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Draft Minutes
Bel Air–Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council
Monthly Board Meeting — Wednesday, August 26, 2026, 7:00 P.M.
(Meeting Conducted Virtually via Zoom)

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
Evans, Ellen	Community Interest At-Large / <i>President</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 Trad. Stakeholder / <i>VP – Leg. Affairs</i>	X	
Levotman, Vadim	North of Sunset District / <i>Treasurer</i>	X	
Longcore, Travis Ph.D.	Custodians of Open Space / <i>Immediate Past 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	
<i>Ringler, Robert</i>	<i>Residents of Beverly Glen</i>		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>		0
Weinberg, Steven	Franklin-Coldwater District	X	
Weisberg, Leslie	Bel-Air Association		X
Wickers, Alonzo	At-Large Youth Rep		X
Total:		23	12

Brown Act / SB 707 Compliance Notice

In conformity with the January 1, 2026 enactment of California Senate Bill 707 (Durazo) and Los Angeles City Council File 23-1114, this meeting of the Bel Air–Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council was conducted entirely virtually, with public access provided via Zoom videoconference and by telephone. Public comment was accepted in real time, consistent with Government Code Section 54953.8.

Call to Order, Flag Salute & Roll Call

President Ellen Evans called the meeting to order at 7:09 P.M. after confirming that a quorum of the Board was present. Robert Schlesinger, assisted by Travis Longcore, Ph.D., led the flag salute. Secretary Timothy Steele, Ph.D. conducted a roll call of Board members. President Evans read the required Brown Act / SB 707 notices regarding public participation, translation services, and disruption procedures.

[There were 23 board members present and 12 absent; two members present were ineligible to vote.]

Robert Schlesinger and Steven Weinberg were identified by the Secretary as ineligible to vote at this meeting (e.g., for lack of current training required); Robert Schlesinger and Steven Weinberg were nonetheless recorded as contributing to quorum and discussion where present, consistent with Board practice.

1. Approval of August 26, 2026 Agenda

President Evans called for a motion to approve the agenda for the August 26, 2026 meeting.

MOTION

Motion: Approve the agenda for the August 26, 2026 meeting, as presented.

Moved by: Vadim Levotman

Seconded by: Lynn Roth

Vote: Adopted without objection.

2. Approval of Minutes

The Board considered approval of the June 24, 2026 minutes (Attachment A) and the July 22, 2026 minutes (Attachment B), the latter having been recently circulated. President Evans noted a garbled passage at the very end of the July 22 minutes, under Good of the Order, to be corrected.

MOTION

Motion: Approve the June 24, 2026 minutes (Attachment A) and the July 22, 2026 minutes (Attachment B), with correction of a transcription garble at the end of the July 22 minutes under Good of the Order.

Moved by: Maureen Smith, **Seconded by:** Robert Schlesinger

Vote: Adopted without objection, as corrected.

3. General Public Comment

The Board received public comment on matters within its jurisdiction that were not on the agenda. Consistent with the Brown Act, the Board took no action on these items.

- **Marlene Hakakha** raised concerns regarding emergency evacuation preparedness for Bel Air, prompted in part by the upcoming start of the school year at the Milken Community School. She asked whether the Council or City had resources to help manage anticipated increased traffic on Mulholland Drive and nearby streets and requested guidance on who the community could contact for traffic-control assistance.
- **Sheida Ashley** introduced herself as the newly appointed Region 11 Neighborhood Council Budget Advocate. She asked the Board to designate at least two representatives to liaise with the citywide

Budget Advocates program in its meetings with City department heads and requested a \$500 donation from the Board to help fund the Budget Advocates' work, noting that the mayor's office had defunded the group's operating budget.

4. Updates from Elected Officials and Agencies

The Board received informational updates from the following representatives; no Board action was taken.

