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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**  
**ELECTION AD HOC COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2026 @ 7:00 PM**

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE JANUARY 1, 2026 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 707 (DURAZO) AND LA CITY COUNCIL FILE 23-1114, THE ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY.

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**Voting Committee Members:** \*Jennifer Luce (Co-Chair), \*Pilar DeFreest (Co-Chair), \*Roy Nwaiser, \*Michelle Tepper

**Alternate Voting Committee Members:** None

**\*Indicates ENC Board Member or Alternate; no more than five (5) ENC Board Members and/or Alternates may be seated at one time during any ENC Committee Meeting**

**1. Call to Order / Roll call / Determination of quorum 7:07 pm**

**Jennifer Luce/present**

**Pilar Defreest/present**

**Roy Nwaisser/present**

**Michelle Teppner/present**

**2. Comments from chair **Excited to form this committee, hoping for an election as successful as the last****

**3. Reports from Public Officials/Departments/Community Agencies **none****

**4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items **none****

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**5. Old Business**

**A. None**

**6. New Business**

**A. Formation of Committee and overview of committee expectations**

**B. Discussion and Motion of [2027 NC Election Information Worksheet](#) for possible polling venues – Must notify City by August 31, 2026**

**i. Polling hours for voting, to include set up and break down**

**Motion:** Motion to set the in-person polling location for the 2027 Neighborhood Council Election with voting hours of 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (six hours), and to reserve the venue from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to allow one hour of setup before voting opens and one hour of breakdown after voting closes.

Motion: Roy Nwaisser / 2<sup>nd</sup> Pilar DeFreest. Vote YES 4/NO 0

Vote: Jennifer Luce – Yes; Pilar DeFreest – Yes; Michelle Teppner – Yes; Roy Nwaisser – Yes

**ii. Translation requirements**

**Motion:** Motion that the Neighborhood Council request no translation services beyond those the City Clerk provides as part of its standard election administration.

Motion: Jennifer Luce 2<sup>nd</sup> Roy Nwaisser VOTE YES 4/NO 0

Vote: Jennifer Luce – Yes; Pilar DeFreest – Yes; Michelle Teppner – Yes; Roy Nwaisser – Yes

**C. Discussion of [NC Bylaws and Information](#)**

**i. NC Election Documents (Handbook, Timeline, Schedule, Information Worksheet, Voting Models)**

**ii. Candidate Filing Process (60 day filing process, Online or Paper Applications,**

**Required Documentation (Photo ID, Proof of Age, Proof of Stakeholder Status),  
Candidate Certified, Candidate Challenges, Certified List of Candidates**

**iii. Election Day – May 15, 2027**

**D. Discussion on Next Steps**

Develop an outreach election plan along with branding and communication tools.  
Announcement in October newsletter

Outreach materials will be distributed to Neighborhood Councils in September, coordinate  
with outreach in election branding and execution

**7. Announcements:**

Committee member announcements about items not on this agenda.

Sherman oaks NC movie night in VNSO park on Saturday from 6-10pm, National Treasure

**8. Adjournment. 7:38pm**

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My contact info - [Michael.Lektorich@lacity.org](mailto:Michael.Lektorich@lacity.org) or (213) 978-0444

NC Election Website - <https://clerk.lacity.gov/ncelections>

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