



Building A Better Community



Minutes

**Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council “Virtual” Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Wednesday February 26, 2025, 7:00 P.M.**

NAME	BOARD SEAT	Present	Absent
Barcohana, Elizabeth	Private Schools Grades K-6 <i>(Selected 09/27/2023)</i>	X	
Bayliss, Shawn	At-Large Traditional Stakeholder (2025)		X
Brand, Jonathan	Bel-Air Association <i>(Appointed 04/26/2024 / Seated 05/22/2024)</i>	X	
Evans, Ellen	Community Interest At-Large (2025) / VP – <i>Legislative Affairs</i>	X	
Levinson for Goodman M.D.	Bel-Air Association	X	
Greenberg, Robin	Faith-Based Institutions / VP – <i>Operations (Re-selected 07/2023)</i>	X	
Gros, Mirco	Doheny-Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Association	X	
Hall, Jamie	Laurel Canyon Association	X	
Holmes, Kristie Ph.D.	Public Educational Institutions (2025)	X	
Kadin, David Scott	Benedict Canyon Association		X
Kamin, Aaron	North of Sunset District (2025)	X	
Kwan, Robert (Bobby)	Laurel Canyon Association		X
Levotman, Vadim	North of Sunset District (2025)	X	
Longcore, Travis Ph.D.	Custodians of Open Space / <i>President (Re-selected 07/2023)</i>	X	
Mann, Mindy Rothstein	At-Large Traditional Stakeholder (2025)		X
Marble, Stacy	Private Schools Grades 7-12 <i>(Elected 06/26/2024)</i>	X	
Roessel for Marburg	North of Sunset District (2025) <i>(Elected 06/26/2024)</i>	X	
Miner, Nickie	Benedict Canyon Association	X	
Kemp, Michael	Bel Air Hills Association <i>(Appointed 01/19/2025 w/ Paden Alternate,)</i>	X	
Palmer, Dan	Residents of Beverly Glen		X
Ringler, Robert	Residents of Beverly Glen		X
Ryan, Sandy	Casiano Estates Association <i>(Appointed 01/24/2024)</i>	X	
Sandler, Irene	Bel Air Crest Master Association	X	
Savage, Stephanie	Laurel Canyon Association	X	
Schlesinger, Robert	Benedict Canyon Association	X	
Silver, Jonathan	Bel-Air Association <i>(Appointed 04/26/2024 / Seated 06/26/2024)</i>	X	
Smith, Maureen	Commercial or Office Enterprise Districts (2025)	X	
Spradlin, Jason	Holmby Hills HOA		X
Steele, Timothy Ph.D.	Bel Air Glen District (2025) / <i>Secretary</i>	X	
Stojka, André	Bel Air Ridge HOA	X	
Templeton, Patricia	Bel Air Hills Association		X
Weinberg, Steven	Franklin-Coldwater District (2025)		X
Weisberg, Leslie	Bel-Air Association	X	
Wickers, Alonzo	At-Large Youth Rep (2025)		X
<i>Vacant Seat</i>	<i>Benedict Canyon Association</i>		0
<i>Vacant Seat</i>	<i>Laurel Canyon Association</i>		0
Total:		24	10

Following Updates from Elected Officials and Agencies (Item #3), pending quorum, President Longcore provided welcoming comments and procedures for holding the meeting virtually, per SB411 & Brown Act rules. At 7:24 PM, he called the meeting to order in memory of longtime esteemed Board member, Donald Loze, and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Secretary Steele called the roll with 24 present and quorum met. Following the departure of Member Hall at 7:51 pm and Member Ryan at 9:04 pm, 22 members remained until the end of the meeting.

1. The Agenda was **approved** by unanimous consent as moved by Greenberg.
2. The January 22, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes (Attachment A) were **adopted** by a vote of 23-0-1 with the one abstention from Stojka as moved by Smith.

[Attention was turned to #4, Public Comment, as #3 was unofficially held prior to roll call.]

3. **Updates from Elected Officials and Agencies** (*Started while awaiting quorum.*)

Sidney Liss from CD4, Office of Councilwoman Nithya Raman, noted that the motions on red flag warnings are going forward, and as to public safety, there has been an uptick in break-ins on the Westside. Sidney acknowledged that enforcement of use of leaf blowers has been poor, something they're working on.

Fire Chief Shin Black of Battalion 9 noted that he is one of three chiefs with the Battalion.

