



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## Rules & Elections Committee Meeting - Agenda

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### Rules & Elections Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Venice - Abbot Kinney Memorial Branch Library

501 S Venice Blvd

Venice, CA 90291

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**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL 6:02 PM**

Christopher Lee, Chair <b>Present</b>	Steve Bradbury <b>Present</b>	CJ Cole <b>Present</b>
Liz Wright <b>Present</b>	Kenya Lee <b>Present</b>	

### APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

01/28/24 Minutes

**Steve moved, Chris second; unanimous passed**

<https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting67a029deb3c3c.pdf>

### CHAIR REPORT

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT** - Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. Each speaker will be allowed two (2) minute(s) unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the meeting.

### OLD BUSINESS

### NEW BUSINESS

#### 1.) ELECTION UPDATE

a.) **Item introduction/description:** Update and discussion on current and remaining election information efforts to drive voter registration and voter engagement.

b.) **Public comment**

c.) **Committee discussion**

d.) **Motion**

Made by NO MOTION MADE

Second \_\_\_\_\_

Vote        Yes /        No /        Abstain /        Absent

#### 2.) FUTURE RULES CHANGES

a.) **Item introduction/description:** Open discussion regarding any future rules changes that need to be applied to the VNC

b.) **Public comment**

c.) **Committee discussion**

**CJ - need to define Committees and Officer roles**

**LISA - motion set forth in emails to be heard during next meeting (on March 25)**

**HELEN - motion set forth July 2024, Item 5 needs to be completed**

**ERICA - draw election rules from our By Laws, need to address Community Interest Officer distinction**



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### d.) Motion

Made by NO MOTION MADE

Second \_\_\_\_\_

Vote \_\_\_\_\_ Yes / \_\_\_\_\_ No / \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain / \_\_\_\_\_ Absent

### 3.) VNC CONCERNS AROUND VBM ONLY ELECTION

a.) **Item introduction/description:** Open discussion regarding efficacy of the Vote By Mail (VBM) election for the 2025 NC Election as expressed by various stakeholders. Possible motion for in person elections during next cycle or for advisement to city to provide support for in-person elections.

b.) **Public comment**

**PLEASE SEE EXTENDED MINUTES AT END OF DOCUMENT**

c.) **Committee discussion**

### d.) Motion

Made by NO MOTION MADE

Second \_\_\_\_\_

Vote \_\_\_\_\_ Yes / \_\_\_\_\_ No / \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain / \_\_\_\_\_ Absent

### ADJOURN - 7:38 PM CHRIS, KENYA

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(iii) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed general public comment period that does not correspond to a specific agenda item shall not close the public comment period or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), until the timed general public comment period has elapsed.

## DISCUSSION NOTES FROM ITEM 3- VNC CONCERNS ABOUT VBM ONLY ELECTION

**CJ - post election questionnaire needs to be created and send to stakeholders to capture their concerns soon after election completes**

**LIZ - language around registration/ballot request needs to be addressed**

**LISA - we should get previous stakeholder information from City, needs Board vote**

**ERICA - need a visual ballot approval before ballots are mailed out by the City**

**LIZ - VNC should consider return to election task force or administrator as opposed to committee**

**BRIAN - pushing for motion through WRAC for actual election day**

**STEVE, CJ, OTHERS - there is a larger issue about who the VNC is and what we do that needs to be addressed; outreach and education needs to be addressed**

**LIZ - Need to print ballot requests for EVERY meeting next election cycle**

**CJ - City / Outreach needs to make NCs relevant to stakeholders; possible inclusion of boundaries in VNC logo; possible renaming of VNC to Venice - Marina Neighborhood Council**

**KENYA - need to clearer define VNC boundaries to stakeholders; need boundary map on the ballot**

## RECOMMENDATIONS TO CITY

- include geographic map in the ballot
- send visual ballot draft for approval BEFORE election
- single date for all NC elections to increase visibility/engagement
- increase information on dropboxes
- improved communication about why VBM only

## RECOMMENDATIONS TO VNC BOARD

- new logo or name
- pull voter rolls from previous election