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## **Budget & Finance Committee**

**Joint With**

## **Board of Officers**

### **Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Monday February 13, 2023**

**Start Time: 06:00 PM**

**Location: Webinar**

When: Feb 13, 2023 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Budget

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2. After you speak, please lower your hand.
3. All panelists (board members) and attendees (public) will be muted until the administrator unmutes you for comment.
4. Board members will get one chance to speak for a max of 2 minutes per item.
5. Public comment will be limited to one comment for 30 seconds per item.
6. Please do not raise your hand more than once per item.
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8. No ceding your time to others will be allowed.
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## 2 Call To Order

06:01

### 3 Roll Call:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jay Handal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> James Murez  | <input type="checkbox"/> Daffodil Tyminski       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sima Kostovetsky      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ivan Spiegel | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Helen Fallon |

**Attendance: 4**

**Quorum: 3**

### 4 Declaration of Ex Parte Communications or Conflicts-Of-Interest

All Board members shall declare any ex parte communications or conflicts-of interest relating to items on this meeting's agenda.

### 5 Approval of prior Minutes

**Description:**

Discussion and possible action, prior Minutes from meeting dated 1-31-2023

**Attachments:** Minutes: <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting63e7b5386d5b2.pdf>

**MOTION:**

Budget Committee members approves the Minutes as corrected with the link below.

Corrected link

<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/committee63dda16155565.pdf>

**Maker:** James Murez

**Second:** Ivan Spiegel

**Y** Jay Handal

**Y** James Murez

Daffodil Tyminski

Sima Kostovetsky

**Y** Ivan Spiegel

**Y** Helen Fallon

**Voter Tally ( 4 ): Yea:4 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0**

### 6 Announcements and Public Comment on items not on the Agenda

Public comment is limited to 1 minute per speaker with a total comment time not to exceed 20 minutes, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board. No comment on Items appearing on the Agenda. No Board member announcements permitted.

**NOTE:** The public is strongly advised to bring comments up in committees where time restrictions are more flexible and where recommendations from the public can become the bases of action items for Board consideration..

### 7 New Business

## 8 LAUSD Auditorium Meeting Room Fees

**Description:**

**Stakeholder:** james murez **Dated:** 2023-02-09

With respect to the fee structure, there is a onetime \$90 for processing the request. There is a \$5.00 fee for each date we use the space to provide restroom supplies. The rest of the cost is based on the number of hours we book the space for at \$38 per hour. I requested 5pm to 10pm for each board of officer meeting. This gives us one hour from 5p to 6p to setup. He had problems with asking for anything past 10pm so the meetings will need to end prior so we have a few minutes to strike. \$90 processing fee (one time) \$ 5 supply fee each meeting \$38/Hour X 5 hours = \$190 (\$190 + \$5) X 4 months = \$780 + \$90 = \$870 Invoice to follow as soon as LAUSD approves the application. Elections wants two nights in March for Candidate Forum (3hrs x 2 ) + \$10 = \$238

**MOTION:**

Board of Officers approves the LAUSD \$1108 fees to use Westminster Elementary School auditorium for VNC General Board meetings through June 2023 and two 2023 Candidate Forums at \$238. (as amended)

**Maker:** James Murez  
**Second:** Ivan Spiegel

Y Jay Handal

Y James Murez

Daffodil Tyminski

Sima Kostovetsky

Y Ivan Spiegel

Y Helen Fallon

**Voter Tally ( 4 ): Yea:4 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0**

## 10 Retroactive motion

**Description:**

**Stakeholder:** Jay Handal **Dated:** 2023-02-03

The Venice neighborhood council approved \$500 to be spent with Westside current in the last fiscal year. This bill was never paid you to be shut down of the event itself, but the ad did run in the city is committed to pain. This is a formality to again approve it for this year's budget and have it paid for it with.

**MOTION:**

Motion to approve \$500 expenditure for Westside Current for the campaign candidate forum in the last fiscal year that was not paid during that fiscal year.

**Maker:** James Murez  
**Second:** Ivan Spiegel

Y Jay Handal

Y James Murez

Daffodil Tyminski

Sima Kostovetsky

Y Ivan Spiegel

N Helen Fallon

**Voter Tally ( 4 ): Yea:3 / Nay:1 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0**

## 11 REQUESTING EXTENDED POLL HOURS

**Description:**

**Stakeholder:** Ivan Spiegel **Dated:** 2023-02-21

The Election Poll is currently scheduled to be open for 6 hours. In the past it's been open for 8 hours but the Board has to request the extended hours. The City Clerk has agreed to do this, but they need a formal request from the Board.

**MOTION:**

The VNC Board shall send an email to the Los Angeles City Clerk requesting that the Election Poll be open for 8 hours (10 A M to 6 PM) to accommodate the usual heavy turnout of Venice voters.

Motion pulled by chair.

**Maker:**

**Second:**

**Voter Tally ( 0 ): Yea:0 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0**

**12 Adjournment**

**Concluded At: 06:32 PM**

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