



Northridge East Neighborhood Council

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**NENC Board Meeting
 Draft Minutes
 June 19, 2024
 7:08PM-9:20PM**

Zoom Virtual Meeting
 Meeting Access Information:
<https://zoom.us/j/92753645271>
 Meeting ID: 927 5364 5271
 Password: no password required
 Toll Free number 888-475-44999

Boardmember	Roll Call	Funding Vote Eligible*	Category
Glenn Bailey President	Present	Yes	At Large Stakeholder
Judy Diamond Treasurer	Absent /Excused	Yes	At Large Stakeholder
Sean Laird	Present	Yes	Resident Boardmember
Stephanie Mills 1 st Vice President	Present	Yes	Property Owner
Shefali Mistry	Absent/Excused	Yes	CSUN Faculty
Barbara Nitkin	Absent/ Excused	Yes	Resident Boardmember
Ken Ross 2 nd Vice President	Present	Yes	Property Owner
Keiry Saravia	Present	No	CSUN Student Body
Sydney Thiroux Secretary	Present	Yes	Resident Boardmember
Christopher Meredith	Present	Yes	Alternate 1
Philip Dagort	Present	Yes	Alternate 2
Garry Fordyce	Present	Yes	Alternate 3
Vacant			Resident Boardmember
Vacant			Resident Boardmember
Vacant			Resident Boardmember
Vacant			Resident Boardmember
Vacant			Business Owner or Employee
Vacant			Youth
TOTAL: 09 +03 Alternates	PRESENT 06- Absent 03 + Alternate-03 Absent 00 At Roll Call		

1. Start Recording, Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome to Stakeholders; Introductory Comments (audio/visual participation and recusal reminders; public comment) **The Recording was started and the meeting was called to order at 7:08PM. by President Glenn Bailey. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Stephanie Mills. Boardmembers were reminded about potential conflicts of interest and reminded to contact the City Attorney. Mr. Bailey explained how to make comments on the agenda items. All Boardmembers were eligible to vote.**
2. Roll Call, Seating of Alternate(s), Determination of Quorum, Voting Eligibility (Ethics, Funding, Code of Conduct (renewal due extended to 7/1/2024), Anti-Bias, Gender Expression and Gender Identity (due by 7/1/2024); view Board member training status at www.EmpowerLA.org/NENC); Abstentions="No"

NENC ITEM: 2 Roll Call		
Present-06+ 03 Alternates	Absent-00	Excused-03
Bailey, Laird, Mills, Ross, Saravia, Thiroux Alternates: Dagort, Fordyce, Meredith	None	Diamond, Mistry, Nitkin

Christopher Meredith was seated for a Vacant Resident Seat

Philip Dagort was seated for a Vacant Resident Seat

Garry Fordyce was seated for the Business Owner or Employee Seat

- a. Board member remote participation requests for this or any upcoming NENC meetings pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(f) ([AB 2449](#)). [NOTE: If applicable, disclosure of anyone age 18+ also present is required.] **No Action Taken**
3. Notice of NENC Board Vacancies - Four Resident seats (2027), one Business/Employee seat (2025) and one Youth seat (2025). Qualified Stakeholders interested in serving may obtain more information by emailing: info@NENC-LA.org Documentation will be required. Per NENC Bylaws, appointment is made by the President and approved by the Board. - possible MOTION(s) **President Bailey stated that someone is interested in the Youth Seat**
 - a. Seating of New Board Member(s) - **Keiry Saravia, CSUN Student Board Member-joined the Board this evening.**
Glenn Bailey had her repeat the Neighborhood Council Pledge Keiry Saravia- She wants to get her English Teaching Credentials. She will be a Junior next Fall.
 4. Agenda Setting Meeting 6/10/2024 Participation: Bailey, Mills, Thiroux, Ross—**Ken Ross filled in for Judy Diamond at the meeting.**
 5. Approval of Minutes – May 15, 2024 and any other earlier dates

