



**CITY OF LOS ANGELES**



**GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES, Thursday, July 6, 2023**

Granada Hills Charter H.S., Rawley Hall, 10535 Zelzah Ave., Granada Hills, CA 91344

Approved August 3rd, 2023

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**I. CALL TO ORDER.**

Marilu Guevara, a Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate of the L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment [DONE; 818-374-9890; Marilu.Guevara@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org], called the Meeting to order at 6:48 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL.** Call of the roll and certification of a quorum.

Roll Call was taken. Eleven of the 14 Board Members were present at the Roll Call: Mike Benedetto (President), Launa Bogartz, Carol Hart, John Horn, George Karam, Michael Koch, Mark Morris, Ashley Pena, Abbey Ronquillo, Brad Smith and Colleen Toumayan (Vice-President). Sally Kolstad (excused) and Rox Poon (unexcused) were absent. Cheri Derohanian had resigned. New At Large Seat Board Member Linda Williamson was appointed to the Board during below Item #III. b. The GHSNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is nine (see the Bylaws link at [www.empowerla.org/ghsnc](http://www.empowerla.org/ghsnc)), so the Board could take such votes. Fourteen of the 17 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). Three Board Seats were vacant [all At Large]; to apply, see [www.ghsnc.org](http://www.ghsnc.org). Also attended: approximately 32 Stakeholders and Guests. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

**III. SPECIAL ORDERS.**

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

Ms. Guevara led the Board in saying aloud the Oath.

- b. Discussion and possible Appointment of Linda Williamson to the GHSNC Board & and swearing-in.

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #III. c. v.]

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**MOTION** (by Ms. Hart, seconded by Ms. Toumayan): The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council appoints Linda Williamson to the GHSNC Board.

**MOTION PASSED** by a roll call vote of the 11 eligible voters present with all 11 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Benedetto, Bogartz, Hart, Horn, Karam, Koch, Morris, Pena, Ronquillo, Smith and Toumayan); zero opposed; zero abstained.

*Ms. Guevara led the Ms. Williamson in saying aloud the Oath of Office. New Board Member Linda Williamson was Seated at this time, making 12 Board Members present (the GHSNC quorum is nine).*

- c. Election of new Executive Officers:  
i. President/Chair

Ms. Guevara read aloud the President's responsibilities. Ms. Ronquillo nominated Mark Morris, who accepted the nomination that was seconded by Ms. Hart. Mr. Morris made a statement. Mark Morris was unanimously **ELECTED** as President by a roll call vote with all 11 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Benedetto, Bogartz, Hart, Horn, Karam, Koch, Morris, Pena, Ronquillo, Smith and Toumayan); zero opposed; zero abstained.

ii. Vice President/Vice Chair

Ms. Guevara read aloud the Vice-President's responsibilities. Mr. Morris nominated Mike Benedetto, who accepted the nomination that was seconded by Ms. Bogartz. Mr. Benedetto made a statement. Mike Benedetto was **ELECTED** as Vice-President by a roll call vote with 10 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Benedetto, Bogartz, Hart, Karam, Koch, Morris, Pena, Ronquillo, Smith and Toumayan); zero opposed; one abstained (the GHSNC does not count abstentions as either "yes" or "no" votes) (Horn).

*The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #III. c. iv.*

iii. Secretary

Ms. Guevara read aloud the Secretary's responsibilities. Mr. Benedetto nominated Colleen Toumayan, who accepted the nomination that was seconded by Ms. Ronquillo. Ms. Toumayan made a statement. Colleen Toumayan was unanimously **ELECTED** as Secretary by a roll call vote with all 11 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Benedetto, Bogartz, Hart, Horn, Karam, Koch, Morris, Pena, Ronquillo, Smith and Toumayan); zero opposed; zero abstained.

iv. Treasurer

Ms. Guevara read aloud the Treasurer's responsibilities. Ms. Toumayan nominated Abbey Ronquillo, who accepted the nomination that was seconded by Mr. Karam. Ms. Ronquillo made a statement. Abbey Ronquillo was unanimously **ELECTED** as Treasurer by a roll call vote with all 11 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Benedetto, Bogartz, Hart, Horn, Karam, Koch, Morris, Pena, Ronquillo, Smith and Toumayan); zero opposed; zero abstained.

*The next Agenda Item addressed was Item #III. c. iii.*

v. Parliamentarian

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