



## Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council

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### Board Meeting Minutes August 7, 2025 7:00PM-9:13PM (DRAFT)

### Regular Meeting Location: Granada Hills Charter High School Rawley Hall

10535 Zelzah Ave. Granada Hills, CA 91344  
(MAIL NOT ACCEPTED AT THIS ADDRESS)

Boardmember	Roll Call	Funding Vote Eligible*	Category
Michael Benedetto	Present		At Large Director
Anush Danielyan	Present		At Large Director
Brendel Geddes Treasurer	Present		At Large Directors
Carol Hart	Absent		At Large Director
John Horn Secretary	Present		At Large Director
Sally Kolstad	Present		At Large Director
Amanda Mercado-Nguyen	Present		At Large Director
James Mercado-Nguyen	Present		At Large Director
Mark Morris	Present		At Large Director
Jeremy Oberstein Vice President	Present		At Large Director
Abbey Ronquillo President	Present		At Large Director
Brad Smith	Present		At Large Director
Emily Tarverdyan	Absent/Joined at 7:06PM		At Large Director
Vacant			Youth Boardmember
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Total Board Members -13	11 Present 02 Absent		At Large Director

\*Funding vote eligibility key: **A**=age less than 18 yrs.; **E**=Ethics training; **F**=Funding training; **N**=not taken; **X**=expired

\*\* Advance notice given for absence (VOTE KEY: Yes, No, Abstain, Ineligible, Recuse, Absent)

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND BOARD ROLL CALL **The meeting was called to order by Abbey Ronquillo at 7:00PM.**  
**A quorum was reached.**

GHSNC ITEM II. Roll Call		
Present –11	Absent 02	Excused-00
Benedetto, Danielyan, Geddes, Horn, Kolstad, A. Mercado-Nguyen, J. Mercado-Nguyen, Morris, Oberstein, Ronquillo, Smith	Hart, Tarverdyan	None

## II. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS SELECTION

- a. Discussion and possible action to elect a Secretary. **John Horn self-nominated for Secretary. He is happy to serve as Secretary.**

Public Comment: None

Motion: Passed

GHSNC ITEM II a. Motion to approve John Horn as Secretary Moved: Smith Seconded: Oberstein				
Yes-11	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-02
Benedetto, Danielyan, Geddes, Horn, Kolstad, A. Mercado-Nguyen, J. Mercado-Nguyen, Morris, Oberstein, Ronquillo, Smith	None	None	None	Hart, Tarverdyan

- b. Discussion and possible action to elect Treasurer-**Brendel Geddes accepted the nomination by Brad Smith. Mr. Geddes does accounting for a living. The Treasurer is the First Signer.**

Public Comment: None

Motion: Passed

GHSNC ITEM II b. Motion to approve Brendel Geddes as the Treasurer Moved: Smith Seconded: Benedetto				
Yes-11	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-02
Benedetto, Danielyan, Geddes, Horn, Kolstad, A. Mercado-Nguyen, J. Mercado-Nguyen, Morris, Oberstein, Ronquillo, Smith	None	None	None	Hart, Tarverdyan

**Emily Tarverdyan joined the meeting at 7:06PM**

- c. Discussion and possible action to elect the Parliamentarian- **Item was Postponed.**
- d. Discussion and possible action to elect the Vice President- **Michael Benedetto accepted his nomination from Sally Kolstad. Jeremy Oberstein accepted his nomination from Abbey Ronquillo. Jose Galdamez-confirmed that the City Clerk's office and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment have deemed Jermy Oberstein as eligible to be on the Board.**

Public Comment: Stakeholder-This is causing Stakeholders to question the system.

Stakeholder- Is concerned that P.O. Boxes will be abused to get people on NC Boards.

Stakeholder-Jeremy is not new to the city or how it works.

Stakeholder- There is a problem here with ethics and special favors.

Motion: Passed- Jeremy Oberstein is the new Vice President

GHSNC ITEM II d. Motion to approve the new Vice President Moved: Kolstad Seconded: Ronquillo				
Michael Benedetto-05	Jeremy Oberstein-07	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-01
Benedetto, Danielyan, Geddes, Horn, Kolstad	A. Mercado-Nguyen, J. Mercado-Nguyen, Morris, Oberstein, Ronquillo, Smith, Tarverdyan	None	None	Hart