- He expressed appreciation for our support of Fire Station #71.
- He encouraged having an emergency kit.
- As to brush clearance concerns, he acknowledged that sometimes enforcement is not at the level we'd like but they're anticipating that the State will be including this in their budget as it is a big part of mitigation before a disaster. **To report brush clearance issues click here: [Report a Hazard - Los Angeles Fire Department](#)** "The Fire Department wants to hear your concerns so that we can provide the clearance necessary for our firefighters to protect your property and your neighborhood. lafd.org" <https://lafd.org/fire-prevention/brush/report-hazard> Send details to: LAFDBrush@lacity.org Phone 800.994.4444 7:00 AM- 3:00 PM M-F except holidays.

Octaviano Rios, from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE), gave report:

- Some on staff and at City Hall have been service workers for the *wildfire* recovery effort.
- He encouraged and thanked the board for promoting www.lacity.gov which has a list of resources for those affected by the fires.
- Renewal for Zoom accounts are coming up, at \$200 for the year for each additional subscription. He'd like a report on who wants Zoom continued by the end of March.
- DONE is paying for the remainder of this Fiscal Year to access the CanvaPro account to help us with outreach during the election season.
- The Department is partnering with Budget Advocates, meeting virtually March 6th 6-7:30 pm on the City's budget process and how NCs can participate and weigh in (e.g., CISs).
- Regarding immigrant rights, they're partnering with Salvadorian Leadership & Education Fund to host a virtual info session on keeping our community safe tomorrow at 6:00pm.
- The Department of Rec & Parks is looking for open space needs with regards to parks and are hosting popup community meetings for feedback.
- He concluded by sharing his condolences on the passing of Board Member Loze.

4. General Public Comment

Mr. Alan Kaye introduced himself, noting that he'd like to get involved with the BABCNC, having previously been involved in the Beverly Hills Community, and serving as a commissioner for many years. He is a resident in the Benedict Canyon area and is running for an At-Large position in our upcoming election.

Dr. Pamela Pierson wanted to share with the board that we had another serious accident at Nicada & Mulholland involving several vehicles. She reported that thankfully the vehicle with the older couple was fortunate enough to take out the light post on the corner of Nicada & Mulholland, which prevented them from going down into the canyon, and that the police have been managing traffic and everyone will be okay. She pled again for a stop sign on the corner for the eastbound traffic to put an end to such serious accidents. Member Stojka concurred that this is a turn he makes every day and each time he feels he's taking his life into his own hands. He thinks it would save lives for this council to do something about it.

5. Monthly Expenditure Report

Treasurer Levotman gave a brief funding report noting that we currently have over \$22,000 and a surplus of \$3,000 with 3-1/2 months to consider expenditures of up to \$3,000 (*beyond the \$10,000 rollover.*)

Treasurer Levotman asked that committees send him their funding requests.

Motion to approve January 2025 Monthly Expenditure Report (**Attachment B**) was **approved** by 19 yeses, 0 noes, 1 abstention, 9 absent & 5 ineligible, as moved by Levotman.

New Business

6. 110 N MAPLETON DR. LLC. ZA-2024-5111-ADJ ENV-2024-5112-CE

Filed: 08/12/2024. Assigned 08/21/2024. Staff: Esteban Martorell

Project Description: Addition of an accessory structure in the front yard setback to a lot improved with a single family dwelling.

App/Owner: Shlomi Sinsolo [Firm: 110 N Mapleton Dr., LA CA 90077]

shlomi@ysbuildings.com. Agent: Jake Malott & Liz Opholt, Whitestone liz@wsdci.com

Permanent Link <https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/search/casenumbr/ZA-2024-5111-ADJ>

The project requires a ZA adjustment to place a guardhouse within a reduced front yard setback and for an accessory structure within the front half of the parcel (instead of the typical rear yard location for an accessory structure). The request is also to permit an existing fence and gate with a maximum height of 9 feet. The PLUC **motion** that the BABCNC recommend approval of the application with the additional condition that any staff associated with the parcel park on site was **moved** by PLU Chair Schlesinger.

The motion that BABCNC supports the application for three Zoning Administrator's Adjustments (reduced front yard setback, new accessory building on front half of lot, and continued use of existing over-in-height fence and gate) if the project is conditioned to specify that staff associated with the parcel only park on site and not on the street **passed** by a vote of **24-0-0**.

