



# Empowerment Congress Southwest Area Neighborhood Development Council



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## General Board & Community Regular Meeting Agenda

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

Monday, April 15, 2024  
6:00pm

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**1) CALL TO ORDER AND BOARD ROLL CALL**

2) Discussion and possible motion to approve March 18 meeting minutes. (Secretary Marlowe)

**3) GOVERNMENT REPORTS**

- Public Safety
- City Council & County Representatives
- Government Departments/Agencies

**1) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. Each speaker will be allowed for 2 minutes.

**2) BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

**3) OLD BUSINESS**

- a) Discussion and possible motion to approve May 2023, June 2023, July 2023, August 2023, September 2023, October 2023, November 2023, December 2023, January 2024, February 2024, March 2024 Monthly Expenditure Reports (MER) – (Treasurer Johnson)
- b) Discussion and possible motion to approve the ECSWANDC Online Outreach Proposal submitted by Moore Business Results. – (President Robinson)
- c) Discussion and possible motion to approve a revised draft of the ECSWANDC Outreach Committee plan for the remaining FY 2023-2024 and FY 2024-2025. (Outreach/Social Chair Fuller)
- d) Motion to fill ECSWANDC Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM), Education, Unhoused/Houseless, Neighborhood Committee Chair and Committee Member positions in accordance with Empowerment Congress Southwest Area Neighborhood Development Council Bylaws. (President Robinson)

**4) NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Discussion and possible motion to appoint up to five Community Impact Statement (CIS) filers for the ECSWANDC. (President Robinson)
- b) Discussion and possible motion to approve Neighborhood Purpose Grants application deadline date. (President Robinson)
- c) Discussion and possible motion to approve up to \$15,000.00 to co-sponsor block club/block party outreach events within the ECSWANDC boundaries. (Vice President Chavis)
- d) Discussion and possible motion to approve up to \$2,500.00 to purchase administrative supplies for block club associations within the ECSWANDC boundaries. (Vice President Chavis)

- e) Discussion and possible motion to approve up to \$1,000.00 for business cards, and name badges for each board member.
- f) Discussion and possible motion to approve up to \$100.00 for new apple mac mouse.
- g) Discussion and possible motion to approve \$2,000.00 for Natoma Keir for services of providing a Leadership Retreat to the ECSWANDC and introducing the New Social Contract. The New Social Contract holds participants to a higher ethical order, redefining the role of public servant as applies to community engagement of all forms, including the elected volunteers who comprise Neighborhood Council Boards.  
**Learning Objectives:** The Retreat culminates with the participants agreeing to Accountability, as well as to the other three of the Four Radical Agreements. When the New Social Contract is put into effect during daily business, the results are greater awareness, tolerance, and collaboration among participants, allowing for more effective progress in achieving shared goals. (Robbins-Wilson)
- h) Discussion and possible motion to set the date for the ECSWANDC Board Retreat to be held on a Saturday in May 2024 or June 2024. Time to be determined. (Robbins-Wilson)
- i) Discussion and possible motion to approve up to \$800.00 for food/refreshments for the ECSWANDC Board Leadership Retreat to be held in May or June 2024. (Robbins-Wilson)

## 5) Board Member Announcements and Future Agenda Items Request.

## 6) ADJOURNMENT

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