



MINUTES

JOINT GENERAL BOARD/ GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING



Tuesday, November 2, 2021
6:30pm

ZOOM – MEETING ID 979 4137 2867

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 (MARCH 17, 2020) AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID-19, THE BOARD OF GREATER TOLUCA LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED ON ZOOM AND BE ACCESSIBLE TELEPHONICALLY.

Instructions on how to sign up for public comments will be given to listeners at the start of the meeting.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS			<i>X = Present, AB = Absent, EX = Excused</i>			
<u>X</u>	Katherine Hatton	<i>Co-Chair</i>	<u>X</u>	Kelly Cole	<u>X</u>	Shawn Besharaty
<u>X</u>	Tess Taylor	<i>Co-Chair</i>	<u>AB</u>	Nick Baker	<u>AB</u>	Kevin Dees
			<u>AB</u>	Reynold Blight		

1. Call to Order	Start Time 6:34 PM									
2. Attendance	Public in Attendance: 1									
3. Minutes										
<i>(One (1) Minute per Speaker per Agenda Item)</i>										
a. Review and Approve Committee Minutes (Materials can be found at https://www.gtlnc.org/ under committee meeting documents)										
MOTION A: Approve the GTLNC October 5, 2021 Governmental Affairs Committee Minutes.	VOTE: <u> 4 </u> / <u> 0 </u> / <u> 0 </u> First: Tess Second: Shawn									
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<p><i>Y – Yes A – Abstain I – Ineligible</i> <i>N – No R – Recusal E – Excused</i></p>										
4. Public Comment										
<i>(Two (2) Minutes per Speaker on subject not on agenda)</i>										
5. Committee Member News & Announcements										
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Tess Taylor expressed concerns about current iteration of DONE Code of Conduct policy which permits DONE to suspend a neighborhood council board member following complaint against the board member.										
6. On-Going Business										
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a. LA City Council Redistricting: independent commission will be redrawing Council District boundaries based on census data and public input

Learn more and find out how to participate:

<https://laccrc2021.org/> or email redistricting.lacity@lacity.org

Final redistricting map recommendation has been submitted to City Council for approval; note that Councilmember Mark Ridley Thomas has been suspended, so number of votes required to approve is reduced

b. CA Statewide Redistricting: independent California Citizens Redistricting Commission redraws the boundaries of California's Congressional, State Senate, State Assembly, and State Board of Equalization districts

Learn more and find out how to participate here:

<https://www.wedrawthelinesca.org/>

[not discussed]

c. Update re previous bylaw amendment submission (Abstentions not "Yes" votes) Approved by DONE and will be updated on GTLNC website; FYI per recent training, DONE permits NC bylaws to stipulate abstentions count as either yes, no, or non-votes

d. Review and discussion of proposed Bylaws changes summary (See Meeting Documents at <https://www.gtlnc.org/government-affairs-committee/>)

1. **Composition.** No objections.
2. **Quorum.** Discussion to change quorum from 9 (current) to 8 or 10, being mindful that no committee may have majority of quorum (< 50%). The Committee supports lowering quorum to 8, discussed trimming or redistributing under-participating committee members to comply with no-majority-of-quorum rule, and to create rule that every Councilmember must serve on at least one (1) committee. Discussed "joint board meeting" option to allow for standing committees over majority-of-quorum.
3. **Official Actions.** (approved by DONE).
4. **Term & Term Limits.** Serve 8 years within 10-year period.
5. **Duties & Powers.** President appoints liaisons, Council may replace within 60 days, otherwise liaison becomes permanent.
6. **Vacancies.** Define thorough public notification of Council vacancies.
7. **Absences:** "Excused" absence definition discussed and generally not recommended by DONE; proposal that three consecutive absences results in automatic agendizing censure, followed by potential removal if absenteeism is not addressed.
8. **Resignation.** Submit written resignation to full Council
9. **Duties & Powers.** President role's main purposes: 1) to prepare agenda with input from the Council, 2) to moderate meetings in accordance with all obligations required of the office, including Roberts Rules of Order, 3) to be spokesperson for the Council, including explanation of any minority views. The committee's consensus was that the Council should set policy, approve and disprove proposals, and that the council should reserve all other authorities to itself collectively.
10. **Selection of Officers.** Clarify that Executive Committee can be changed (by vote) once a year.

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11. Ad Hoc Committees. Council and/or President can establish ad hoc committees.	
e. **Review and discussion of proposed Standing Rules at future meeting**	
7. New Business/Future Projects	
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a. Next GAC Meeting Date / Schedule for submitting Bylaws amendments Committee agrees to meet Dec 7 to complete review of summary of changes so that in January can present bylaws amendments proposal to Board	
b. Discussion of possible Letter of Action requesting City Council support legislation removing statute of limitations for prosecuting or bringing civil suit re elder abuse, including conservatorship abuse [not discussed]	
c. Identifying Guest Speakers [not discussed]	
8. Meeting Adjourned	Close Time: 8:33 PM
Next Meeting: TBD – via Zoom	

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