### III. FINANCIAL OFFICERS

- a. Discussion and possible action to appoint a second signer

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion:** Passed

GHSNC ITEM III a. Motion to approve Jeremy Oberstein as the Second Signer				
Moved: Smith Seconded: J. Mercado-Nguyen				
Yes-12	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-01
Benedetto, Danielyan, Geddes, Horn, Kolstad, A. Mercado-Nguyen, J. Mercado-Nguyen, Morris, Oberstein, Ronquillo, Smith, Tarverdyan	None	None	None	Hart

- b. Discussion and possible action to appoint an alternate signer (The President)

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion:** Passed

GHSNC ITEM III b. Motion to approve Abbey Ronquillo as the Alternate Signer				
Moved: Smith Seconded: J. Mercado-Nguyen				
Yes-12	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-01
Benedetto, Danielyan, Geddes, Horn, Kolstad, A. Mercado-Nguyen, J. Mercado-Nguyen, Morris, Oberstein, Ronquillo, Smith, Tarverdyan	None	None	None	Hart

- c. Discussion and possible action to appoint up to (2) two bank cardholders. The President is the First Card Holder.

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion:** Passed

GHSNC ITEM III c. Motion to approve Jeremy Oberstein as the Second Card Holder				
Moved: Smith Seconded: J. Mercado-Nguyen				
Yes-12	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-01
Benedetto, Danielyan, Geddes, Horn, Kolstad, A. Mercado-Nguyen, J. Mercado-Nguyen, Morris, Oberstein, Ronquillo, Smith, Tarverdyan	None	None	None	Hart

### IV. BOARD OF DIRECTOR APPOINTMENTS

- a. Discussion and possible action to appoint qualified candidates to the At-Large Director Seat, whose term ends in 2027. (3 vacant seats)- **Item Postponed**

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion:** Passed

GHSNC ITEM IV a. Motion to Postpone Board of Director Appointments				
Moved: Ronquillo Seconded: Smith				
Yes-09	No-01	Abstain-02	Ineligible-00	Absent-01
Geddes, Horn, A. Mercado-Nguyen, J. Mercado-Nguyen, Morris, Oberstein, Ronquillo, Smith, Tarverdyan	Kolstad	Benedetto, Danielyan	None	Hart

- b. Discussion and possible action to appoint qualified candidates to the Youth Board Member Seat, whose term ends in 2027. (1 vacant seat)- **Item Postponed**

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion:** Passed

<b>GHSNC ITEM IV b. Motion to Postpone Appointing the Youth Seat</b>				
<b>Moved: Ronquillo Seconded: Smith</b>				
<b>Yes-09</b>	<b>No-01</b>	<b>Abstain-02</b>	<b>Ineligible-00</b>	<b>Absent-01</b>
<b>Geddes, Horn, A. Mercado-Nguyen, J. Mercado-Nguyen, Morris, Oberstein, Ronquillo, Smith, Tarverdyan</b>	<b>Kolstad</b>	<b>Benedetto, Danielyan</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>Hart</b>

## V. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

- a. Discussion and possible action to appoint standing committee chairs:

- i. **Beautification –Horn**
- ii. **Budget –Geddes**
- iii. **Bylaws and Rules –Morris**
- iv. **Community Outreach –Co-Chairs Benedetto and Kolstad**
- v. **Education –Ronquillo**
- vi. **Government Affairs –Oberstein**
- vii. **Membership –None**
- viii. **Planning and Land Use Management –Smith**
- ix. **Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness –Benedetto**

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion:** Passed

<b>GHSNC ITEM V a. Motion to approve the Committee Chairs as listed above.</b>				
<b>Moved: Ronquillo Seconded: Oberstein</b>				
<b>Yes-12</b>	<b>No-00</b>	<b>Abstain-00</b>	<b>Ineligible-00</b>	<b>Absent-01</b>
<b>Benedetto, Danielyan, Geddes, Horn, Kolstad, A. Mercado-Nguyen, J. Mercado-Nguyen, Morris, Oberstein, Ronquillo, Smith, Tarverdyan</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>Hart</b>

- b. Discussion and possible action to appoint standing committee members, no more than 4 Boardmembers:

- i. **Beautification-Horn**
- ii. **Budget-Geddes, Oberstein,**
- iii. **Bylaws and Rules-Morris**
- iv. **Community Outreach-Benedetto, Kolstad, Anoush**
- v. **Education-Ronquillo, A. Nguyen-Mercado**
- vi. **Government Affairs-Oberstein**
- vii. **Membership-will be combined with the Outreach Committee**
- viii. **Planning and Land Use Management-Smith, Oberstein, Geddes**
- ix. **Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness -Benedetto, J. Nguyen-Mercado, A. Nguyen-Mercado, Tarverdyan**

