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BEL AIR–BEVERLY CREST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Monthly Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 28, 2026 · 7:00 P.M. Conducted virtually by Zoom and telephone

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	
Crane, Caprice for Hall, Jamie	Laurel Canyon Association	X	
Evans, Ellen	Community Interest At-Large / *President*	X	
Greenberg, Robin	Faith-Based Institutions / *VP – Operations*		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 / *VP – Leg. Affairs*	X	
Levotman, Vadim	North of Sunset District / *Treasurer*		X
Longcore, Travis Ph.D.	Custodians of Open Space / *Immediate Past President*	X	
M. Levinson for Goodman, Mark M.D.	Bel-Air Association	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	
Sandler, Irene	Bel Air Crest Master Association *(arr. 7:57 PM)*	X	
Savage, Stephanie	Laurel Canyon Assn.	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 / *Secretary*	X	
Taylor, Jason	Laurel Canyon Association *(seated tonight)*	X	
Templeton, Patricia	Bel Air Hills Association	X	
Weinberg, Steven	Franklin-Coldwater District	X	
Weisberg, Leslie	Bel-Air Association *(arr. 7:57 PM)*	X	
Wickers, Alonzo	At-Large Youth Rep	X	
Vacant Seat	*Casiano Estates Association*		*0*
Total:		**26**	**9**

Presiding officer: Ellen Evans, President **Minutes recorded by:** Cathy Palmer

Called to order: approximately 7:07 p.m. **Adjourned:** approximately 9:33 p.m.

This meeting was conducted virtually in conformity with California Senate Bill 707 (Durazo), effective January 1, 2026, and Los Angeles City Council File 23-1114. The public could attend and address the Board in real time by Zoom or by telephone (Gov. Code § 54953.8). These minutes record the actions taken by the Board; they are not a transcript of the proceedings.

Call to Order, Flag Salute and Roll Call

The President called the meeting to order, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and Timothy Steele, Ph.D., Secretary, called the roll.

Quorum. A quorum was declared present. Members who had not completed all required Board trainings were counted toward quorum but were ineligible to vote.

Present — eligible to vote (18)	Present — not eligible to vote (8)	Absent (9)
Ellen Evans, President Aaron Lawrence Maureen Levinson (standing in for Mark Goodman, MD) Lynn Roth David Kadin Kristie Halsey Holmes, Ph.D. Aaron Kamin Travis Longcore, Ph.D. Mindy Rothstein Mann Alan Kaye Michael Kemp Tad Marburg Stephanie Savage Maureen Smith Timothy Steele, Ph.D. Patricia Templeton Stacy Marble Steven Weinberg (not on the call during Items 10–14)	Nickie Miner David Christensen Irene Sandler Robert Schlesinger Leslie Weisberg (arrived during Item 6) Alonzo Wickers (arrived during roll call) Jason Taylor (new member) Caprice Crane (new Alternate member covering for Hall)	Elizabeth Barcohana Jonathan Brand Robin Greenberg Bobby Kwan Vadim Levotman Amir Navab Robert Ringler Jason Spradlin Jonathan Silver

1. Approval of October 28, 2026 Agenda

Aaron Lawrence moved to approve the agenda; Maureen Levinson seconded. The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

2. Approval of Minutes — September 23, 2026

Robert Schlesinger moved to approve the September 23, 2026 minutes (Attachment A); Lynn Roth seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent of the eligible members present.

3. General Public Comment

No public comment was offered.

4. Updates from Elected Officials and Agencies

Reports were given by Senior Lead Officer Raviol (LAPD Hollywood Division) and Sheida Ashley (Budget Advocate, Region 11). No Council District, state, federal or DONE representatives were present. No action was taken.

5. President's Report

The President gave her report. No action was taken.

6. Future Agenda Topics — Preview and Discussion

The President presented possible future agenda topics (CF 26-1382, CF 26-1397 and CF 26-0088-S2), and members identified their priorities for future agendas. No action was taken.

7. Committee Reports

Reports were given by the Outreach Committee (Mindy Mann, for Robin Greenberg) and by Maureen Levinson. No action was taken.

8. Monthly Expenditure Report

In the absence of the Treasurer, the President moved the report. A roll call vote was taken.

