Special General Board, Budget, & Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 29, 2026

IN CONFORMITY WITH THE JANUARY 1, 2026 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 707 (DURAZO) AND LA CITY COUNCIL FILE 23-1114, THE SUNLAND-TUJUNGA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY.

1. Welcome, Call to Order & Roll Call (Cindy Cleghorn). 6:49pm. *Note: This meeting was held at this time primarily to address specific funding items with end-of-year budget considerations. In consideration of keeping the meeting short, not all items were discussed.*

Board Member	Roll Call	Funding Voting Eligibility	Board Appointment
Lydia Grant	Present	Yes	President
Armen Mardirousi	Absent	Yes	1st VP
Melissa Sagastume	Present	Yes	2nd VP
TBD	TBD	TBD	Treasurer (Barry Glover resigned)
Cindy Cleghorn	Present	Yes	Correspondence Sec
Karen Moran	Present	Yes	Recording Sec
Leny Freeman	Present	Yes	Region 1 Rep
VACANT			Region 1 Rep
Sherry McCoy	Present	Yes	Region 2 Rep.
Mikal McEnany	Absent	Yes	Region 3 Rep
Dillon Dorothy	Present	Yes	Region 3 Rep
Jon von Gunten	Absent	Yes	Region 3 Rep.
Vicky Cerpa*	Absent	No	Region 4 Rep.

Board Member	Roll Call	Funding Voting Eligibility	Board Appointment
Dante Jose Calvo	Absent	Yes	Region 4 Rep
Mark Seigel	Present	Yes	Region 4 Rep
VACANT			Region 4 Rep
Cheryl Schmidt	Present	Yes	Public Safety Rep
Nina Royal	Absent	Yes	Senior Rep
Vartan Keshish	Absent	Yes	Community Interest Rep
Members of the Community (MC) with information as identified.			
Carol Hutchinson			MC
9 present; 7 absent (16 total)			

2. Discussion and Possible Action regarding any Board Member attendance and completion of required City training. No discussion at this time.
3. Public Comments - non agenda items. No discussion at this time.
4. Board & Committee Member Comments - 4TH OF JULY PARADE. A general discussion ensued about who would be doing what during the parade with comments from Cheryl, Dante, Jon, Cindy, Mark, Melissa and Dante. Dante is spending some money and will address reimbursement later. Carol has a friend who has a Statue of Liberty costume and can ride on the STNC float, which was enthusiastically embraced.
5. [BOARD] Discussion / Action regarding Treasurer vacancy and immediate tasks:
    a. Appoint Treasurer. Barry Glover has given his resignation and Carol Hutchinson has offered to assume the role; Carol has been a Treasurer in the past and the Board was enthusiastic about her offer to assume the job. A vote was taken which passed.

Item 5a. Motion to approve Carol Hutchinson as Treasurer. **Motion: Grant Second: Sagastume**					
Yes	**No**	**Abstain**	**Ineligible**	**Recuse**	**Absent**
Grant, Sagastume, Cleghorn, Moran, McCoy, Freeman, von Gunten, Dorothy, Seigel, Schmidt ***10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 ineligible, 6 absent, 16 total***					Maridirousi, Cerpa, Calvo, McEnany, Royal, Keshish

b. Approve Annual 2026-27 NC Funding Budget Package including cardholders, second signature commitments, recurring payments. Melissa asked how many card holders there could be. Lydia said 2. A motion was made and seconded and a vote taken which passed.

Item 5b. Motion to Approve Annual 2026-27 NC Funding Budget Package including cardholders, second signature commitments, recurring payments. **Motion: Grant Second: Sagastume**					
Yes	**No**	**Abstain**	**Ineligible**	**Recuse**	**Absent**
Grant, Sagastume, Cleghorn, Moran, McCoy, von Gunten, Dorothy, Seigel, Schmidt ***9 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 ineligible, 7 absent, 16 total***					Maridirousi, Cerpa, Calvo, McEnany, Royal, Keshish, Freeman

c. Current STNC Funding Balance: **$12,998.09** remaining for the fiscal year rollover of all unspent funds. Cindy shared the report and Lydia and Cindy discussed some individual items.

d. Status of Zoom payment. No discussion at this time.

e. Status of inventory and disposal of items to City. No discussion at this time.

f. Funding payments expected to pay after July 1 (includes card and check payments). No discussion at this time.

    i. ST Rotary - 4th of July Sponsor
    ii. ST Elks - National Night Out Sponsor
    iii. McGroarty Art Center - August BBB Sponsor
    iv. Budget Advocates - Sponsor
    v. NC Congress - Sponsor

g. Other funding items

6. [BOARD] Discussion/Motion: Approve May 2026 Monthly Expenditure Report. A motion was made and seconded and a vote taken which passed.