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed

NENC ITEM 5. Motion to approve the May 15, 2024 Meeting Minutes				
Moved: Meredith Second: Mills				
Yes-08	No-00	Abstain-01	Ineligible-00	Absent-03
Bailey, Laird, Mills, Ross, Thiroux, Alternates: Dagort, Fordyce, Meredith	None	Saravia	None	Diamond, Mistry, Nitkin

- a. Links to Zoom recordings of Board meetings are posted on NENC [Agendas and Minutes webpage](#)
6. Financial Item(s) - Discussion and possible action:
 - a. Approval of May 2024 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) - amount spent: \$1,940.72

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed

NENC ITEM 6a. Motion to approve the May 2024 Monthly Expenditure Report				
Moved: Mills Second: Fordyce				
Yes-08	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-01	Absent-03
Bailey, Laird, Mills, Ross, Thiroux, Alternates: Dagort, Fordyce, Meredith	None	None	Saravia	Diamond, Mistry, Nitkin

(All NC MERs are posted on City Clerk’s [NC Funding System Dashboard](#); click on MER tab. Recent NENC MERs with back up documentation are also posted on the NENC website under Finance Committee: <https://www.nenc-la.org/committees/budget-and-finance-committee/>)

- b. MOTION to approve Fiscal Year 2024-2025 recurring expenses, including but not limited to Bridgegap for minutes preparation (not to exceed \$250 per month) and Northridge Woman’s Club for meeting space (\$210 per month of usage).

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed

NENC ITEM 6b. Motion to approve Fiscal Year 2024-2025 recurring expenses, including but not limited to Bridgegap for minutes preparation (not to exceed \$250 per month) and Northridge Woman’s Club for meeting space (\$210 per month of usage).				
Moved: Fordyce Second: Meredith				
Yes-08	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-01	Absent-03
Bailey, Laird, Mills, Ross, Thiroux, Alternates: Dagort, Fordyce, Meredith	None	None	Saravia	Diamond, Mistry, Nitkin

- c. NOTICE: For Fiscal Year 2024-2025, the rollover of unspent/uncommitted NC funds will include all unspent/uncommitted funds from the previous year but all such funds must be spent during that subsequent year. **Reviewed**

7. Announcements/Presentations/Guest Speakers

- a. **David Bright, West Valley Area Representative, Office of Mayor Karen Bass** for an introduction and update from the Mayor’s Office David.Bright@lacity.org
The most significant things in the budget are the Police and Safety, and the Homelessness, we are increasing the amount of affordable housing units we have. We had a zoom meeting to talk about the future Chief of Police. June 29, 2024 Pride Event (information Item c). Mr. Bailey would like Carmen Chang to speak at the VANC Meeting Mr. Fordyce thinks the listening tour should be agendized by each Neighborhood Council.
- b. **Juneteenth National Independence Day Observance** - “Juneteenth, short for June Nineteenth, marks the day enslaved African Americans in Texas were told they were free, officially ending slavery in the United States following the Civil War. Although President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, it was not until nearly two years later, on June 19, 1865, that freedom was granted to all.” - [LA Civil Rights Department](#)
Ms. Thiroux did a presentation.
- c. **San Fernando Valley PRIDE March & Block Party Saturday, June 29, 2024** - [RSVP](#)
- d. **Metro North San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor Project** community meetings held 6/13/2024 - installation of peak hour bus lanes on Roscoe Boulevard begins 6/17/2024 for three months – **Reviewed.** [info](#)

8. Public comments on non-agenda items within the NENC’s subject matter jurisdiction (up to two minutes per speaker)
 - a. **Lionel Mares the City Council voted for Charter Reform to be on the November Ballot. The Sewage Fees are going up. Budget Day was a success.**

9. Comments/Reports from Representatives of Public Officials [Mayor](#) (David Bright), [CD 12](#) (Myrka Martinez); LAUSD [BD 3](#); [AD 40](#) (Uzoamaka Aniezue);
 - a. CD 12: Conversations with Councils held 5/20/2024 reports-**Myrka Martinez sent a report to Mr. Bailey**
 - b. **Scott Schmerelson-Board District 3 has the highest performing schools. He oversees 205 Schools.**
 - c. **AD 40 Pilar Schiavo- Uzoamaka Aniezue-Put a report in chat.**
 - d. **Youth Open Seat- Samuel Avendano -He may fill the youth Seat at the next meeting. He is an 11th grader at Granada Hills Charter School. His interests are Government Relations and Political Science.**

