



**MINUTES JOINT GENERAL BOARD/
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE MEETING**



Tuesday, December 7, 2021
6:30pm

ZOOM – MEETING ID 979 4137 2867

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2021 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 361 (RIVAS) AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID-19, THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED ENTIRELY WITH A CALL-IN OPTION OR INTERNET-BASED SERVICE OPTION.

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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>	Reynold Blight	<u>AB</u>	Kevin Dees

1. Call to Order	Start Time <u>6:33</u> <u>PM</u>												
2. Attendance	Public in Attendance: <u>1</u>												
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)													
<u>MOTION A: Approve the GTLNC November 2, 2021 Governmental Affairs Committee Minutes.</u>	VOTE: <u>-</u> <u>-</u> <u>-</u> <u>-</u> <u>-</u> <u>-</u> First: Shawn Second: Kelly												
Tess <u>MOTION TO AMEND</u> minutes to add back language removed for brevity and reducing redundancy: under #9 Duties and Powers “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.”	VOTE: <u>3</u> <u>/</u> <u>1</u> <u>/</u> <u>0</u>												
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<u>MOTION A: Approve the GTLNC November 2, 2021 Governmental Affairs Committee Minutes, as amended.</u>	VOTE: <u>4</u> <u>/</u> <u>0</u> <u>/</u> <u>0</u>												
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4. Public Comment <i>Two (2) Minutes per Speaker on subject not on agenda</i>													

APPROVED 4 Jan 2022



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Concern expressed regarding handling of temporary grievance committee and the fact that bylaws don't allow carrying forward of grievance committee membership (bylaws confirmed by DONE)

5. Committee Member News & Announcements *Two (2) Minutes per Speaker on subject not on agenda*

Will be update at future meeting re request from Lee Jamieson (board member) for legislative action to remove statute of limitation related to elder abuse

6. On-Going Business

(One (1) Minute per Speaker per Agenda Item)

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

NOTE: Items 1-11 discussed at Nov 2, 2021 GAC meeting

12. Committee Creation and Authorization: Council selects Committee Chairs; limit all committee membership to less than majority of quorum; establish process to create, disband and/or change committees. Establish minimum standard of participation. If too many meetings are missed, this must be rectified or risk removal. Committee chairs negligent in their duties can be replaced by Council. Public encouraged to join committees; include this process in standing rules. Council should establish or disband standing committees via a motion. Article VII Committees and Their Duties, Section 3

13. Meeting Time and Place, Notifications/Postings: Simplify notice details. Article VIII Meetings, Sections 1 and 3

14. Agenda Setting: Enable Councilmembers to agendize items, and committee members for their respective committees. Practice of agenda items originating in committee before going to general board can be weaponized to delay time-sensitive decision-making, so must ensure flexibility. Normally, a committee meeting would occur before general board meeting, but should be clear when time-sensitive issues bypass directly to general or special meeting. Suggestion that if two or three board members sponsor an agenda item, it must be on general board meeting agenda. Article VIII Meetings, Section 2

15. Reconsideration: Must be submitted by Councilmember who voted on prevailing side one week before next general board meeting, to require at least one person who felt an error was made as opposed to someone unhappy with outcome. Currently anyone can request reconsideration of anything acted upon, up until before next general board meeting. This has been weaponized in past when someone didn't like a vote, causing delay until it was moot. Article VIII Meetings, Section 4

16. Grievance Committee: Per Nov 30 email, DONE is establishing regional grievance panel to address certified grievances filed by board members. Concern expressed regarding what would prompt DONE to remove Board submitted grievance panel member "at their sole discretion." Suggestion this is possibly to address a conflict related to the grievance. In the event GTLNC continues to have an internal grievance process, propose to approach like jury duty with a list of people available to participate then at time of grievance select three at random with no conflicts of interest. Article XI Grievance Process



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17. **Parliamentary Authority:** Proposal to remove most process language and reference Robert’s Rules. Add requirement of conflict of interest reminder at each meeting, change language from “abstain” to “recuse”; require record of votes by name (tied to proposed reconsideration changes); allow Presiding Chair to participate and vote (assuming no longer sole agenda setting authority); set consistent public comment rules. Article XII Parliamentary Authority

18. **Amendments:** Clarify timeline to include bylaw amendments on agenda: 1) Request must be made 7 days prior to General Meeting; and 2) Agendize only on next general board meeting during which bylaw amendments are permitted by DONE. Article XIII Amendments

19. **Code of Civility:** Include guidelines to manage disruptive individuals pursuant to Brown Act, and only accept comments within GTLNC scope of authority. If an individual is belligerent, when do they lose right to speak but still attend? On Zoom can mute, but in person removal may be only option. Article XIV Compliance, Section 1

20. **Training:** Add loss of voting rights during term if Council Member fails to complete training within 60 days + 2 week warning. Request that completed training be announced at meeting and recorded in minutes. Suggestion to include link on agenda to training status. All current training and expirations can be viewed at EmpowerLA.org and are included in monthly profiles emailed to GTLNC. Issue with EmpowerLA list - new youth member Jake Tidik’s name does not appear as part of the board, Tess’s name is misspelled under PLUM, and PLUM committee membership incorrect. Article XIV Compliance, Section 2

b. ****Review and discussion of proposed Standing Rules at future meeting****

7. New Business/Future Projects

(One (1) Minute per Speaker per Agenda Item)

a. Schedule for submitting Bylaws amendments

Bylaws amendments are due by April 1, 2022 per DONE. GAC aims to present Summary of Proposed Amendments at January 2022 General Board Meeting for discussion and agreement; aiming for redline by February meeting. Suggestion to request vote on Summary of Proposed Amendments at January Meeting, opposition to vote given broadness of summary and time required at meeting

8. Meeting Adjourned Close Time: 8:04 PM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 @ 6:30 PM – via Zoom

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AB 361 UPDATES

Public comment cannot be required to be submitted in advance of the meeting, only real-time public comment is required.

If there are any broadcasting interruptions that prevent the public from observing or hearing the meeting, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned.



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RECONSIDERATION AND GRIEVANCE PROCESS

For information on the GTLNC's process for board action reconsideration, stakeholder grievance policy, or any other procedural matters related to this Council, please consult the GTLNC Bylaws. The Bylaws are available at our Board meetings and our website www.gtlnc.org

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