



# 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

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

## **Board Members**

Rebecca Wysinger  
At-Large

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At-Large

Tunisia Johnson  
At-Large

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Business Representative

VACANT  
Faith-Based Representative

Naomi Suber  
Social Media Representative

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Organization Representative

Sha'De Chapman  
Area 1 Residential  
Representative

Stacey Maspero  
Area 2 Residential  
Representative

Daniel Fuller  
Area 3 Residential  
Representative

Lonella Enix  
Area 4 Residential  
Representative

Dominica  
Robinson-Wilson  
Area 5 Residential  
Representative

Aaron Manson  
Youth Representative

Monday, August 25, 2025  
6:00pm - 8:00pm

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. SPECIAL ORDERS**

- a. Discussion and possible action to appoint to the following vacant seats for the remaining term ending June 2027:

- At-Large Area Representative Seat - Ashley Crisp

- Faith-Based Representative Seat - Dr. James Reed
- Business Representative Seat - Announcement only
- Organization Representative Seat - Announcement only

b. Installation of newly-elected Board of Directors (Oath of Office)

c. Election of new Executive Officers:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

d. Appointment of Financial Officers of the Board

- Neighborhood Council Bank Card Holder
- Second Card Holder
- Second Signer
- Alternate Signer

### **III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

### **IV. ELECTED OFFICES/GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Public Safety
- City Council Representative
- Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

### **V. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Every item on the Consent Calendar will be considered bundled and will be voted on as a single item. If a Board Member or Stakeholder has an objection to an item being on the Consent Calendar, they need to raise that objection to an item and ask to have that item or items considered separately. There will be no discussion or comment on the substance of any item unless it is removed from the Consent Calendar. Removed items will be moved to the end of the agenda for consideration, or earlier within the discretion of the Chair. The Consent Calendar includes:

- Discussion and possible motion to approve the [April 21, 2025 Regular ECSWANDC Board Meeting Minutes](#).
- Discussion and possible motion to approve the [April 2025](#), [May 2025](#) and [June 2025](#) Monthly Expenditure Reports (MER) of the ECSWANDC.
- Discussion and possible motion to approve \$400.00 for two Zoom licenses for fiscal year 2025-2026. This will allow the ECSWANDC Board and committees to meet virtually.
- Discussion and possible motion to approve \$100.00 for one Canva Pro license for fiscal year 2025-2026. The pro version will give access to Department-created outreach templates as well as other tools.
- Discussion and possible motion to approve the Moore Business Results (MRR) proposal for marketing and communication services for the 2025-2026 budget year in an amount not to exceed \$3,500. If approved, this motion would authorize the creation of a contract, if necessary, with MBR for services including website maintenance, email communications, and social media management when

necessary.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion and Possible Action to authorize the use of teleconferencing for Neighborhood Council meetings, including board meetings and committee meetings, in accordance with the rules established by Senate Bill 411. The use of teleconferencing will help increase accessibility and encourage community engagement, especially amidst any challenges, including a lack of quorum or meeting location issues.
- b. Discussion and possible motion to approve the location, date, and time of the Empowerment Congress Southwest Area Neighborhood Development Council general board meetings.
  - In the event it is approved to continue to hold meetings at the Mark Ridley-Thomas Constituent Service Center, discussion and possible motion to approve entering into a contract with LAPD to provide security at in-person meetings up to \$4,000.00 in the 2025-2026 budget year.
- c. Discussion and possible motion to approve the [ECSWANDC 2025 - 2026 Administrative Packet and Annual Budget](#). Current funding allocation is \$25,000.00.
- d. Discussion and possible action to approve the request for action [letter](#) regarding the Vermont Miracle Park.

## **VII. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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- MRT Constituent Service Center – 8475 S. Vermont Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90044
- <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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