- **Vahid Khorsand, Deputy Mayor of External Affairs (Office of Mayor Karen Bass)**, introduced himself and noted a current vacancy in the West LA area representative position, to be filled following recent staff promotions. In response to questions from Jamie Hall regarding the City's implementation of state minimum fire-safe road regulations (effective July 1, 2021) in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones, Deputy Mayor Khorsand agreed to elevate the issue to the mayor's office and referenced Executive Directive 19 on streamlining development-services coordination among City departments. In response to a question from Nickie Miner regarding a year-long streetlight outage on Abington Drive in Upper Benedict Canyon, Vahid asked that details, including any 311 service-request number, be sent to his office.
- **Kenneth Miller (representing Council District 5 / Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky)** reported on the office's urban tree-planting and cool-pavement programs; responded to earlier public comment regarding school-related traffic near Milken Community School, John Thomas Dye School, and Harvard-Westlake School, noting coordination with LADOT and LAPD; discussed the state Board of Forestry's newly adopted Zone Zero (defensible space) regulations and the office's advocacy to moderate the original proposal; described a forthcoming CD5 Community Wildfire Protection Plan being developed with My Safe LA; identified two priority street-repair locations (Nicada at Mulholland Drive, and Sunset Boulevard westbound near the Bel-Air Gate) as high priorities for the Bureau of Street Services; and gave an update on the Abington Drive streetlight outage and the citywide streetlight repair backlog. He answered follow-up questions from Amir Navab regarding EPAC outreach on Zone Zero implementation and enforcement penalties, and from Jonathan Brand regarding copper-wire theft as a cause of streetlight repair delays.
- **Anthony Avila, Office of Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin**, reported on AB 2692 (a Palisades-area HOA insurance/CC&R bill, signed into law) and on the status of the office's broader legislative package, and announced upcoming public-safety events for Ventura and Los Angeles Counties. He responded to a question from Vadim Levotman regarding SB 1203.
- **Farid Hadj, Office of Assemblymember Rick Zbur**, reported that 13 of Assemblymember Zbur's bills had passed the Assembly and were awaiting Senate floor votes ahead of the end-of-session deadline, and encouraged constituents to contact the office regarding pending legislation.
- **Sophia Liebman, Office of Senator Ben Allen**, reported that several bills of interest to Bel Air (a home-hardening loan program, an insurance non-renewal protection bill, and increased Department of Insurance enforcement funding) had passed appropriations and were awaiting final votes, and noted that Senator Allen was recently honored on the Senate floor as his final term concludes.
- **Erica Gatica, Los Angeles Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (EmpowerLA)**, announced an upcoming Homelessness Liaison meeting, a Brown Bag Lunch workshop on public-service-announcement outreach, and a program for using bus-shelter advertising to promote Neighborhood Council visibility. She noted that the Council's bylaws had been administratively updated with minor training-compliance language, since no bylaw amendments were submitted by the Council last fiscal year. Erica announced her upcoming maternity leave, with her director, Marilu Guevara covering the Council in her absence. marilu.guevara@lacity.org

President Evans also noted that Council District 4 has a new field deputy, Won Jung, who is expected to join the Board at a future meeting.

5. President's Report

President Evans reminded the Board that all required trainings must be current for members to vote and announced a special board meeting to be held on the following Sunday for Board members to jointly view newly required funding-related training videos.

President Evans proposed moving the November and December Board meetings to the third Wednesday of each month (November 18 and December 16, 2026) and proposed holding the December 16, 2026 meeting in person at TreePeople. Board members Aaron Lawrence and Robert Schlesinger spoke in support. There was consensus to proceed with an in-person meeting at TreePeople on December 16, 2026 (time to be determined); no formal vote was taken.

6. Update from BABCNC Public Schools Representative

Kristie Halsey Holmes, Ph.D., BABCNC's Public Schools Representative, discussed enrollment trends within LAUSD, noting a marked decline in students attending their locally-zoned schools beginning at the middle-school level, and increasing reliance on the LAUSD Schools Choices (eChoices) application and lottery process, which she noted opens October 1 for the coming school year. She discussed districtwide enrollment decline (from approximately 730,000 to 400,000 students over the last two decades), the complexity of the Choices process for families, and its effects on school transportation burdens and community cohesion. She indicated she plans to continue researching potential solutions, including with private-school representatives. Board members Aaron Kamin, Maureen Smith, Nickie Miner, and Aaron Lawrence asked clarifying questions. No Board action was taken.

