



Building A Better Community



**Minutes**

**Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council Monthly Board Meeting**

**Wednesday December 17, 2025 6:00 P.M. - MEET & GREET WITH POTLUCK**

**7:00 P.M. - MOONLIGHT WALK TO MEMORIAL FOR DONALD LOZE; 8:00 P.M. BOARD MEETING**

**TreePeople Conference Center at Coldwater Canyon Park**

**12601 Mulholland Drive Los Angeles, CA 90210**

NAME	BOARD SEAT	Present	Absent
Barcohana, Elizabeth	Private Schools Grades K-6 <i>(Re-Selected 08/27/2025)</i>		X
Brand, Jonathan	Bel-Air Association <i>(Appointed 05/22/2024)</i>		X
Christensen, David	Residents of Beverly Glen <i>(Appointed 09/24/2025)</i>		X
Evans, Ellen	Community Interest At-Large (2027) / <i>VP, Leg. Affairs (Re-elected 2025)</i>	X	
Levinson for M. Goodman, MD	Bel-Air Association	X	
Greenberg, Robin	Faith-Based Institutions / <i>VP – Operations (Re-Selected 08/27/2025)</i>	X	
Hall, Jamie	Laurel Canyon Association	X	
Halsey Holmes, Kristie Ph.D.	Public Educational Institutions <i>(Appointed 08/27/2025)</i>	X	
Kadin, David Scott	Benedict Canyon Association	X	
Grey, Stella for 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		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 / <i>President (Re-Selected 08/27/2025)</i>	X	
Mann, Mindy Rothstein	Benedict Canyon Association <i>(Appointed 07/2025)</i>	X	
Marble, Stacy	Private Schools Grades 7-12 <i>(Re-Selected 08/27/2025)</i>	X	
Tad Marburg	North of Sunset District (2025) <i>(Re-elected 2025)</i>	X	
Miner, Nickie	Benedict Canyon Association	X	
Ringler, Robert	Residents of Beverly Glen		X
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) / <i>Secretary (Re-elected 2025)</i>	X	
Stojka, André	Bel Air Ridge HOA		X
Templeton, Patricia	Bel Air Hills Association		X
<i>Vacant Seat</i>	<i>Laurel Canyon Association</i>		0
Weinberg, Steven	Franklin-Coldwater District (2027) <i>(Re-elected 2025)</i>	X	
Weisberg, Leslie	Bel-Air Association		X
Wickers, Alonzo	At-Large Youth Rep (2027) <i>(Re-elected 2025)</i>	X	
<b>Total:</b>		<b>22</b>	<b>13</b>

Following a meet and greet with potluck and the guided walk which included a viewing of the memorial plaque and trees planted in honor of Donald Loze, President Longcore called the in-person meeting to order at approximately 8:00 PM.

Dr. Travis Longcore introduced the new CEO of TreePeople, Dr. Cassie Rauser. Dr. Rauser welcomed everyone, wished everyone a happy holiday, and informed everyone that TreePeople is available to assist the community with any information or concerns about trees or the environment in general.

The pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited. Secretary Steele called the roll with quorum met. [Member Levotman arrived at 8:17 PM for a total of 22 present including alternate members Grey and Levinson who were present, did not vote but were counted as abstentions on action items.]

1. The Agenda was adopted, as moved by Member Savage.
2. The November 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A) were adopted, as moved by Member Holmes.
3. **General Public Comment**  
BABCNC welcomes comment from the public on any topic within the Board's jurisdiction but not on the adopted agenda.

**Randy Dodge**, a resident on Stanley Hills Drive, wanted to share comments from another stakeholder in opposition to the proposed project on that street. He read the letter and noted that his community would like to see an extension of the public comment period in the city.

#### 4. **Updates from Elected Officials and Agencies**

**Kenneth Miller, Office of Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky** - Kenneth thanked TreePeople and Mindy for the guided walk. He began his comments that he, the Councilmember and staff of CD 5 are devastated by the massacre in Australia. The Councilmember met with the LAPD regarding public events, to make sure people of faith are protected at their places of worship. He noted that they discussed police hiring in the concluding legislative session Friday, and want to prioritize fiscal responsibility to deliver on public safety responsibly. He noted that CD5 is starting a partnership with MySafeLA to create a community wildfire protective plan document about prevention, home hardening, etc., around wildfire community protection. Council District 5 has partnered with MySafeLA to do a hillside-specific short 20+ page document, which will include the issue of "Vision Zero" speed cameras. He noted that the "Zone Zero" deadline that has long passed will be continued to be watched by their office.