Motion	Approve the September 2026 Monthly Expenditure Report (Attachment B).
Moved / Seconded	Ellen Evans (Treasurer absent) / none
Yes (18)	Aaron Lawrence, Ellen Evans, Maureen Levinson (for Mark Goodman), Lynn Roth, David Kadin, Kristie Holmes, Aaron Kamin, Travis Longcore, Mindy Mann, Alan Kaye, Michael Kemp, Tad Marburg, Stephanie Savage, Maureen Smith, Timothy Steele, Patricia Templeton, Steven Weinberg, Stacy Marble
No (0)	—
Abstain (0)	—
Ineligible to vote (8)	Nickie Miner, David Christensen, Irene Sandler, Robert Schlesinger, Leslie Weisberg, Alonzo Wickers, Jason Taylor, Caprice Crane (new Alternate member covering for Hall)
Absent (9)	Elizabeth Barcohana, Jonathan Brand, Robin Greenberg, Bobby Kwan, Vadim Levotman, Amir Navab, Robert Ringler, Jason Spradlin, Jonathan Silver
Result	**Carried.**

9. Evacuation Planning and Infrastructure (Old Business)

Council File 25-0848 — AB 747 / City Compliance Status / Existing Evacuation Plans / Improve Evacuation Route Infrastructure.

Motion (as printed on the agenda)	BABCNC demands that the Department of City Planning, Emergency Management Department, LAFD, LAPD, LADOT and Bureau of Engineering immediately comply with the City Council's direction in CF 25-0848 and submit the evacuation-planning report due in November 2025, including the required evaluation of evacuation routes, capacity and bottlenecks, alternate ingress and egress, infrastructure needs and an implementation strategy; and further calls for the identification and development of specific evacuation-infrastructure projects that can be made grant-ready.
Moved / Seconded	Robert Schlesinger / Kristie Halsey Holmes

Public comment. None was offered.

Action. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent. At the Secretary's suggestion, each member's vote was recorded as in Item 8.

Yes (18)	Aaron Lawrence, Ellen Evans, Maureen Levinson (for Mark Goodman), Lynn Roth, David Kadin, Kristie Holmes, Aaron Kamin, Travis Longcore, Mindy Mann, Alan Kaye, Michael Kemp, Tad Marburg, Stephanie Savage, Maureen Smith, Timothy Steele, Patricia Templeton, Steven Weinberg, Stacy Marble
No (0)	—
Abstain (0)	—
Ineligible to vote (8)	Nickie Miner, David Christensen, Irene Sandler, Robert Schlesinger, Leslie Weisberg, Alonzo Wickers, Jason Taylor, Caprice Crane (new Alternate member covering for Hall)
Absent (9)	Elizabeth Barcohana, Jonathan Brand, Robin Greenberg, Bobby Kwan, Vadim Levotman, Amir Navab, Robert Ringler, Jason Spradlin, Jonathan Silver
Result	**Carried.**

10. Data Center Development Moratorium (Old Business)

Council File 26-1284 — Data Center Development / Electrical Grid Capacity, Water Supply, Drought Resilience, Ratepayer Costs / Temporary Moratorium / Hyperscalers.

Motion (as printed on the agenda)	BABCNC supports CF 26-1284, a proposed temporary moratorium on new hyperscale data center development pending review of impacts to LADWP grid capacity, water supply, drought resilience, and ratepayer costs, noting that hillside communities within BABCNC territory depend on that same grid and water infrastructure for emergency reliability, including fire response and evacuation, and have a particular stake in protecting its capacity from being strained by large new concentrated demand elsewhere in the LADWP system.
Moved / Seconded	Aaron Lawrence / Maureen Smith

Public comment. None was offered. A roll call vote was taken.

Yes (12)	Aaron Lawrence, Lynn Roth, Kristie Holmes, Aaron Kamin, Travis Longcore, Mindy Mann, Tad Marburg, Stephanie Savage, Maureen Smith, Timothy Steele, Patricia Templeton, Stacy Marble
No (0)	—

Abstain (5)	Ellen Evans, Maureen Levinson, David Kadin, Alan Kaye, Michael Kemp
Ineligible to vote (8)	Nickie Miner, David Christensen, Irene Sandler, Robert Schlesinger, Leslie Weisberg, Alonzo Wickers, Jason Taylor, Caprice Crane (new Alternate member covering for Hall)
Absent (10)	Elizabeth Barcohana, Jonathan Brand, Robin Greenberg, Bobby Kwan, Vadim Levotman, Amir Navab, Robert Ringler, Jason Spradlin, Jonathan Silver, Steven Weinberg (not on the call)
Result	**Carried** (the 11 affirmative votes required were met).