10. Comments/Updates/Announcements by Representatives of City Departments such as [LAPD/C-PAB](#)), [LAFD](#) (Batt. Chief John Ignatczyk), [DONE](#) (NEA Octaviano Rios octaviano.rios@lacity.org), [BONC](#) (North Valley [Commissioner Keren Waters](#)) and Representatives of [CSUN](#) and Other Public Agencies and NC-Related Entities (up to three minutes each unless arrangement for additional time is made at least six days in advance)
 - a. DONE and BONC updates
 - i. New Code of Conduct and Gender Expression/Identity trainings **deadline extended to 7/1/2024**
 1. NENC implementation of Stakeholder members of NENC Committees for [new \(2/20/2024\) Code of Conduct Policy](#) training requirement
 - ii. “Empowering Communities: Understanding Neighborhood Councils’ Role in City Budget Advocacy” virtual workshop held 5/30/2024 **Link to report on Website.**
 - iii. BONC North Valley NC Summit is scheduled for Saturday September 21, 2024, 9 am to 12 pm in Granada Hills. Mayor Bass is expected to attend. **RSVP required.**
 - b. City Clerk: NC Elections in 2025 will be held Vote by Mail only; Region 2 Election Day will be Tuesday, May 20, 2025 (postmark deadline to return Ballots)-**Reviewed**
 - c. CSUN reports and updates - Shefali Mistry and Keiry Saravia-**Ms. Saravia- The school is still hiring and filling the student seats. An interim Executive Director has been hired for the Associated Students.**
 - i. Hiring of Assistant Director of Government and Community Relations- **Final interviews are being done.**
 - ii. [Associated Students](#) update **They are currently working on the ideas for Fall in regards to student engagement.**
 - d. NC Budget Advocates: NCBA Monthly [Report to NC](#) (posted once released). NC Budget Day held 6/15/2024 report. New Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget Council File is [CF 24-0600](#). NENC City budget and service priorities. Budget Representatives (Glenn Bailey/Garry Fordyce). Reviewed www.budgetadvocates.org/

11. Items from Previous Board Meetings -None

12. Committee Reports - Standing: Beautification (Baker/Bachelor); Education (Peterson); Executive (Bailey); Finance (Diamond); Homelessness (Ross); Outreach (Mills); Planning and Land Use (Diamond/Nitkin); Public Safety (Thiroux/Nitkin) and Sustainability (Bailey/Nitkin). Ad Hoc: Animal Welfare (Ross/Diamond);

Bylaws (Bailey/Mills); Dearborn Park (Diamond/Nitkin); Van Nuys Airport (Nitkin/Diamond); Weed Abatement (Bachelder) - Discussion and possible action:-**No Reports**

- a. Establishment of new and/or dissolution of existing Ad Hoc committees: establish 2025 NC Election Committee - possible MOTION

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed

NENC ITEM 12a. Motion to approve an Ad hoc Election Committee				
Moved: Bailey Second: Meredith				
Yes-09	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-03
Bailey, Laird, Mills, Ross, Saravia, Thiroux, Alternates: Dagort, Fordyce, Meredith	None	None	None	Diamond, Mistry, Nitkin

- b. Appointment of Committee Chairs or Co-Chairs by President subject to confirmation by Board. **No action taken.**
- c. Approval of Committee members as requested by Committee Chair/Co-Chairs Mills, Meredith, Keiry, Glenn

Public Comment: No comment\

Motion: Passed

NENC ITEM 12c. Motion to approve the Ad hoc Election Committee Members: Mills, Meredith, Saravia, and Bailey. Also, to add Saravia to the Education Committee as an Alternate.				
Moved: Meredith Second: Mills				
Yes-09	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-03
Bailey, Laird, Mills, Ross, Saravia, Thiroux, Alternates: Dagort, Fordyce, Meredith	None	None	None	Diamond, Mistry, Nitkin