7. DSPNA Adopt a Median Proposal

Motion to support the application from Doheny Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Association for funds through the adopt a median program for plantings at Selma Avenue and Crescent Heights Boulevard and to convey such support in a letter to the City (**Attachment C**). The motion was introduced and moved by Member Evans.

Motion that anyone within 500 feet recuse but the DSPNA members would *not* need to recuse was approved unanimously. The main motion passed by 24-0-0. Dr. Longcore will write a letter.

8. Repair of Caribou Lane (Beverly Glen Canyon)

Motion: Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council supports motion [CF 25-0170](#) which directs the City Administrative Officer to locate \$140,000 for repairs to Caribou Lane, which was severely impacted by the 2024 rainstorms and landslide and authorizes submission of a Community Impact Statement expressing this position. [Dr. Longcore recused himself on this because it is at the end of his driveway. He handed the gavel over to VP Evans virtually. Evans introduced the motion, which she noted was made by Councilwoman Yaroslavsky, and that since it is in our area, we should comment on it.]

The motion was moved by Member Miner who would demand having this destruction repaired immediately as it has been going on way too long. Evans offered a friendly amendment that we support this motion and that the work be done as quickly as possible. Member Schlesinger would support this and seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion passed by 23-0-0 and 1 recusal from Dr. Longcore.

9. Los Angeles Wildfires Recovery Motions

The Ad Hoc Committee on 2025 Wildfires and Urban Conflagrations recommends a motion to adopt a letter and to file Community Impact Statements commenting on the many motions introduced in the wake of the wildfires. The CIS is in the form of a letter (**Attachment D**) and includes (but is not limited to) positions on CF 25-0006-S38 (support; creation of Climate Resilience District for areas directly impacted by and adjacent to Pacific Palisades Fire), CF 25-0006-S46 (support; incentive program for property owners to implement best practices for fire resiliency beyond current code), CF 25-0173 (support; regarding permit expiration dates for low rise residential and commercial projects in fire affected areas), expedited enforcement of AB 3074 (which requires creation of ember-resistant zones), and adherence of new construction to all fire-hardening requirements. Positions in the letter also concern debris and debris removal, infrastructure, public safety, land use, budgetary concerns, air quality, red flag days, and climate mitigation and city fleet electrification. These positions pertain to additional council files beyond those specifically named here for which Community Impact Statements would be filed.

Member Evans introduced and Member Weisberg explained the item. Board discussion was held and public comment was given by **Sheida Ashly** who suggested that LADBS start collecting all the fees for noncompliance violations, noting that Code Enforcement has the leisure of enforcing when they want or not, so they are not enforcing consistently. The letter was brought up on screen for edits.

Motion to adopt the letter as amended, as a framework of our comments for the city passed by all 22-0-0. This letter will be brought to WRAC by Robin to see if they want to take it up. Weisberg thanked Evans for the preparation of the letter.

10. CERT Funding

Motion to recommend that Council Districts 4 and 5 each allocate \$50,000 from the AB1290 Fund No. 53P (Account No. 281204 for CD4 and Account No. 281205 for CD5) to support the development and procurement of necessary supplies and resources for a multilingual, in-person, and virtual Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program, to be administered by the Los Angeles Fire Department Foundation, in alignment with the funding model approved for Council District 1. The motion **passed** by all 22 present and voting as introduced and **moved** by Levotman and **seconded** by Kamin.

11. Transgender Program Funding

Discussion and two possible motions.

Motion 1: The Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council requests the Los Angeles City Council and Mayor Bass to immediately release immediate city funding and requests Governor Newsom to release California State funding to reinstate critical medical care for Los Angeles and California transgender residents that was recently terminated by the Executive Order signed by President Trump on January 29, 2025.

Motion 1 was **moved** by Member Gros, and to change the date to January 28, 2025. He noted that Gender Affirming Care requires parental consent and mental health evaluation, and there is no regret rate. Since 2022, California has been a sanctuary state for Transgender people. He strongly believes that we need to provide the funding to close to 50,000 residents so they can continue to get the care they need. Savage **seconded** the motion.

Public Comment: Sonia Shaw related that she is a School Board President and a mother, fighting to protect our children, who is deeply involved with other moms in their community to be a voice. She noted that these motions include minors and urged us to consider the long-term impact that voting in favor of these motions will have, to divert valuable resources and put us on the wrong side of history. She has been in contact with young adults who are de-transitioning and asks us to join her and others in rejecting these motions. She noted that the kid's crisis since the shutdown has almost been eliminated and urged us to let this die.

