, both in spirit and intent. To my neighbors, and to neighborhoods throughout the City of Los Angeles, I pledge to do this to the best of my ability.*

**4. Selection of Officers to serve on Wilshire Center-Koreatown Neighborhood Council. The responsibilities listed are per the WCKNC By-Laws. a. Election of the President**

**Shazia Hoq nominated Bill Robinson. Bill Robinson elected without opposition.**

Serves as presiding officer (chair) at all Board and Executive Committee meetings; communicate with other Los Angeles area Neighborhood Councils: countersign along with the Treasurer for all WCKNC approved disbursements of funds.

**b. Election of Executive (1<sup>st</sup>) Vice President**

**Bill Robinson nominated Erica Jung. Erica Jung elected without opposition.**

Serves as the presiding officer in the absence of the President at Board and Executive Committee meeting.

**c. Election of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

**Chris Hwang nominated Shazia Hoq- Shazia Hoq elected without opposition.**

Presides at Board and Executive Committee meetings in the absence of the President and Executive Vice President.

**d. Election of Treasurer**

**Bill Robinson nominated JT Kim. JT Kim elected without opposition**

Establishes an accounting system for the Council; maintain Council records, account books and financial accountability; report financial information at Board meetings; prepare financial reports required by the Department, pursuant to the Plan; serve as budget advocate or appoint another Board Member to serve in that role; and co-sign all checks for disbursement of funds.

**e. Election of Secretary**

**Tania Ramon nominated Herself. Tania Ramon elected without opposition**

Record the minutes of all Board and Executive Committee meetings.

He/She will post the minutes to the Council's website and other public locations no later than seven (7) days after the meetings have taken place. He/She will make the minutes available prior to the next meeting as well as maintain public record of the WCKNC meetings.

He/She will also maintain records of attendance. An Assistant Secretary may be appointed by the Board to serve in support of secretarial duties and responsibilities. The Assistant Secretary shall serve as an appointed Executive Committee Member.

**5. Selection of funding officers.**

For information on the Neighborhood Council Funding Program, please visit:

<https://clerk.lacity.gov/clerk-services/nc-funding>

**a. Discussion and possible action to appoint Second Signer Motion to appoint Valerie Berman as Second Signer**

**First: Faisel Ahmed Second: Tania Ramon**

Second signer verifies Funding Program documents have been correctly and filled out before submitted for processing. Acts as the second signer as required on Funding Program documents.

**b. Discussion and possible action to appoint Alternate Signer**

**Motion to appoint Davis McCaffery Read as Alternate Signer**

**First: Nojan Haddadi Second: Shazia Hoq**

In the absence or unavailability of the Treasurer or 2<sup>nd</sup> Signer, the Alternate Signer can sign board approved

## Items# 5.c & d voted in the aggregate

### c. Discussion and possible action to appoint bank cardholder

- Maintains secure custody of the NC's bank card.
- Ensures card is used for payment transactions as approved by the board only.
- . --Obtains itemized receipts or itemized paid invoices for every card transaction.
- Submits (uploads) itemized receipts or itemized paid invoices for card no later than 10 days after the transaction posts.
- Must not accept cash refund. All refunds must be made as a credit return.
- Notifies the Funding Program immediately of lost or stolen cards.
  1. Bank must be notified immediately by the NC bank cardholder to block any further usage of the card.
  2. A new card can be ordered upon notification.
  3. The Neighborhood Council will be limited from accessing its available funds through the bank card while a new card is being requested from the bank.
- Notifies NC Funding Program upon resignation or removal as the NC bank cardholder.
  1. The NC will be limited from accessing its available funds through the bank card when a cardholder has resigned or has been removed and a new card is being requested from the bank for a newly appointed cardholder.
- Can only serve as cardholder for one NC at a time. ix. Is the only board member authorized to pick up the NC bank card, issued to his/her name.

**JT Kim**

### appointed as Bank cardholder

**First: Saidur Rahman    Second: Davis M Read**

### d. Discussion and possible action to appoint 2<sup>nd</sup> bank cardholder

In the absence or unavailability of the Bank Cardholder, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bank Cardholder can use the bank card for board-approved funding purchases.

### Tania Ramon appointed as 2<sup>nd</sup> bank cardholder

**First: Saidur Rahman    Second: Shazia Hoq**

## 6. General Public Comment on non-agendized items. Comments from the public on nonagendized items shall be within the Board's jurisdiction. (Up to 2 minutes per speaker)

**Angela Gilbert, Representative for the 52<sup>nd</sup> Korean Festival** updated the board on the event **Stakeholder, Jonny Kester** voiced concern about delivery robots in Koreatown that are taking jobs from actual people.

**Stakeholder, Joann Moore:** concern human waste Wilshire/Western area. She suggested investing in portable toilets.

### LA City District Representative Updates

**Alan Antonio, District-10** Representative introduced himself to new members and updated the Board on the current city services available including Rapid Response, bulk item pickups, and graffiti removable.