- d. Announcement of upcoming Committee meeting dates: Education 7/13/2024, 9 am; Executive 7/8/2024, 4:30 pm (all dates/times subject to confirmation) **Reviewed**
- e. Executive: Neighborhood Purposes Grant to Southern California Preparedness Foundation for purchase of CERT completion backpacks - \$2,500 requested. (refer to Public Safety and/or Finance Committee for review of concept for possible funding in the future) **Referred to Committee**
- f. Executive: MOTION (Diamond/Thiroux) recommends that NENC be represented on the Design Review Board for the [Granada Hills Specific Plan](#) inasmuch it includes properties south of Devonshire Street and west of Balboa Boulevard which are within the NENC boundaries. (Passed 4-0-0 on 6/10/2024)-

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed

NENC ITEM f. Motion to recommend that NENC be represented on the Design Review Board for the Granada Hills Specific Plan inasmuch it includes properties south of Devonshire Street and west of Balboa Boulevard which are within the NENC boundaries.				
Moved: Bailey Second: Thiroux				
Yes-09	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-00
Bailey, Laird, Mills, Ross, Saravia, Thiroux, Alternates: Dagort, Fordyce, Meredith:	None	None	None	Diamond, Mistry, Nitkin

- g. Executive: Order of Board voting (roll call)? - could be added to Standing Rules?- **Item Postponed**

- h. Beautification: Halsted Street west of Lindley Avenue - follow up items **A clean up was done, put bags to the East so they get picked up. The Street Sweeper doesn't sweep due to tree branches.**
- i. Public Safety: Neighborhood Watch meetings- **Reviewed**
- j. Dearborn Park-**No Update**
- k. Planning: Update on new/pending or previously considered cases within/adjacent to NENC including but not limited to: (see Informational Items below) **No Report**
- l. Reports by other Committees listed in item 15 above- **No Reports**

13. NENC President, Treasurer, NC Liaisons, and NC Alliances/Coalitions Reports including, but not limited to: (Discussion and possible action)

- a. President's Report-
 - i. **New Board email address (DONE has disabled our @EmpowerLA.org one) You have to respond to get added to a group email list.**
- b. Treasurer's Report **No Report**
- c. NC Liaisons Reports and approval of additional and/or replacement NENC Liaisons
 - i. Homelessness Liaisons meeting held 5/29/2024 report **No Report**
- d. NC Alliance and Coalition Reports:
 - i. VANC 6/13/2024 meeting featured Deputy Mayor of Housing and City Clerk on 2025 NC Elections and more **Reviewed-** [link to recordings webpage](#)

14. Council Files (CF) and City Council Motions - Community Impact Statements (CIS) - Discussion and possible action:

- a. [CF 15-0719-S26](#) Department of Transportation supplemental report, dated March 14, 2024, relative to Mobility Plan 2035 implementation in compliance with Measure HLA. Mobility Plan 2035 / Street Improvement Measures / Healthy Streets LA Ballot Measure / Street Resurfacing / Slurry Seal Projects / High Injury Network / Dangerous Streets-

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed

NENC ITEM a .CF 15-0719-S26 Motion to move this item forward to the Public Works Committee (Department of Transportation supplemental report, dated March 14, 2024, relative to Mobility Plan 2035 implementation in compliance with Measure HLA. Mobility Plan 2035 Dangerous Streets. Moved: Meredith Second: Bailey				
Yes-09	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-03
Bailey, Laird, Mills, Ross, Saravia, Thiroux, Alternates: Dagort, Fordyce, Meredith	None	None	None	Diamond, Mistry, Nitkin