*[Member Levotman arrived at 8:17 PM.]*

Kenneth concluded that there is a working group addressing SB 79 with City Planning. They went over options and do not agree with the one-size fits all approach of the bill.

**Erica Gatica Doughty, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment** - Erica reintroduced herself, noting she covers 14 NCs. Some comments included that the

Mayor has asked every department throughout the city to submit their budget proposal for next fiscal year. Last year had a deficit of \$1 billion. This fiscal year they are already in an over \$200 million deficit, which she noted is not looking too good.

As the budgets of every department get cut, services will look different, e.g., Canva and Zoom will no longer be provided along with additional online trainings offered, such as on Roberts Rules. Next fiscal year, they are bracing for more layoffs and more delays in service. The city is asking for patience.

Budget season has already started. She encouraged us to write a request for action letter, stating our communities' priorities, to start talking with our Council Districts, telling them that we want them to prioritize these departments. She noted that once a council file for the city's budget comes out, we can write Community Impact Statements. The budget season has started; so, start thinking about our priorities for this community.

Regarding Charter Reform, today, the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) held a virtual town hall to go over some potential changes to that, another opportunity to join the meeting to share our concerns or what we want them to focus on.

Erica noted that SB 707 changes to the Brown Act that allows NCs to meet virtually, will kick in on January 1<sup>st</sup> with some changes compared to SB 411. Their department is working with the City Attorney's office to understand the interpretation of the bill.

She noted that we have until April 1<sup>st</sup> to submit bylaw amendment applications. She reiterated the need to keep on top of our NC board member trainings.

**5. President's Report**

- Dr. Longcore expressed thanks to the Outreach Committee, whose members worked hard to create this special board meeting. He noted that this board is special.
- He gave a brief update on the consultation with the City Attorney with regard to a conflict of interest.
- He noted that this Neighborhood Council will hold leadership elections in months and the president's position will be open. He noted that it is a rewarding job; it takes some work; talk to him if you want to do it.

**6. Monthly Expenditure Report**

Motion to approve the November 2025 Monthly Expenditure Report (**Attachment B**) passed 17-0-2, with Alternate Members Grey and Levinson present but *not* voting, and 3 ineligible (Members Hall, Schlesinger and Wickers), as moved by Levotman.

**7. Vision Zero: camera location preferences and implementation**

Discussion and possible action: collecting information from Board members and the public on preferred locations to have or avoid traffic cameras.

Member Lawrence introduced this item and invited people to share with him our preferred locations for consideration at traffic committee deliberations. It was noted that Long Beach voted yes on this proposal.

No board action was taken on this item.

8. **Zone Zero Defensible Space**

**Discussion and Motion:** That BABCNC support and submit a Community Impact Statement regarding CF-25-1428 (Lee) instructing LAFD to develop rules for Zone 0 that allows vegetation while prohibiting dead or dying plants, needles, leaves, weeds, and combustible mulches, and allows trees that are well-maintained with branches 10 feet from chimneys, and provides additional exceptions for trees protected by local ordinance. **(Attachment C)**

Dr. Longcore introduced this item, noting that this is moving forward on local level. The motion was moved by Mann, seconded by Steele, and **passed** 20-0-2.

9. **San Ysidro Haul Route/Traffic Issues**

**Discussion and Possible Motion:** That BABCNC requests specific actions from the City of Los Angeles regarding resolution of traffic and disturbance issues arising from the use of San Ysidro Drive as an access for construction vehicles and workers for Beverly Park Estates. **(Attachment D)**

Member Miner gave comments on this. Kenneth Miller noted that CD 5 will look for enforcement mechanisms. This motion is to request that Council District 5 explore all options available to resolve the backup of Beverly Park Estates; however, to *not* take any action on this tonight, pending conflicts, and to get the advice on this, and put it on January's agenda. It was suggested that the traffic committee create a certain time to have them go through the gate and have a placard posted for an x-amount of time so they can go through, which could alleviate the backup.

No action was taken on this item.

**Good of the Order & Adjournment** Brief announcements from Board Members on items not on the agenda.

VP Operations Greenberg praised Member Wickers for all he does for the neighborhood council, while attending school.

PLU Committee Co-Chair Hall asked that we write a letter to the Charter Reform Commission suggesting that applicants of land use projects submit labels to a radius of the projects that the neighbors have been notified. This would allow us to have a more impactful role if all the neighbors were notified. He asked if it would be feasible to ask a developer to send us the labels or would they mail.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 PM.

**The next meeting will be held on Zoom Wednesday January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M.**