11. Proposed Ad Hoc Committee on Charter Review (Old Business)

Council Files 26-1238 / 26-0489 — Ad Hoc Committee on Charter Review / Amendments / Governing Provisions / Deadlines and Procedures / Public-Facing Matrix / Solicit Testimony.

Motion	BABCNC opposes CF 26-1238 and the related Charter Reform Commission recommendations under CF 26-0489, because it proposes another charter-review process after substantial City, public and community resources have already been devoted to the same issues, without identifying what would be materially different, establishing a clear path to decisions and implementation, or demonstrating a commitment to act on reforms that emerge from meaningful public and stakeholder participation.
Moved / Seconded	Aaron Kamin / Timothy Steele

Public comment. Received from Sheida Ashley. A roll call vote was taken.

Yes (9)	Lynn Roth, Aaron Kamin, Travis Longcore, Mindy Mann, Alan Kaye, Tad Marburg, Maureen Smith, Timothy Steele, Stacy Marble
No (2)	Aaron Lawrence, Michael Kemp
Abstain (6)	Ellen Evans, Maureen Levinson, Kristie Holmes, David Kadin, Stephanie Savage, Patricia Templeton
Ineligible to vote (8)	Nickie Miner, David Christensen, Irene Sandler, Robert Schlesinger, Leslie Weisberg, Alonzo Wickers, Jason Taylor, Caprice Crane (new Alternate member covering for Hall)
Absent (10)	Elizabeth Barcohana, Jonathan Brand, Robin Greenberg, Bobby Kwan, Vadim Levotman, Amir Navab, Robert Ringler, Jason Spradlin, Jonathan Silver, Steven Weinberg (not on the call)
Result	**Failed.** Dr. Steele stated that 11 affirmative votes are required to act; the motion received 9.

12. Van Nuys Airport Rezoning (Case No. CPC-2026-2843-ZC)

Council Files 23-1339 / 05-2286. Proposed Zone Change modifying the "Q" Condition Boundary Map of Ordinance 177327 to expand aviation-related uses at Van Nuys Airport.

Motion (as printed on the agenda)	BABCNC opposes Case No. CPC-2026-2843-ZC and expansion of aviation at Van Nuys Airport, citing impacts on residents from flight paths over BABCNC territory and on hillside wildlife habitat, consistent with the Board's 2023 position supporting CF 22-1489.

Moved / Seconded	Mindy Mann / Nickie Miner

Public comment. None was offered. A roll call vote was taken.

Yes (14)	Maureen Levinson, Lynn Roth, Kristie Holmes, David Kadin, Aaron Kamin, Travis Longcore, Mindy Mann, Alan Kaye, Michael Kemp, Stephanie Savage, Maureen Smith, Timothy Steele, Patricia Templeton, Stacy Marble
No (0)	—
Abstain (3)	Ellen Evans, Tad Marburg, Aaron Lawrence
Ineligible to vote (8)	Nickie Miner, David Christensen, Irene Sandler, Robert Schlesinger, Leslie Weisberg, Alonzo Wickers, Jason Taylor, Caprice Crane (new Alternate member covering for Hall)
Absent (10)	Elizabeth Barcohana, Jonathan Brand, Robin Greenberg, Bobby Kwan, Vadim Levotman, Amir Navab, Robert Ringler, Jason Spradlin, Jonathan Silver, Steven Weinberg (not on the call)
Result	**Carried.**

13. Missing Middle LA

Discussion and possible action: Submit detailed comment on the City Planning "Missing Middle LA" initiative, to ensure very high fire hazard severity zones are protected from dangerous densification (Attachment D).

Motion	Send a letter to City Planning asking that the Addendum to the EIR be released now; that the City explain how the Addendum accounts for the 2025 fires and the updated Fire Hazard Severity Zone maps; that a supplemental EIR be prepared if the analysis relies on pre-2025 conditions; that very high fire hazard severity zones be excluded from any Missing Middle ordinance until that analysis is complete; and that the City make public the findings of the Safety Element Hillside Working Group and the UCLA Hillside Streets Study.
Moved / Seconded	Ellen Evans / Maureen Levinson

Public comment. None was offered. A roll call vote was taken.