15. Informational Items/Announcements

- a. CD 12: Weekly newsletter with community updates: <https://cd12.org/>
- b. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners recent [6/17/2024](#) and [upcoming meetings: 7/2/2024](#)
- c. **City Clerk Election Unit: Region 2 NC Elections all Vote by Mail - Tuesday, 5/20/2025**
- d. LAFD: [Community Emergency Response Team \(CERT\)](#) classes
- e. LAPD: Neighborhood Watch meetings via Zoom (see NENC [website](#) for details); there are four [Basic Cars/Senior Lead Officers](#) who cover portions of NENC: 17A95 (SLO Knopp), 17A67 (SLO Zamora), 17A35 (SLO Parker), and 17A49 (SLO Sellers) - Email: DevonshireSLO@lapd.online
- f. LAPL Northridge Library: [upcoming events](#)
- g. Recreation and Parks: [Board of Commissioners upcoming meetings](#); **next Valley meeting 8/1/2024**
- h. Northridge Vision met 6/12/2024; **next virtual meeting 8/14/2024, 2 pm (no meeting in July)**

- i. Aliso Canyon Disaster Health Research Study: [UCLA website](#), including study overview, research timeline, and information about the study team is now live. Also, Environmental Health Research is a related non-profit organization; its [website](#) includes newsletter sign-up
- j. Planning: Update on previously considered or new/pending cases within/adjacent to NENC including but not limited to:
 - i. Case No. [CPC-2021-6426-GPA](#) and [CF 24-0516](#) - General Plan Amendment pursuant to LAMC Section 12.32E to reclassify Etiwanda Avenue between Halsted Street and Vincennes Street and Lindley Avenue between Halsted Street and the former Plummer Street from Collector to Local Street in the Mobility Element and as referenced in the Northridge Community Plan. (Both street segments are contained within the boundaries of the CSUN campus.) [NENC voted 8-0-0 to support the request on 9/21/2021.] Public hearing was held on 12/12/2023 and City Planning Commission approved on 2/22/2024. **NENC [Community Impact Statement](#). City Council approved on 5/28/2024.**
 - ii. Case No. [PAR-2023-4028-AHRF-ED1](#) located at 17829 Halsted St - New construction of a 230 (255?) unit 100% affordable housing project, measuring 7-stories in height with a total residential floor area of 158,817 square feet. (Informational item - no hearing date set yet) [NOTE: Related [article posted by Urbanize LA on 3/11/2024](#)]
 - iii. [Northridge Community Plan](#) update process is anticipated to begin in 2024.
- k. Planning: Department liaisons email: Planning.Liaison@lacity.org.
 - i. Update to the General Plan Housing Element for the period 2021-2029 (includes Council File [21-1230](#), and related CFs [21-1230-S1](#), [21-1230-S2](#) (Livable Cities Initiative), [21-1230-S3](#), [21-1230-S4](#) - referred to Planning and Land Use Committee
 - ii. **[Proposed Landscape and Site Design Ordinance](#) - Public Hearing July 2024 - TBA**
- l. NC Liaisons Reports: Animal Services (Ross/Diamond); Data (Kaiser/Bailey); Emergency Preparedness; Film (Dagort); Homelessness (Diamond/Laird/Ross/Bachelder); Public Works (Bailey); Purposeful Aging (Thiroux); Resilience (Lundquist)
- m. NC Alliance and Coalition Meetings/Reports: [Valley Alliance of NCs](#) (VANC) (next meeting 7/11/2024, 6:30 pm), [DWP MOU/Advocacy Committees](#) (next meeting 7/6/2024, 8:30 am), [LA NC Coalition](#) (LANCC) (next meeting 7/6/2024, 10 am), [PlanCheckNC](#) (next meeting 7/13/2024, 10 am), NC Emergency Preparedness Alliance (next meeting 6/22/2024, 10 am), [NC Sustainability Alliance](#) (next meeting 7/14/2024, 6:30 pm), NC Public Safety Chairs Alliance (next meeting TBA).
- n. Upcoming NC or NENC Co-sponsored Events: [Congress of Neighborhoods](#) 9/28/2024

16. Public comments on non-agenda items within the NENC's subject matter jurisdiction (continued from item 8; up to two minutes per speaker) **No Public Comments**

17. Board Member announcements and requests for future agenda items/reconsideration of any motion-**No Requests**

18. Adjournment (by 10:00 p.m.) **Meeting adjourned at 9:20PM**

Next NENC Board regular meeting (third Wednesday): July 17, 2024, 7 pm (virtual)

Subsequent Board regular meetings: August 21, 2024 (virtual) and September 18, 2024 (in-person)