7. Monthly Expenditure Report

The Board considered approval of the July 2026 Monthly Expenditure Report (Attachment C).

MOTION

Motion: Approve the July 2026 Monthly Expenditure Report, as attached to the agenda as Attachment C.

Moved by: Vadim Levotman

Vote: Adopted by roll call vote (21-0-0); with 12 absent and 2 ineligible.

All eligible Board members present and voting were recorded in favor; no votes in opposition were recorded. Robert Schlesinger and Steven Weinberg were recorded as present but ineligible to vote.

8. Bylaws, Rules and Elections Committee Report and Possible Action: Approve Election Form (Attachment D)

Robin Greenberg reported that the Bylaws, Rules and Elections Committee met on August 13, 2026 at 5:30 P.M. to complete the Neighborhood Council Election Information Worksheet. Key details: the Council's next election is scheduled for Sunday, June 6, 2027, with polling hours from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.; the polling location will be Harvard-Westlake Middle School (North Faring Road); and the Committee has confirmed arrangements with the school's facility contact, Stacy Marble.

MOTION

Motion: Approve the Neighborhood Council Election Information Worksheet (Attachment D), as completed by the Bylaws, Rules and Elections Committee.

Moved by: Robin Greenberg (motion came out of committee; no second required)

Vote: Adopted without objection.

9. 9988 W Reevesbury Drive — ZA-2025-3828-CU1 / ENV-2025-3829-EAF

Applicants: Ulara and Andrew Rogers. Representative: Iztchel Iannantuono (Iztchel Designs). Case filed 07/09/2025; assigned 07/11/2025; staff assigned: Esther Serrato.

Project Description: Remodel of an existing home to legalize a previously unpermitted basement level, add an adjacent staircase connecting the two levels, and convert an enclosed garage to an open carport. A Class 1 Conditional Use Permit is required because the abutting street (Reevesbury Drive) is substandard (18 feet, rather than the required 20 feet).

Committee Presentation: PLU Committee Co-Chair Michael Kemp reported that the Planning and Land Use Committee reviewed the case at its June 9, 2026 and August 11, 2026 meetings. He noted the home had been vacant for an extended period and that the applicant is seeking to complete and legalize the residence. At the August 11 meeting, the applicant responded to the Committee's June 9 conditions, including addressing Benedict Canyon Association feedback, confirming that proof of the waiver of dedication would be issued after the entitlement hearing, and agreeing to a worker-carpool requirement.

The PLU Committee's August 11 motion recommended approval of the project on the condition that proof of waiver of dedication is obtained (passed 10-0-0).

During Board Discussion, David Scott Kadin, speaking on behalf of the Benedict Canyon Association (BCA), reported that the BCA board reviewed the project, met with the applicant's representative, and — after considering outstanding City citations on the property and the applicant's obligation to clear them — voted not to oppose the applicant's request to proceed with the remodel. Travis Longcore clarified for the Board that the "waiver of dedication" concerns encroachment into the street right-of-way, voiced support for the PLU Committee's motion, and called the question.

MOTION

Motion: Recommend approval of the project at 9988 W. Reevesbury Drive (ZA-2025-3828-CU1), on the condition that proof of waiver of dedication is obtained, consistent with the recommendation of the Planning and Land Use Committee.

Vote: Adopted without objection. (*Motion passed 21-0-0, with 12 absences and 2 ineligible to vote.*)

10. 2620 N. Benedict Canyon Drive — ZA-2026-1036-ADJ / ENV-2026-1037-EAF

Applicant: 2620 Benedict Canyon LLC. **Representative:** Benjamin Eshaghian (Crest Real Estate). Case filed 02/26/2026; assigned 06/16/2026; staff assigned: Monique Acosta.

Project Description: Construction of a new 122-square-foot security guardhouse (including a closet and restroom) near the property's vehicular entrance, together with associated modification of an existing retaining wall and over-height perimeter fencing/pilasters, requiring Adjustment relief from the front-yard setback, the 55-foot accessory-structure setback, and fence-height standards.

