



Building A Better Community



Draft Minutes
Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council
“Special” Board Meeting on City Charter Reform
Thursday August 14, 2025 7:00 P.M.

NAME	BOARD SEAT	Present	Absent
Barcohana, Elizabeth	Private Schools Grades K-6 <i>(Selected 09/27/2023)</i>	X	
Brand, Jonathan	Bel-Air Association <i>(Appointed 05/22/2024)</i>		X
Evans, Ellen	Community Interest At-Large (2027) / VP, Leg. Affairs <i>(Re-elected /2025)</i>	X	
Goodman, Mark MD	Bel-Air Association <i>(on Zoom)</i>	X	
Greenberg, Robin	Faith-Based Institutions / VP – Operations <i>(Re-selected 07/2023)</i>	X	
Hall, Jamie	Laurel Canyon Association	X	
Kadin, David Scott	Benedict Canyon Association		X
Kamin, Aaron	North of Sunset District (2027) <i>(Re-elected /2025)</i>	X	
Kaye, Alan	At-Large Traditional Stakeholder (2027) <i>(Elected 07/23/2025)</i>		X
Kemp, Michael	Bel Air Hills Association <i>(Appointed 01/19/2025)</i>	X	
Kwan, Robert (Bobby)	Laurel Canyon Association <i>(on Zoom)</i>		X
Lawrence, Aaron	At-Large Traditional Stakeholder (2027) <i>(Elected 07/23/2025)</i>	X	
Levotman, Vadim	North of Sunset District (2027) <i>(Re-elected /2025)</i>	X	
Longcore, Travis Ph.D.	Custodians of Open Space / President <i>(Re-selected 07/2023)</i>	X	
Mann, Mindy Rothstein	Benedict Canyon Association <i>(Appointed 07/2025)</i>	X	
Marble, Stacy	Private Schools Grades 7-12 <i>(on Zoom) (Selected 06/26/2024)</i>		X
Marburg, Tad	North of Sunset District (2025) <i>(Re-elected /2025)</i>	X	
Miner, Nickie	Benedict Canyon Association	X	
Palmer, Dan	Residents of Beverly Glen		X
Ringler, Robert	Residents of Beverly Glen		X
DeSilva, Angela for Roth, Lynn	Doheny-Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Association <i>(Appointed 07/23/2025)</i>	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 06/26/2024)</i>		X
Smith, Maureen	Commercial or Office Enterprise Districts (2027) <i>(Re-elected /2025)</i>	X	
Spradlin, Jason	Holmby Hills HOA		X
Steele, Timothy Ph.D.	Bel Air Glen District (2027) / Secretary <i>(Re-elected /2025)</i>	X	
Stojka, André	Bel Air Ridge HOA <i>(on Zoom)</i>		X
Templeton, Patricia	Bel Air Hills Association <i>(on Zoom)</i>	X	
Weinberg, Steven	Franklin-Coldwater District (2027) <i>(Re-elected /2025)</i>		X
Weisberg, Leslie	Bel-Air Association <i>(on Zoom)</i>	X	
Wickers, Alonzo	At-Large Youth Rep (2027) <i>(Re-elected /2025)</i>	X	
Vacant Seat	Laurel Canyon Association	0	0
Vacant Seat	Public Educational Institutions	0	0
Total:		22	12

President Longcore called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM and provided welcoming comments including information as to meeting on Zoom, and as to giving public comment. Following the salute to the flag, the roll was called by Secretary Dr. Timothy Steele at 7:09 PM. As we were one member shy of a quorum, the meeting held a brief recess which then recommenced when Members Barcohana and Marburg arrived at approximately 7:12 PM.

1. Public Comment

Dr. Pamela Pierson asked that the letter be concise and professional.

2. 7:13 PM Discussion and Possible Motion:

Review and approve proposed initial charter reform Community Impact Statement
(Attachment A)

Dr. Longcore turned the gavel over to Ad Hoc Committee on the City Charter Chair Evans, who began by explaining the limits to how the charter can be reformed, and the work of the City Charter Commission to come up with a draft of the charter amendments which will go on the ballot in November 2026.

She noted that we are here to try to approve some initial recommendations so we can go to the Commission meetings and make comments on the issues they are dealing with. She noted that the commission is meeting once or twice a week, their deadline to transmit their recommendation for all the charter changes is April 2nd and pointed out that the process is being rushed, whereas this normally should take years.

She noted that no Neighborhood Council (NC) has presented before this Commission and that she has spoken to the Executive Director who told her that they weren't sure how they were going to handle all of this.

Chair Evans noted that what we have to look at this evening for just an initial Community Impact Statement to get the major issues out of the way, and that as the committee meets, we will amend.

Some initial comments Evans made included that she had the impression that the Mayor was advocating for the omission of NCs. She would stress that this is a once in a generation opportunity to make revisionary statements and discussed how to use strategy in our comments.

At this point, the CIS letter was placed on the screen, and Evans began by reading the preamble. She would advise making comments on concepts and we can make it briefer later. As to the introductory language: Member Kamin feels like Dr. Pierson, that the shorter the letter, the better. He noted that he has already done his own redline of this intro, which he'd be happy to send over to Ellen. Member Kamin confirmed to Dr. Longcore that there is no objection to the content but he wishes to see that section streamlined.

Evans noted that we already approved most of this in the past, and the consensus has been developing with the presentations.

3. **Discussion and Possible Motion:**

Address any procedural matters necessary for the operation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Charter Reform.

Following close review and edits of Attachment A shared on the Zoom screen, in real time during this meeting, a motion was made:

Motion to APPROVE this document with the understanding that the chair of the ad hoc committee will reorganize it according to the order of points without changing any of the substantive content and that we adopt that as a position as a CIS with the understanding that other CISs may be tiered off if individual issues arise.

Moved by Longcore, seconded by numerous and the motion **passed** by unanimous consent, with a quorum of 22 present and voting.

Thanks were given to Member Evans and the committee and to Dr. Longcore who chaired this evening's meeting.

Evans noted that this will be going on 6-8 months; we can always call a special meeting like this.

Longcore thanked those who hopped on the meeting to help us have a quorum. He noted that this is not the end but could be the start of the process; get this and share with other NCs who can grab language and issues. Of all the things we do and participate in, this is "important."

He recommended that we share with the Board overall the Commission's meeting schedule. Evans that we will put it on our web page.

Member Hall noted that some volunteers to go to the meetings. Our next ad hoc committee meeting is **Saturday 08/23rd at 5 PM**. He noted that all people are welcome to attend, that we will screen share, and draft in real time; however, Dr. Longcore reminded everyone that, as board members you can attend the committee meetings but should *not* be participating in committee conversation, to avoid violating the Brown Act.

Tad Marburg gave a shout out to Members Hall, Evans and Weisberg, of whom he noted, during the meeting on Saturday, were doing the majority of heavy lifting, including the counter arguments that gave him an idea how we as a board operate.

Good of the Order - None.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at **9:05 pm**.

Regular Monthly Board Meeting on August 27rd on Zoom at 7:00 pm.