



Building A Better Community

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING DRAFT MINUTES (Virtual)
Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council
May 3, 2026 3:00 PM

NAME	BOARD SEAT	Present	Absent
Barcohana, Elizabeth	Private Schools Grades K-6		X
Brand, Jonathan	Bel-Air Association	X	
Christensen, David	Residents of Beverly Glen	X	
Stella for Evans, Ellen	Community Interest At-Large / <i>VP, Leg. Affairs</i>	X	
M. Levinson for M. Goodman	Bel-Air Association	X	
Greenberg, Robin	Faith-Based Institutions / <i>VP – Operations</i>		X
Hall, Jamie	Laurel Canyon Association	X	
Halsey Holmes, Kristie Ph.D.	Public Educational Institutions	X	
Kadin, David Scott	Benedict Canyon Association	X	
Kamin, Aaron	North of Sunset District	X	
Kaye, Alan	At-Large Traditional Stakeholder	X	
Kemp, Michael	Bel Air Hills Association	X	
Kwan, Robert (Bobby)	Laurel Canyon Association	X	
Lawrence, Aaron	At-Large Traditional Stakeholder	X	
Levotman, Vadim	North of Sunset District	X	
Longcore, Travis Ph.D.	Custodians of Open Space / <i>President</i>	X	
Mann, Mindy Rothstein	Benedict Canyon Association	X	
Marble, Stacy	Private Schools Grades 7-12	X	
Marburg, Tad	North of Sunset District	X	
Miner, Nickie	Benedict Canyon Association	X	
Navab, Amir	Bel Air Ridge HOA	X	
Ringler, Robert	Residents of Beverly Glen		X
Roth, Lynn	Doheny-Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Association	X	
Ryan, Sandy	Casiano Estates Association		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	X	
Smith, Maureen	Commercial or Office Enterprise Districts	X	
Spradlin, Jason	Holmby Hills HOA	X	
Steele, Timothy Ph.D.	Bel Air Glen District / <i>Secretary</i>	X	
Templeton, Patricia	Bel Air Hills Association	X	
<i>Vacant Seat</i>	<i>Laurel Canyon Association</i>		
Weinberg, Steven	Franklin-Coldwater District	X	
Weisberg, Leslie	Bel-Air Association	X	
Wickers, Alonzo	At-Large Youth Rep	X	
Total:		28	7

Call to Order, Flag Salute & Roll Call

Dr. Longcore welcomed those present for this afternoon's Special Meeting of the Board of the BABCNC, with the Forum of Candidates for Insurance Commissioner, and explained the reason for the meeting starting at 3:00pm. He noted that General Public Comment will be held open until 3:30pm, and if board members have anything to say before we get started, we can do that as well. At 3:03 PM Dr. Longcore called the meeting to order and led the flag salute. Dr. Steele called the roll with quorum met.

1. Public Comment

BABCNC welcomes comments on any topic within the Board's jurisdiction. Public comment period will end at 3:30 p.m.

Dr. Kristie Halsey Holmes, would like us to keep ourselves on track; need to know that they can do something about the job they are running for.

Aaron Lawrence, agreed to do chime check.

Bobby Kwan noted that a lot of us in the hillside have trouble getting insurance for homes and that he hoped to hear about how to help the homeowners in getting insurance.

Jamie Hall had a question on Fire Safe Regulations: Insurance Companies have a role, an indirect role ensuring that new developments comply with existing law. One of the things that Sacramento or an agency like the Board of Forestry does is to adopt laws; then there is an assumption that cities and counties will implement and comply with those laws. He noted that we know that big cities and small cities sometimes don't get the message and either willfully refuse to comply or do not comply due to negligence or out of corruption. One of the questions he has is, what role you as insurance commissioner can have *to ensure* that constituents comply and if you don't have the authority... what role you can play in ensuring that insurance companies play an indirect role in ensuring compliance with those regulations. He noted that this is a "Catch-22" situation; you may like some regulations but not others, e.g., Zone Zero.

Mindy Mann said as to Zone Zero, she is always concerned about trees and asked how we can have the insurance companies implement regulations in keeping with science and not just haphazard decisions they make. She gave an example that for some reason, they've decided that trees must be trimmed so-many feet, and people are frightened, afraid they are over trimming. She'd like to know how they may think about that when dealing with insurance companies.

Maureen Smith would like to know why car insurance keeps going up precipitously each year and how the insurance companies are lobbying our governmental officials to do that. There are some formulas that never made sense to her.

Patricia Templeton explained her understanding of how car insurance companies automatically raise the price based on a percentage of miles used in the current year and the prior year, and would like to know if the insurance commissioners, if elected, would do anything about that. She also asked about the requirement for content insurance, given housing and rebuilding costs are higher in California, where there is an automatic inflation of the cost of Homeowner's insurance which requires purchasing content

coverage for contents. She noted that new plants must be less vulnerable but there is no rule that has scientifically based data on how flammable the plants are. She would like to see the plants tested so people can know.

Aaron performed a 2nd chime check at this point.

Community Stakeholder, Pamela Pierson, MD, discussed the “Fireline” software program that uses satellite photography to determine our additional risk assessment in the hillsides with a future outlook which she understands benefits insurance companies, and was put in place rendering an additional assessment of our insurance. She noted that it is unclear what its purpose is and asked if it serves the community and can it be removed. Dr. Longcore responded that he appreciated the comment and that it is one of others regarding probable losses. She would ask if the candidates had any anticipation of discontinuing the contract.

Dr. Holmes asked if the Q&A feature on Zoom will be operable today, to which Dr. Longcore provided an explanation of why we are *not* using that, considering the city’s requirements.

Isabelle Schenkel noted that she was with Stella and that she just received her renewal, was lucky not to have been canceled on zip code 90069; however, her home premium doubled from last year, and she was warned that this would just continue. This is one reason she has joined this call today, to gain understanding on how out of control things are coming up. She would like to know what do people do, canceled or not canceled, facing these premiums and what are the options?

2. **Forum on Insurance Issues with Candidates for California Insurance Commissioner**
Moderator, Alex Cohen

At 3:30pm, Dr. Longcore called the Forum to order, noting that this is topic is the most consequential for our neighborhoods in years.

A link to the forum can be found at the BABCNC’s YouTube Channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BjzWQx6q2lc>

Adjournment: The forum ended at 4:57pm.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday May 27th, at 7:00 P.M.

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