



Empowerment Congress Southwest Area Neighborhood Development Council



Executive Committee

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Serving the communities of: Gramercy Park/
West Park Terrace, Manchester Square, and Vermont Knolls

General Board & Community Regular Meeting Agenda

Mark Ridley-Thomas
Constituent Service Center
8475 S. Vermont Ave. #207
Los Angeles, CA 90044

Monday, August 21, 2023
6:00pm - 8:00pm

Board Members

Ra'Shon Chavis
At-Large

Nia Mayers Franklin
At-Large

Vanessa Bailey
Business Representative

Vacant
Faith Based Representative

Marcello Robinson
Organization Representative

Dominica Robbins-Wilson
Area 1 Residential
Representative

Timothy Henry
Area 2 Residential
Representative

Valencia Y. Marlowe
Area 3 Residential
Representative

Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND BOARD ROLL CALL

II. GOVERNMENT REPORTS

- a. Public Safety
- b. City Council Representative
- c. Government Departments/Agencies, including Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT - Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. Each speaker will be allowed 2 minute(s).

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Selection of Officers - Motion to fill ECSWANDC Executive Officer positions in accord with the Empowerment Congress Southwest Area Neighborhood Development Council Bylaws, Article VI, Section 3 & 4: Selection of Officers and Terms reads,

“Officer positions shall be filled by majority vote of the Board members present at the first official Board meeting following their election or selection in Board election years. Section 4: Officer Terms - The Officers shall serve two (2) year terms and serve at the pleasure of the Board. They may stand for reelection every two (2) years.”

- **President**

- Shall preside over all regular and special meetings of the ECSWANDC and the Executive Committee;
- Shall appoint committees with the approval of a majority of the Board;
- Shall represent the ECSWANDC before other agencies and organizations as directed by or coordinated with the Board.

- **Vice-President**

- Shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President;
- Shall serve as an ex-officio member of committees and any other duties as directed by the President;
- Shall preside over the Neighborhood Committee;
- Shall act as Chief Liaison with other Neighborhood Councils;
- Shall maintain oversight of Standing and Ad-Hoc Committees

- **Secretary**

- Shall keep minutes of all Board meetings and Executive Committee meetings.
- Shall prepare, physically post, and distribute the agenda prior to each ECSWANDC Board meeting to the Board members, ncsupport@lacity.org, and the webmaster following all Brown Act laws and DONE rules.
- Responsible for producing accurate minutes of Board and Executive Committee meetings submitting a draft to the board no later than seven (7) days after the meeting at

which they were taken.

- Shall submit minutes that the Board approves to the webmaster for posting to the website no later than seven (7) days after the meeting at which the minutes are approved but not more than forty-five (45) days after the meeting at which the minutes were taken;
- Ensures copies of the agenda and minutes being considered for adoption by the Board are available to stakeholders at each General Board meeting;
- Perform all duties regarding the official correspondence of the ECSWANDC;
- Maintain, update, and file all official ECSWANDC documents;
- **Treasurer**
 - Shall maintain the records of the ECSWANDC's finances and books of accounts and perform other duties in accordance with the ECSWANDC's Financial Plan and the policies and procedures of the Department;
 - The Treasurer shall make a report to the Board on the ECSWANDC finances at every regular meeting of the Board including Neighborhood Purpose Grant submissions and budget adjustment recommendations;
 - Chairs the Budget & Finance Committee; • Oversees the finances of the ECSWANDC to assure total compliance with all Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and City of Los Angeles requirements;
 - Monthly Expenditure Reports being presented at a monthly meeting must be distributed to the Board no later than seven (7) days prior to the monthly meeting in which it will be presented;
 - Creates Board Action Certification forms in response to a Board decision and submits them to the City of Los Angeles Funding Assistant assigned to the ECSWANDC within seven (7) days after the meeting in which the decision was made;
 - Ensures invoices/bills received are presented at the following monthly Board meeting and upon approval are paid within (7) days after the meeting in which the approval was made;
 - Ensures payment of invoices/bills received by entities listed as an Operational Expense in the budget are paid within (7) days of receipt.

b. Discussion and possible motion to appoint the ECSWANDC Financial Officers. Financial Officers must complete the in-person NC Funding Program Training at least once every 2 years. [RSVP for training here.](#)

- 2nd Signer
- Alternate Signer
- Bank Cardholder

- 2nd Bank Card Holder
- c. Discussion and possible motion to approve the Request to use LAPD Contract with Absolute Security to provide after-hours security of ECSWANDC board & committee meetings. The security cost per meeting not to exceed \$200.00 which is approximately the four hour minimum.
- d. Discussion and possible motion to approve the [ECSWANDC 2023 - 2024 Fiscal Year Administrative Packet](#).
- e. Discussion and possible motion to approve a date for the ECSWANDC Board Retreat to be held on a Saturday in September 16th, or October 7th or 14th, 2023.
- f. Discussion and possible motion to approve the [application](#) of Daniel Fuller for appointment to the ECSWANDC Social Media Coordinator seat for the remaining term which ends on June 30, 2025.
- g. Discussion and update on the ECSWANDC Bylaw Amendment Application dated April 6, 2018 related to establishing the five (5) Residential Area Seats and Internal Boundaries.
- h. Announcement of vacant seats to be filled at the next Regular Board Meeting of September 18, 2023. Interested stakeholders must complete and submit their [application](#) to the Board President and Secretary September 11, 2023.
- i. Board Member Announcements and Future Agenda Items Request.

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- <http://www.southwestnc.org/>
- You can also receive our agendas via email by subscribing to L.A. City's [Early Notification System \(ENS\)](#)

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Public Access of Records -

In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at the Mark Ridley-Thomas Constituent Service Center located at 8475 S. Vermont Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90044 and at our website: www.southwestnc.org or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please email board@southwestnc.org.

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