Item 6. Motion to Approve May 2026 Monthly Expenditure Report. **Motion: Cleghorn Second: Grant**					
Yes	**No**	**Abstain**	**Ineligible**	**Recuse**	**Absent**
Grant, Sagastume, Cleghorn, Moran, McCoy, von Gunten, Dorothy, Seigel, Schmidt, Freeman ***10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 ineligible, 6 absent, 16 total***					Maridirousi, Cerpa, Calvo, McEnany, Royal, Keshish,

7. [BOARD] **Discussion regarding candidates** for Region 1, Region 2, Region 4, and Education Board and committees. Ross Herman, a previous member of the STNC Board, has agreed to be on the Board again in the capacity of a Region 4 Rep. A motion was made to approve Ross Herman for STNC Board Region 4 Rep, seconded and a vote taken which passed.

Item 7. Motion to approve Ross Herman for STNC Board Region 4 Rep. **Motion: Cleghorn Second: Grant**					
Yes	**No**	**Abstain**	**Ineligible**	**Recuse**	**Absent**
Grant, Sagastume, Cleghorn, Moran, McCoy, von Gunten, Dorothy, Seigel, Schmidt, Freeman ***10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 ineligible, 6 absent, 16 total***					Maridirousi, Cerpa, Calvo, McEnany, Royal, Keshish,

8. [BOARD] **Discussion/Possible Action to submit CIS to 26-0489 (CFMS) City of Los Angeles Charter Reform** Discussion and Possible Motion to comment on the elements of charter reform that the City Council voted to put on the ballot. BACKGROUND: On June 17, 2026, the City Council voted to advance a package of charter amendments to the November 3, 2026 ballot, including doubling Recreation and Parks Department funding and allowing noncitizen voting in certain local elections, while deferring council expansion, ranked-choice voting, voting age reduction, and the city attorney role split to a new ad hoc Council committee targeting a 2028 ballot. The City Attorney's Office is now drafting official ballot language, with a final Council vote expected in the coming weeks.

   A lively discussion ensued with comments from Melissa, Lydia, Dillon, Mark, Cindy, Cheryl, Jon. The motion is against non-citizens being allowed to vote for City candidates. There was some concern that non-citizens who paid taxes or could be subjected to a draft in the future would not be allowed to vote. Some suggestions were made to include caveats in the CIS that addressed these concerns while others felt this would not be realistic to implement (*e.g.* to prove that the person was a home-owner who paid taxes). Lydia said that this is currently only for the City Attorney to get our viewpoint; the City Attorney is drafting final language at this time; we can adjust the CIS at a later time. A yes vote would mean that we are voting against non-citizen voting. A vote was taken which did not pass (TBC).

Item 8. Motion to approve submitting a CIS to 26-0489 (CFMS) City of Los Angeles Charter Reform to comment on the elements of charter reform that the City Council voted to put on the ballot.

Motion: Grant Second: von Gunten

Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recuse	Absent
Grant, Cleghorn, Moran, McCoy, von Gunten, Schmidt, Freeman ***7 yes, 2 no, 1 abstain, 0 ineligible, 6 absent, 16 total***	Sagastume, Dorothy,	Seigel			Maridirousi, Cerpa, Calvo, McEnany, Royal, Keshish

9. [BOARD] **Discussion/Possible Action:** Mayor Declaration of Emergency - Given the significant impact the smoke has had across the city—particularly in Boyle Heights. No discussion at this time. No vote taken.

10. **[BOARD + EXEC] Discussion/Possible Action:** Approval of outstanding meeting minutes. No vote; postponed.

11. [EXEC] Discussion: Status of CPRA request. Lydia provided a status. Karen asked if this was an intrusive effort and Lydia felt it would not be; it is more of a research project being done.

12. **[EXEC] Discussion/Possible Action:** Status of updated STNC Bylaws submitted to DONE. No response from DONE yet per Lydia and Cindy.

13. [EXEC] Discussion: Standing Rules - discussion meeting 7/13/26 on Zoom. There has been no response from DONE yet, per Lydia and Cindy.

14. [EXEC] **Discussion/Possible Action:** Approval of the July 8, 2026 Board Meeting Agenda, including Committee Reports and scheduled presenters.

    Cindy said that she didn't have a formal draft agenda at this time, but would include items discussed herein. Lydia said that funding items not approved in the past would also be included in the July Board meeting and wanted to keep the agenda light in view of summer commitments people had. Lydia noted that for National Night Out (NNO) we typically vote for up to $2,000 for NNO which includes food for 700 people (condiments, chips, cookies, ice, water and decorations) noting that we have not used the amount in the past and are not expecting to use it now.

15. Adjourn, 7:37pm