Committee Presentation: Michael Kemp reported that the Planning and Land Use Committee heard the project at its August 11, 2026 meeting and voted (10-0-0) to take no exception to the project, subject to correction of minor errors (described as typographical) in the plans and application language concerning the applicable setbacks. Mr. Kemp confirmed he had since received and reviewed corrected drawings, which resolved the Committee's concerns.

Discussion: Mindy Rothstein Mann raised a question, previously discussed at the PLU Committee, regarding whether the guardhouse's location would leave adequate vehicle-queuing space at the driveway entrance, referencing an earlier concern raised by Nickie Miner about potential traffic or sightline issues on Benedict Canyon Drive. Representative Benjamin Eshaghian shared his screen to show the wall and guardhouse configuration, confirming the existing retaining wall would be rebuilt in the same position with only a portion removed to accommodate the guardhouse, and that the site plan provides for approximately 18–20 feet of driveway queuing space before the guard gate — which Michael Kemp confirmed using the plan dimensions. Board member Alan Kaye also asked clarifying questions regarding the site layout.

MOTION

Motion: Take no exception to the project at 2620 N. Benedict Canyon Drive (ZA-2026-1036-ADJ), subject to submission of corrected plans and findings, consistent with the recommendation of the Planning and Land Use Committee.

Vote: Adopted without objection. (*Motion passed 21-0-0, with 12 absences and 2 ineligible to vote.)*)

11. Reporting on City's Preparedness for Super El Niño (Council File 26-1169)

President Evans introduced the item, noting the Council File appeared oriented toward the Palisades area and proposing that the Board request the City's preparedness efforts also address BABCNC's hillside communities.

Discussion: Travis Longcore discussed landslide-hazard disclosures affecting most hillside properties in the neighborhood council area, cited recent examples of landslide damage in the area (including the "Bird Streets"), and recommended the Board emphasize landslide risk from extreme precipitation events — independent of prior wildfire activity — using statewide landslide-hazard mapping and database resources. Kenneth Miller (Council District 5) noted that the Council office is developing its own CD5-specific motion on hillside preparedness and welcomed BABCNC's input. David Scott Kadin asked which City department would be responsible for preparedness efforts; Travis Longcore identified the City's Emergency Management Department, working in coordination with the Bureau of Engineering, Bureau of Sanitation, Department of Recreation and Parks, Department of Water and Power, LAPD, and LAFD.

MOTION

Motion: Submit a Community Impact Statement supporting Council File 26-1169, requesting that the City's Super El Niño preparedness efforts include hillside communities throughout Los Angeles, including areas within BABCNC boundaries, with particular attention to hillside and roadway stability, storm drainage, mud- and debris-flow risk, emergency access and evacuation, and vegetation management in Fire Hazard Severity Zones, and further emphasizing landslide risk associated with extreme precipitation events within the Bel Air–Beverly Crest area.

Moved by: Travis Longcore, Ph.D.

Seconded by: Robert Schlesinger

Vote: Adopted without objection. (*Motion passed 21-0-0, with 12 absences and 2 ineligible to vote.)*)

12. Strengthen Protections for Homeowners Facing Insurance Nonrenewal or Reduced Coverage (Council File 25-0002-S132 / SB 1301 – Allen)

President Evans explained that the City annually adopts a legislative package weighing in on state bills, and that this item — SB 1301 (Allen) — would require insurance companies to explain the basis for cancelling or non-renewing a policy and to allow policyholders an opportunity to correct any fixable deficiency before cancellation. She noted the item needed to be submitted promptly, as the state legislative session was ending the following Monday.

MOTION

Motion: Submit a Community Impact Statement supporting inclusion of SB 1301 (Allen) in the City of Los Angeles's 2025–2026 State Legislative Program.

Moved by: Nickie Miner

Seconded by: Robert Schlesinger

Vote: Adopted without objection. (*Motion passed 21-0-0, with 12 absences and 2 ineligible to vote.)*)

13. Prohibit Hateful or Discriminatory Content in Official State Election Publications (Council File 25-0002-S129 / AB 1853 – Pellerin)

President Evans introduced the item, explaining that it responded to an incident in which a candidate for Governor included anti-Semitic statements in an official candidate statement published in the state voter guide. The proposed Community Impact Statement would support AB 1853 (Pellerin), which would establish content standards for candidate statements in official state election publications, prohibiting attacks on individuals or groups, hateful or discriminatory content, false or misleading claims, and links to external content.