**Mark Fuentes, District-13** Representative informed the Board regarding the ongoing prostitution issue throughout the Figueroa & Vermont corridors and the program "Journey Out". There is a concerted effort to change the loitering laws. To help the immigrant community home food delivery training for anyone who wants to help with the ICE situation contact David Abuda. He also commented that Councilman Hugo would be open to a townhall meeting with the WCKNC.

**Bill Robinson asked that members email Charlene Gawa, admin/secretary, as to which committees or representatives they wish to join.**

7. Selection of board members and stakeholders to committees. With the exception of the Executive Committee, Committee members shall be appointed by the Board. Committees shall be comprised of six (6) or fewer Board Members and/or Alternates. A committee can have no fewer than three (3) members and no more than six (6) per the Brown Act. Three committee members shall constitute a quorum for a committee meeting. The committees of the WCKNC are the following:
  - a. Executive
  - b. Rules & Bylaws
  - c. Outreach, Communications, & Elections
  - d. Planning & Land Use Management
  - e. Sustainability & Beautification Da
  - f. Homelessness, Tenant Rights, & Poverty
  - g. Transportation & Public Safety

8. Discussion and possible action to appoint up to five (5) Community Impact Statement (CIS) filers. The filers must be board members. The filers are responsible for filing the CIS's into the City Clerk's CIS portal. Any CIS is a position by the board and may be sent to any city commission and/or can be put in the City Council's file management system. For more information, please click here:  
<https://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/How-to-Submit-CIS-FINALCOMBO.pdf>

CIS submits pending legislation Filer submits to City Clerk portal. Letter to board of Commissioners. Darnell suggests 3 filers. Davis, Ramon, Chris, Traz, Madison Motion to 5 people filers. CIS first Bill second Faisel.

9. Discussion and possible action to appoint members to serve as representatives to various Neighborhood Council alliances and coalitions. For the list, please see below and click here for more information: (<https://empowerla.org/alliances/>)
  - a. Budget Representative
  - b. LADWP Advocacy and Oversight
  - c. LGBTQ+ Alliance
  - d. Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC)
  - e. Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Alliance (NCEPA)
  - f. Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA)
  - g. Plan Check  
Issue in the NC system, Plan check

10. Board discussion and appointment by Chair for members to serve as liaisons to certain city departments and programs. City of Los Angeles elected officials, departments, and even other Neighborhood Councils (NC) are frequently looking for a contact person to work with on a particular subject matter. During the year, agencies will ask the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) for liaison contact information for the purpose of sending invitations to meetings or events of interest, to receive feedback, or simply to request help in sharing information with NCs and stakeholders. Your willingness to be that contact person will help your NC improve government responsiveness to your community's needs.

Thank you again for doing your part to EmpowerLA! The official list of liaison positions are the following:

- a. (These positions should either be appointed by the President or chosen by the board, and the recorded in the minutes)
- b. Aging Liaison
- c. Animal Services Liaison
- d. Emergency Preparedness Liaison
- e. Film
- f. Homelessness Liaison
- g. LADWP
- h. Public Works
- i. Resilience Liaison

**11.** Discussion and possible action to renew website maintenance contract with James Oquendo, web developer & consultant.

**First: Bill Robinson Second: Nojan Haddadi Motion to renew contract passed unanimously** Tania Ramon & Shazia Hoq volunteered to post event photos and calendar updates. Ms. Ramon offered to work with the web developer to upload the materials.

**12.** Discussion and possible action to award the OBA Foundation an NPG Neighborhood Purpose Grant of \$1000 for National Night Out.

Board Member		Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Linkon	Ahmed		X		
Shazia	Hoq		X		
Bill	Robinson		X		
Faisal			X		
Traz	Co	X			
Saidur	Rahman		X		
Ahmed	Faisal				X
Erica	Jung				X
JT	Kim		X		
Shin	Suk Oh				X
Chris	Hwang				
Jeffrey	Park				X
Nikon	Haddadi		X		
Nojan	Haddadi		X		
Rasel	Mahmud Jewel		X		
Madison	Cho	X			
Valerie	Berman		X		
Jongmin	Park		X		
J.	Lincoln Bang		X		
Christopher	Maiorino	X			

Tania	Ramon	X			
Davis	M. Read	X			
Jinny	Oh		X		
Mina	Cheriki				

**Chris Maiorino proposed** cutting the funding by \$200 proportionate to the current budget cuts.

**First: Chris Maiorino Second: Tania Ramon Motion failed to pass: 13-No 5-Yes 4-Absent**

**Motion to fund \$1000 for LAPD National Night Out.**

**First: Shazia Hoq Second: Saidur Rahman Motion passed 13-Yes 5-No 4-Absent**

**13. Comments/ Announcements from Board Members**

**Chris Hwang commented** that the Postal Box fee must be paid.

**14. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn at 7:32 pm**

**First: Davis M. Read Second: Tania Ramon**

Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board’s jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to two minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

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