

# VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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## SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

### BOARD RETREAT

**Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2026**

**10:30 am – 4:00 pm**

Pacific Resident Theatre (Cabaret Space)

705 Venice Blvd, Venice, CA 90291

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### I. CALL TO ORDER AND BOARD ROLL CALL

David Feige	Alley Bean	Kenya Lee
Gary Pearl	Brennan Lawson	Lisa Redmond
Tima Bell	Clark Brown	Nico Ruderman
Helen Fallon	Fran Solomon	Richard Stanger
Mark Mack	Jason Sugars	Sarah Mahir
Soraya Moss	Jim Fitzgerald	Ted Henderson
Erica Moore	Joseph Garcia	Yolanda Gonzalez

### II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (10 Min)

### III. WORKSHOP ONE: Vision and Values: Why are we here and what can we do: The Values of Venice and Our Vision for How the Neighborhood Council can best serve Venice (2 Hours)

--Erica Gatica on the City's Vision for Neighborhood Councils (10 min)

--Moderated Board Discussion (Randell Erving of BONC and Naomi Nightingale) on:

How can the VNC best serve Venice and what is our vision for doing so?

What does it mean for us to be a board Members?

What are the Values of Venice and what are our Values as a Board? (100 min)

--Public Comment (10 min)

### IV. GROUP PHOTO (and grab a slice of Pizza) (15 min)

### V. PRESENTATION: Vanessa Alvarado—Deputy City Attorney (Office of the LA City Attorney) (45 Min) Public Comment (10 Min)

## --Conflicts of Interest, Brown Act and CPRA plus Q&A:

- VI. WORKSHOP TWO: Process and Function: How can we create a high functioning board: What can we do to make our service and our board better?**
- Moderated Board Discussion (Randell Erving of BONC and Naomi Nightingale) concerning: How can we create a high functioning board?
  - What can we do to make our service and our board better?
  - What can we specifically commit to doing both individually and collectively to maximize our impact over the next 14 months? (100 minutes).
  - Public Comment: (10 Min)

## VII. ADJOURN

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For information on the NC's process for board action reconsideration, stakeholder grievance policy, or any other procedural matters related to this Council, please consult the NC Bylaws. The Bylaws are available at our website [www.VeniceNC.org](http://www.VeniceNC.org).

*It's YOUR Venice — get involved!*

Roll Call

First		
Second		
David Fiege	x	
Gary Pearl	absent	
Tima Bell	x	
Helen Fallon	absent	
Mark Mack	x	
Soraya Moss	absent	
Erica Moore	x	
Alley Bean	x	
Brennan Lawson	x	
Clark Brown	absent	
Jason Sugars	x	
Jim Fitzgerald	x	
Joseph Garcia	x	
Kenya Lee	x	
Lisa Redmond	x	
Nico Ruderman	x	
Richard Stanger	x	
Sarah Mahir	Absent	
Ted Henderson	<b>Absent</b>	
Yolanda Gonzalez	<b>Absent</b>	
Fran Solomon	x	

## VNC 2026 Apr Retreat

- Start: 10:46AM
- 11 Attendees at Roll Call (a Quorum)
- Joseph arrived at 10:50
- Brennan Arrived at 12:00
- Adjourned: 4:17PM