Discussion: Michael Kemp and Maureen Levinson raised First Amendment concerns regarding the bill's restriction on "false or misleading claims," arguing that such a standard could be applied subjectively and might suppress legitimate candidate viewpoints. Lynn Roth and Nickie Miner argued that the content at issue was analogous to incitement and fell outside protected speech. David Scott Kadin proposed that the Board's support could be narrowed to focus specifically on anti-Semitic content. Jonathan Brand and Aaron Kamin spoke about the normalization of anti-Semitic rhetoric. President Evans shared personal family history relating to the rise of Nazi Germany and argued that incitement builds incrementally, and that the Board should not excuse hateful rhetoric on free-speech grounds alone.

Travis Longcore raised a constitutional concern that the bill's restriction on "false or misleading claims" was a viewpoint-based restriction that could be misused — for example, to exclude a candidate's disputed position on a topic such as Zone Zero — and proposed that the Board instead recommend that the state restrict candidate statements to viewpoint-neutral, subject-matter categories (such as education, professional experience, public service, community involvement, and qualifications), rather than a broader restriction on "misleading claims." Timothy Steele agreed the underlying goal was sound but cautioned that similarly worded restrictions have, in other contexts, been used against unrelated viewpoints. Alan Kaye argued that the Board should either support or oppose the bill as written, without amendment, to be effective. Aaron Kamin stated he supported proceeding notwithstanding anticipated legal challenges, as a statement of the Board's values.

MOTION

Motion: Amend the Community Impact Statement to recommend that the bill's content restrictions on candidate statements be limited to viewpoint-neutral, subject-matter categories (e.g., education, professional experience, public service, community involvement, and qualifications), and that the restriction on "false or misleading claims" be removed as overly broad.

Moved by: Travis Longcore, Ph.D.

Seconded by: Robert Schlesinger

Vote: Amending motion carried, 9–8 (3 abstentions), by roll call vote

YES (9): Aaron Lawrence, Ellen Evans, Robin Greenberg, David Scott Kadin, Travis Longcore, Tad Marburg, Stephanie Savage, Maureen Smith, Timothy Steele

NO (8): Maureen Levinson, Lynn Roth, Aaron Kamin, Vadim Levotman, Mindy Rothstein Mann, Alan Kaye, Michael Kemp, Amir Navab

ABSTAIN (3): Kristie Halsey Holmes, Nickie Miner, Jonathan Brand

2 Not voting (ineligible): Robert Schlesinger, Steven Weinberg

13 Absent for this vote: Jamie Hall, Elizabeth Barcohana, Bobby Kwan, David Christensen, Robert Ringler, Sandy Ryan, Irene Sandler, Jason Spradlin, Jonathan Silver, Patricia Templeton, Leslie Weisberg, Alonzo Wickers, Stacy Marble

MOTION

Motion: Submit a Community Impact Statement supporting AB 1853 (Pellerin), as amended, for inclusion in the City of Los Angeles's 2025–2026 State Legislative Program.

Moved by: Ellen Evans

Seconded by: Robert Schlesinger

Vote: Main motion, as amended, carried, 12–4 (3 abstentions), by roll call vote:

YES (12): Robin Greenberg, David Scott Kadin, Aaron Kamin, Vadim Levotman, Travis Longcore, Mindy Rothstein Mann, Alan Kaye, Nickie Miner, Tad Marburg, Stephanie Savage, Maureen Smith, Timothy Steele
NO (4): Maureen Levinson, Lynn Roth, Michael Kemp, Amir Navab
ABSTAIN (3): Ellen Evans, Kristie Halsey Holmes, Jonathan Brand
2 Not voting (ineligible): Robert Schlesinger, Steven Weinberg,
14 Absent for this vote: Aaron Lawrence, Jamie Hall, Elizabeth Barcohana, Bobby Kwan, David Christensen, Robert Ringler, Sandy Ryan, Irene Sandler, Jason Spradlin, Jonathan Silver, Patricia Templeton, Alonzo Wickers, Stacy Marble and Leslie Weisberg.