Public Comment: None

Motion: Passed

<b>GHSNC ITEM III a. Motion to appoint the committee members listed above.</b> <b>Moved: Ronquillo Seconded: Oberstein</b>				
<b>Yes-12</b>	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	<b>Absent-01</b>
<b>Benedetto, Danielyan, Geddes, Horn, Kolstad, A. Mercado-Nguyen, J. Mercado-Nguyen, Morris, Oberstein, Ronquillo, Smith, Tarverdyan</b>	None	None	None	<b>Hart</b>

## VI. GOVERNMENT REPORTS

- Councilmember John Lee's Office (Alejandra Moscoso, CD12 Representative)-**The Council Office has been working on weed abatement. Please make sure that you RSVP for Conversations with Councils on August 25,2025 from 6:00-7:30PM.**
- Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates (Glenn Bailey, Co-chair/ Brian Allen, Treasurer) **Budget Day was a success.**
- LAPD Devonshire Division/Public Safety- Richard Fisk -**He went over the Crime Stats. There is a new Captain. Devonshire Division is looking for more people to join the Volunteer Bike Patrol.**
- Richard Fisk is also on the Design Advisory Committee which look at commercial projects for design review.**
- LAFD Battalion 15, Chief Vazquez- **He came to give an update on the 52" wide ruptured watermain that is affecting Granada Hills and Porter Ranch.**
- Congressman Whitesides (Maria Unzueta, Representative) **The office can help you with Federal issues. The office phone# is 661-568-4855.**  
**The Congressman has been working on bills to protect health care for veterans and bills that are related to fires. He is on the House Arms Services Committee and the Bureau of Labor Statistics.**

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

- Glenn Bailey- He is concerned about people using P.O. boxes to run for the Board. He reminded the Board members about the VANC meeting and the Sustainability Alliance meeting**

## VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- Discussion and possible action to approve a community impact statement to support Council File 25-0600-S7 to restore the Neighborhood Councils' yearly funds back to \$32,000.

Public Comment: None

Motion: Passed

<b>GHSNC ITEM VIII a. Motion to approve a community impact statement to support Council File 25-0600-S7 to restore the Neighborhood Councils' yearly funds back to \$32,000.</b> <b>Moved: Ronquillo Seconded: Morris</b>				
<b>Yes-12</b>	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	<b>Absent-01</b>
<b>Benedetto, Danielyan, Geddes, Horn, Kolstad, A. Mercado-Nguyen, J. Mercado-Nguyen, Morris, Oberstein, Ronquillo, Smith, Tarverdyan</b>	None	None	None	<b>Hart</b>

- b. Discussion and possible action to approve up to \$275.00 to refill our helium tanks and purchase balloons for outreach events.

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion:** Passed

<b>GHSNC ITEM VIII b. Motion to approve up to \$275.00 to refill our helium tanks and purchase balloons for outreach events.</b>				
<b>Moved: Ronquillo Seconded: Kolstad</b>				
<b>Yes-12</b>	<b>No-00</b>	<b>Abstain-00</b>	<b>Ineligible-00</b>	<b>Absent-01</b>
<b>Benedetto, Danielyan, Geddes, Horn, Kolstad, A. Mercado-Nguyen, J. Mercado-Nguyen, Morris, Oberstein, Ronquillo, Smith, Tarverdyan</b>	None	None	None	<b>Hart</b>

- c. Discussion and possible action to approve \$1,800.00 per year to use Aaron Davandry as the Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council Webmaster.

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion:** Passed

<b>GHSNC ITEM VIII c. Motion to approve \$1,800.00 per year to use Aaron Davandry as the Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council Webmaster.</b>				
<b>Moved: Ronquillo Seconded: Benedetto</b>				
<b>Yes-10</b>	<b>No-02</b>	<b>Abstain-00</b>	<b>Ineligible-00</b>	<b>Absent-01</b>
<b>Benedetto, Horn, Kolstad, A. Mercado-Nguyen, J. Mercado-Nguyen, Morris, Oberstein, Ronquillo, Smith, Tarverdyan</b>	<b>Danielyan , Geddes</b>	None	None	<b>Hart</b>

- d. Discussion and possible action to approve \$2,070.00 per year to use the Bridge Gap minutes writer service for the Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council board meetings.

