



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
Charter Reform Ad Hoc Committee

November 6, 2025 Meeting
MINUTES Approved by the Committee on 11-21-2025

I. WELCOMING REMARKS

A. Call to Order

A duly noticed special meeting of the Charter Reform Ad Hoc Committee of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (“GWNC”) was held virtually over Zoom (Webinar ID No. 852 7699 4679) on November 6, 2025. Committee chairperson, Conrad Starr, called the meeting to order at 2 p.m.

B. Welcome

Mr. Starr welcomed the assembled group.

C. Roll Call

Mr. Starr called the roll. Four committee members were present (Mr. Starr, Mark Alpers, John Gresham, and Erika Stuart). *[The GWNC Charter Reform Ad Hoc Committee quorum (the minimum number of Committee Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) was 51% of 5 Committee Seats, or three, so the Committee was able to take such votes.]* Natalie Irby was absent.

Two members of the public were present.

II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Lionel Mares commented that Mayor Bass had announced the lifting of the emergency declaration on homelessness which would serve to restore oversight to City Council and transparency in the awarding of contracts. Mr. Mares said that the Saturday Charter Reform Commission’s Better Government Committee would be meeting in Highland Park and would feature the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) General Manager, Carmen Chang.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A. Review and Adoption of October 23, 2025 Minutes

Mr. Gresham moved that the Committee adopt the October 23, 2025 minutes. Ms. Stuart seconded. The motion passed with three (3) in favor (Gresham, Starr, Stuart), zero (0) opposed, and one (1) abstaining (Alpers).

B. Committee Membership - Seeking to Join, Departing

There were no nominations, motions, or votes.

1. Ethics Training Link: <https://localethics.fppc.ca.gov/> for non-Board members

IV. PRESENTATIONS

A. Budget Advocates Report

Jack Humphreville shared the Budget Advocates' recommendations to the Charter Reform Commission, which the Budget Advocates, on which Humphreville sits, had presented to the Charter Reform Commission in September 2025. He said the Budget was the most serious issue facing the city, and the three recommendations, in his opinion, were 1) that the Controller be made the CFO of the City, 2) that a Chief Operating Officer role separate from the Mayor be created, and 3) that there be a process of open and transparent labor agreements and that no labor agreement could create a budget deficit, which the City would be required to prove.

He provided additional comments.

V. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

A. Government Structure Report (Gresham)

There was discussion, including a review of the upcoming Charter Reform Commission (CRC) and CRC Committee meeting schedule, and recognizing conflicts, **Mr. Gresham proposed that the GWNC Charter Reform Ad Hoc Committee should move its 11/20/2025 meeting to 11/21/2025 at 2 p.m. The schedule change was made without objection and with full support of members present.**

B. Better Government Report (Irby, Starr, Stuart)

There was no formal report.

C. Infrastructure and Planning (Alpers)

Mr. Alpers discussed the topic. He was not supportive of the proposal to make the Planning Director the Chair of the City Planning Commission.

D. Personnel & Budget (NONE)

No additional report was made.

VI. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

There was no report.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Possible Motion on Committee Scope

Mr. Alpers left the meeting at 3:57 p.m. There were now three members present. Quorum was maintained.

VIII. VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENTS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS

See

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1QeIX0Hsogm0Al0d76RXyHcaPN7Yb2rZnqOqcebEaqwg/edit?gid=0#gid=0>

A. Charter Reform Commission Meetings

Members agreed to attend upcoming meetings.

B. Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition Committee/Working Group

There were no volunteers. Mr. Starr agreed to find out from Kay Hartman when the committee would be meeting.

C. GWNC Board Meetings

Mr. Gresham had agreed to present on the Government Structure Committee list of recommendations to the GWNC Board for its November 12 meeting.

D. GWNC and Community Events

Ms. Stuart stressed the importance of inviting neighborhood associations to share their input.

IX. COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

- A. **Proposed Motion:** Recommendation that the GWNC file a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to the Charter Commission and to City Council and Committees (Council File No's. _____) [POSITION TO BE TAKEN/LETTER TO BE REFERENCED] and that the GWNC appoint [NAME(S)] to present GWNC CIS and/or its Position to the Los Angeles City Charter Reform Commission at a meeting of said Commission, as directed by GWNC President and/or GWNC Charter Reform Ad Hoc Committee Chair.

There were no motions or votes.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Survey of GWNC Stakeholders

This item was not taken up.

- B. Infosheet on CR for sharing/distribution

This item was not taken up.

- C. Town Hall for GWNC Stakeholders

This item was not taken up.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Stuart requested Tony Wilkinson for a future meeting.

Lionel Mares referred the committee to statements made by the Reseda NC and by Jamie York.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m. without objection.

Respectfully submitted by Conrad Starr. The GWNC Outreach Committee Minutes page is located at <https://greaterwilshire.org/outreach-committee-agendas-minutes>.