



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## JOINT MEETING OF the Rules and Selections Committee & Venice Neighborhood Council Board **Agenda Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** Monday September 16, 2019

**Meeting Time:** 5:30 PM- 7:00 PM

**Meeting Location:** Extra Space Storage

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### 1. 5:30 Call to Order and Roll Call

John Reed (Chair)	X	Hugh Harrison	X
George Francisco	X		
Jim Murez	X		
Ilana Marosi	X		
Elizabeth Wright	X		
		Ira Koslow (ex-officio)	X

2. 5:32 Approve Minutes of last meeting as presented or amended **Motion Ira -Hugh unanimous vote.**
3. 5:35 ANNOUNCEMENTS **Hugh Harrison was and is still a member of the Rules and Selections committee, there is a new general manager for empower LA**
4. 5: 40 PUBLIC COMMENT – 1 minute on non-agenized items related to Rules and Selections Committee only **none**
5. Chair Report -None
6. Old Business- None
7. 5:45 Item for Discussion and Possible Action – Motion

**7.a Change to Bylaws-**The Venice Neighborhood Council changes the bylaws to define the word “absentee” to mean any board member who misses more than 50% of a regularly scheduled meeting. **This motion was approved by VNC March 19, 2019 Item 13D**

**7.b VNC BYLAWS REVISIONS & CHANGES** (Nick Antonicello, [nantoni@mindspring.com](mailto:nantoni@mindspring.com), 6092831346)

WHEREAS, the selection of the Parliamentarian is currently a direct appointment by the President, and

WHEREAS, the entire VNC has no advice and consent despite the fact the Parliamentarian works for the entire board,

MOTION: effective immediately the Parliamentarian be nominated by the President with the advice and consent of the VNC and serve at the pleasure of the President. Motion **JR and JM -- Ivan presented the role of the parliamentary is to advise the president Motion fails 1-5-1**

WHEREAS, the Elections Committee Chair is a direct appointment of the President with no input from any standing committee, and  
WHEREAS, the Outreach Committee is the appropriate committee of responsibility for this outreach function,

MOTION: the Outreach Chair be responsible for appointing the Election Chair and that the Committee be composed of at least five (5) stakeholders moving forward (including the Chair).

**Motion JR GF Substitute motion postpone this motion to the next meeting Hugh Murez- Motion passes 6-0-1**

WHEREAS, the current election of Community Officers is limited to stakeholders selecting a single individual when in fact these board members constitute 58% of the entire board, and  
WHEREAS, stakeholders are being denied the ability to vote for 100% of the board's membership and currently only select 38% of the board's members, and  
WHEREAS, the current selection process is in violation of one-man, one-vote guidelines,

MOTION: the Stakeholders of Venice shall vote and select all thirteen (13) Community Officers in future elections moving forward. **Motion JR JM Substitute motion JM and GF - Stakeholders of Venice shall vote to elect up to three of thirteen (13) Community Officers. Substitute motions passes unanimous**

**7.c Change by laws so all board members can vote on adcom members (Melissa Diner ([secretary@venicenc.org](mailto:secretary@venicenc.org)))**

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council changes the bylaws for the administrative committee to allow all board members to vote on adcom members. **JR JM motion fails 1-5-1**

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**7.d Change to By-Laws - Recess per year in Dec. or Jan. minimum**

**MOTION:** Whereas we are volunteers and whereas the commissions, city council, state and federal government many who are paid get multiply recesses annually, and whereas we lost a lot of great board members due to burn out and conflicting, unenforceable bylaws/standing rules, therefore be it resolved that the VNC will have 1 recess(month off of all meetings for the month of Dec. or January annually to honor our community servants and represent that we support adequate rest to promote participation in community service. **JR JM motion fails 1-5-1**

**7.e Open Questioning of Representatives During Government Reports (Mark Ryavec, [mark.ryavec@venicenc.org](mailto:mark.ryavec@venicenc.org), 3103924843)**

**MOTION:** to Open Questioning of Representatives During Government Reports VNC Board meetings represent a unique opportunity for Board members to engage representatives of government, legislative officeholders and city departments in discussions on various city matters. By definition these matters are likely to be of interest to our stakeholders and should be conducted in a transparent manner. Thus, the Board moves to ask the president of the VNC to allow Board members to ask questions on any topics related to Venice or the City of Los Angeles of representatives of government and legislative offices and city departments when they make presentations to the Board at our monthly meetings during "Government Reports. **JR GF Motion fails unanimous**

**8. COMMITTEE COMMENTS – Comments by Committee Members on subject matters within the jurisdiction of the Rules and Selections Committee but not on the Agenda**

**Land Use training**

**9. ADJOURN 6:45**

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