Note: The Secretary and the Minutes Taker cross-checked the roll call tallies live during the meeting due to transcription difficulties; the vote totals above reflect the Secretary's final, corrected tabulation as announced to the Board.

14. Zone Zero Local Control Ordinance / Expedite Drafting and Implementation (Council File 25-1428)

Travis Longcore reported that the state Board of Forestry has adopted new defensible-space ("Zone Zero") regulations for the five-foot zone around structures, which are proceeding toward emergency implementation following a procedural review and a five-day public comment period. The regulations would apply immediately to new construction, with a multi-year compliance window for existing structures. He explained that the state rule permits local jurisdictions to adopt alternative regulations that are demonstrated to be equally protective, which would shift the burden to the state to challenge the local approach, and cited his own research on the Palisades and Eaton fires suggesting limited benefit from certain vegetation-clearance requirements under wind-driven fire conditions. He recommended the City pursue a local alternative in partnership with My Safe LA and LAFD and noted that the City Council had previously directed LAFD and the City Attorney to present recommendations by December 2025, which had not yet occurred.

Mindy Rothstein Mann expressed concern that residents in her neighborhood have already begun removing trees in anticipation of Zone Zero requirements, and asked whether the City could issue a message asking residents to pause pending completion of the local regulations; President Evans noted that LADWP and LAFD had already sent conflicting notices to residents on this point.

MOTION

Motion: Submit a Community Impact Statement requesting that the Los Angeles Fire Department and City Attorney expeditiously complete and present the local Zone Zero alternative regulations directed by the City Council, consistent with the Council's adopted direction, and incorporating BABCNC's previously submitted comments on Zone Zero implementation.

Moved by: Travis Longcore, Ph.D.

Seconded by: Nickie Miner

Vote: Adopted without objection (**passed** 19-0-0; 14 absent; 2 ineligible).

15. CERT Training Availability for Neighborhood Council Members (Council File 26-0906-S4)

President Evans reported that a City Council motion originally proposed requiring a majority of Neighborhood Council board members to obtain and maintain Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) certification, but that the City Council instead approved an amended motion directing a report on how to make CERT training more accessible, rather than mandatory. President Evans noted she was supportive of the amended, non-mandatory approach given the time commitment CERT training requires, but proposed that the Board's support also ask the City to address: (1) how Neighborhood Council board members who complete CERT training are connected to their CERT battalion and community emergency response team; (2) whether a registry should exist identifying which board members are CERT-certified and battalion-affiliated; and (3)

what role, if any, CERT-trained board members would play in an activation or mobilization during a real emergency.

Discussion: Maureen Levinson raised concerns regarding the physical demands of CERT training for members with disabilities and asked whether participation would remain voluntary; President Evans confirmed the amended City Council motion focuses on expanding access rather than imposing a requirement. Maureen Smith and Aaron Kamin spoke in support of expanding access to CERT training for Board members. Amir Navab asked whether CERT training was already broadly available; President Evans responded that it did not appear to be available at a scale sufficient for all Neighborhood Council members.

MOTION

Motion: Support the amended City Council motion directing a report on expanding CERT training access for Neighborhood Council board members, and further request that the report address battalion/community emergency response team connection for CERT-trained board members, whether a CERT-certification registry should exist for Neighborhood Councils, and what role CERT-trained board members would play in an activation or mobilization plan.

Moved by: Ellen Evans

Seconded by: Maureen Smith

Vote: Adopted without objection (**passed** 19-0-0; 14 absent; 2 ineligible).

Good of the Order & Adjournment

- Travis Longcore reported that Upper Caribou Lane, closed since a landslide roughly two years ago, will finally be repaved, crediting Council District 5's sustained advocacy in securing funding and a contractor for the repair.
- Aaron Kamin reported attending a Neighborhood Council Olympics briefing on behalf of the Board and offered to share information regarding food-and-beverage vendor opportunities related to the 2028 Olympics.
- Maureen Levinson, the Board's homelessness liaison, announced an upcoming homelessness liaison meeting and recommended the documentary "Building Home" (available via beyondhomeless.org).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 P.M. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for September 23, 2026, to be held virtually only.

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