David related that the city does not do health care; stated that the motions are not necessarily true that you get the parents' permission.

Board discussion was held, with Member Levinson expressing opposition to this, feeling that schools are for RR&R, not for indoctrination into a different lifestyle. She feels that this is a family issue and should be dealt with privately. Member Barcohana concurred with the above statements, with some comments including that that there hasn't actually been a funding cut that stopped care for anyone. She noted that board members often abstain, but warned that abstaining is *not* a no vote and urged *not* abstaining but voting "no." She feels that both sides want to care for their children. She noted that opponents of GAC feel that socially introducing children into using pronouns and having them interact with unlicensed officials who shuttle kids into gender clinics sets them onto a difficult or dangerous path.

Member Miner concurred with Levinson, that of course we have to take care of our children whom she noted have already been mutilated and given cancer-causing drugs. She is concerned that there has been too much of this by greedy doctors who are cashing in. She noted that for some reason, it is a socially accepted thing to do this to children and thinks this has to stop being normalized and seen for what it really is. She will vote “no.”

Dr. Holmes thinks we are going a bit off track here. She is uncomfortable with the language of the professional and understands people have strong feelings. She doesn't think we should take a position one way or another. She noted that the County would probably be who we're looking at and agrees that the funding should be back in place. She doesn't know that the discussion we are having helps but may cause harm. She is trying to wave a flag saying that she does *not* think this is a great idea. Evans agrees that the conversation is counterproductive and called the question. The **motion failed** by **5 yeases** in support from Members Holmes, Evans, Gross, Savage and Weisberg; **13 noes** against from Members Levinson, Miner, Schlesinger, Levotman, Barcohana, Stojka, Kemp, Greenberg, Brand, Kamin, Smith, Silver, and Sandler and **4 abstentions** from Members Longcore, Roessel, Steele, and Marble.

Motion **did not pass** for both motion #1 and motion #2.

Motion 2: The Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council requests the Los Angeles City Council and Mayor Bass to immediately release immediate city funding and requests Governor Newsom to release California state funding to reinstate critical K-12 school funding for Los Angeles and California that was recently terminated by the Executive Order signed by President Trump on January 29, 2025 to continue to support and protect our transgender children recognizing their gender and supporting them using their names and pronouns.

Background information: <https://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/publications/dei-schools-eo-impact/> and <https://calmatters.org/health/2025/02/trump-executive-order-transgender-health/>

12. WRAC Motion to Support CF# 25-0172 re Repair of Fire Hydrants (Deferred to next meeting)

_____ NC/CC, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), supports Council File 25-0172, which calls for a report back on inspection and repair of the City's network of fire hydrants.

CF

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=25-0172> **Motion** https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2025/25-0172_misc_2-14-25.pdf

13. WRAC Motion (MTC) – CF 24-1151 / Allocation of Revenues from Bus Lane Violation Enforcement Pilot Program (Deferred to next meeting)

Motion: Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), opposes the allocation of revenues from the Bus Lane Violation Enforcement Pilot Program to items that are not specifically related to public transit. We therefore oppose using these funds for “Transportation improvements and temporary staffing related to the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic games.” A \$200 million federal grant is already in the works to help with the proposed use of public buses at the 2028 Games. Council Files: 24-1151 and 21-1224 (CFMS).” See [Background Information](#).

Good of the Order - There were now 21 members remaining for brief announcements from Board Members on items not on the agenda.

Comments included but were not limited to that of VP Evans who encouraged voting at the upcoming NC election, of Member Kamin, complimenting Dr. Longcore for a well-run meeting, which everyone concurred with, and mention by Dr. Longcore that we will be getting together *for an in-person meeting* in April.

VP Greenberg noted that she misses Don Loze, and reported that since the funeral, she has sent a donation to his temple, Sinai Temple, and spoke to the family about the Ridgeline Ordinance. She noted that she never would have met him if not for our board meetings and is really is glad that she met him. Maureen and Robert asked why not a bench on Mulholland in his honor and invite his family to come up. Dr. Longcore noted that we will definitely invite his family to our April meeting.

Meeting adjourned at **9:50 pm** to **meet again *virtually* on Zoom on March 26th 7:00 pm**.