Yes (16)	Aaron Lawrence, Maureen Levinson, Lynn Roth, Kristie Holmes, David Kadin, Aaron Kamin, Travis Longcore, Mindy Mann, Alan Kaye, Michael Kemp, Tad Marburg, Stephanie Savage, Maureen Smith, Timothy Steele, Patricia Templeton, Stacy Marble
No (0)	—
Abstain (1)	Ellen Evans
Ineligible to vote (8)	Nickie Miner, David Christensen, Irene Sandler, Robert Schlesinger, Leslie Weisberg, Alonzo Wickers, Jason Taylor, Caprice Crane (new Alternate member covering for Hall)
Absent (10)	Elizabeth Barcohana, Jonathan Brand, Robin Greenberg, Bobby Kwan, Vadim Levotman, Amir Navab, Robert Ringler, Jason Spradlin, Jonathan Silver, Steven Weinberg (not on the call)
Result	**Carried.**

14. Neighborhood Council Member Indemnification (New Business)

Discussion and possible action concerning options for protecting Neighborhood Council board members from personal liability for good-faith actions taken in their NC roles.

Public comment. Received from Rouzbeh Zarrinbakhsh.

Motion (as printed on the agenda)	Neighborhood Council board members are unpaid volunteers who serve as City officials, yet the City defends them only in limited circumstances, leaving them personally exposed to lawsuits arising from their NC work. In today's litigious environment, few people will want to volunteer once they understand that risk. The City recognized this problem in 2001 (CF 01-2215), but no lasting policy resulted. The Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council moves to: 1. Send a letter to the City Council, including Councilmembers for CD4 and CD5, respectfully requesting that the Council introduce a motion directing the City Administrative Officer (Risk Management), the City Attorney, and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to report back on options for protecting Neighborhood Council board members from personal liability for good-faith actions taken in their NC roles, including: (a) the cost of providing group directors-and-officers or public officials liability coverage for all Neighborhood Councils, based on actual quotes; (b) the alternative of a clear, written City policy for defending board members, including defending under a reservation of rights while scope questions are resolved; (c) the history of lawsuits and defense requests involving NC board members, and how each was resolved; and 2. Request that the City make this a priority for Neighborhood Councils, so that volunteers can serve without risking their personal finances. 3. Request from the City Attorney's Neighborhood Council Advice Division its current written guidance on indemnification of NC board members and the process for requesting a defense, to be shared with all board members. 4. Authorize the President to bring this motion to the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils and the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition, and to share it with other Neighborhood Councils, inviting them to adopt similar positions. 5. Submit a Community Impact Statement in support of any related council file once one is opened.
Moved / Seconded	Ellen Evans / Lynn Roth

A roll call vote was taken.

Yes (16)	Aaron Lawrence, Maureen Levinson, Lynn Roth, Kristie Holmes, David Kadin, Aaron Kamin, Travis Longcore, Mindy Mann, Alan Kaye, Michael Kemp, Tad Marburg, Stephanie Savage, Maureen Smith, Timothy Steele, Patricia Templeton, Stacy Marble
No (0)	—
Abstain (1)	Ellen Evans
Ineligible to vote (7)	Nickie Miner, David Christensen, Irene Sandler, Robert Schlesinger, Leslie Weisberg, Jason Taylor, Caprice Crane (new Alternate member covering for Hall)
Absent (11)	Elizabeth Barcohana, Jonathan Brand, Robin Greenberg, Bobby Kwan, Vadim Levotman, Amir Navab, Robert Ringler, Jason Spradlin, Jonathan Silver, Steven Weinberg (not on the call) and Alonzo Wickers (who left)

Result	**Carried.**

15. Planning Appeal Fee Increase (CF 09-0969-S4)

Not taken up. Held over to the next meeting.

16. StreetsLA Tree-Well Staffing & Resource Plan (CF 26-1333)

Not taken up. Held over to the next meeting.

Good of the Order

Announcements were made by Mindy Mann, Patricia Templeton, Leslie Weisberg and the President.

Adjournment

Patricia Templeton moved to adjourn. The President declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:33 p.m.

Next Board meetings: November 18, 2026, 7:00 P.M. (virtual); December 16, 2026 (in person; time to be announced). Both meetings are one week earlier than usual because of the holidays.