**Public Comment:**

**Motion:** Passed

<b>GHSNC ITEM VIII d. Motion to approve \$2,070.00 per year to use the Bridge Gap minutes writer service for the Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council board meetings.</b>				
<b>Moved: Ronquillo Seconded: A. Mercado-Nguyen</b>				
<b>Yes-11</b>	<b>No-00</b>	<b>Abstain-01</b>	<b>Ineligible-00</b>	<b>Absent-01</b>
<b>Benedetto, Geddes, Horn, Kolstad, A. Mercado-Nguyen, J. Mercado-Nguyen, Morris, Oberstein, Ronquillo, Smith, Tarverdyan</b>	None	<b>Danielyan</b>	None	<b>Hart</b>

- e. Discussion and possible action to approve a community impact statement to (support or oppose) Council File 25-0193 on Councilman Blumenfield's proposal to make Hanoi, Vietnam as a sister city to Los Angeles. As part of the City's discussions to establish a sister city relationship with Hanoi, the City's representatives and negotiators should keep in mind the policy set forth in Council File 19-0002-S 101.- **Motion to oppose.**

**Public Comment:**

**Motion: Passed**

<b>GHSNC ITEM VIII e. Motion to approve a community impact statement to oppose Council File 25-0193 on Councilman Blumenfeld's proposal to make Hanoi, Vietnam as a sister city to Los Angeles. As part of the City's discussions to establish a sister city relationship with Hanoi, the City's representatives and negotiators should keep in mind the policy set forth in Council File 19-0002-S 101. Moved: Benedetto Seconded: Kolstad</b>				
<b>Yes-05</b>	<b>No-06</b>	<b>Abstain-01</b>	<b>Ineligible-00</b>	<b>Absent-01</b>
<b>Benedetto, Danielyan, Geddes, Horn, Kolstad</b>	<b>A. Mercado-Nguyen, J. Mercado-Nguyen, Oberstein, Ronquillo, Smith, Tarverdyan</b>	<b>Morris</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>Hart</b>

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve the Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Administrative Budget Packet.

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion: Passed**

<b>GHSNC ITEM III a. Motion to approve the Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Administrative Budget Packet. Moved: Ronquillo Seconded: Oberstein</b>				
<b>Yes-12</b>	<b>No-00</b>	<b>Abstain-00</b>	<b>Ineligible-00</b>	<b>Absent-01</b>
<b>Benedetto, Danielyan, Geddes, Horn, Kolstad, A. Mercado-Nguyen, J. Mercado-Nguyen, Morris, Oberstein, Ronquillo, Smith, Tarverdyan</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>Hart</b>

- b. Discussion and possible action to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for June 2025, May 2025, and April 2025.

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion: Passed**

<b>GHSNC ITEM III b. Motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for June 2025, May 2025, and April 2025. Moved: Ronquillo Seconded: Morris</b>				
<b>Yes-12</b>	<b>No-00</b>	<b>Abstain-00</b>	<b>Ineligible-00</b>	<b>Absent-01</b>
<b>Benedetto, Danielyan, Geddes, Horn, Kolstad, A. Mercado-Nguyen, J. Mercado-Nguyen, Morris, Oberstein, Ronquillo, Smith, Tarverdyan</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>Hart</b>

- c. Discussion and possible action to approve the May 1, 2025 and July 3, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion:** Passed

GHSNC ITEM III c. Motion to approve May 1, 2025 and July 3, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes. Moved: Ronquillo Seconded: Oberstein				
Yes-09	No-00	Abstain-03	Ineligible-00	Absent-01
Danielyan, Geddes, Horn, A. Mercado-Nguyen, J. Mercado-Nguyen, Oberstein, Ronquillo, Smith, Tarverdyan	None	Benedetto, Kolstad, Morris,	None	Hart

- d. Discussion and possible action to approve the funding and use of parliamentary assistance appointed from the approved temporary staffing services list provided by the Office of the City Clerk Neighborhood Council Funding Program. - **Item Referred to Budget Committee.**

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion:** Passed

GHSNC ITEM III d. Motion to refer this Item to the Budget Committee. Moved: Ronquillo Seconded: A. Nguyen-Mercado				
Yes-12	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-01
Benedetto, Danielyan, Geddes, Horn, Kolstad, A. Mercado-Nguyen, J. Mercado-Nguyen, Morris, Oberstein, Ronquillo, Smith, Tarverdyan	None	None	None	Hart

- e. Discussion and finalization of date and time for GHSNC's Special Board Meeting to review GHSNC's bylaws, parliamentary procedures, and build camaraderie amongst board members. Our NEA, Jose Galdamez, as well as other city representatives will be present to give brief presentations and answer questions. **The Meeting will be held on August 17, 2025 at 4:00PM.**

**ADJOURNMENT** The meeting was adjourned at 9:13PM