



Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council  
Charter Reform Ad Hoc Committee

January 8, 2026 Special Meeting  
MINUTES – Approved by the Committee on January 29, 2026

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 January 8, 2026. Committee chairperson, Conrad Starr, called the meeting to order at approximately 4:02 p.m.

B. Welcome

Mr. Starr welcomed the assembled group.

C. Roll Call

Mr. Starr called the roll. **Three of four committee members were present (Mr. Starr, Mark Alpers, and John Gresham).** *[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 4 Committee Seats, or three, so the Committee was able to take such votes.]* Erika Stuart was absent.

II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no general public comment.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE

Mr. Starr noted that GWNC Board Member Tony Gittelsohn had submitted public comments in the form of a PDF document, which was available for review in the Committee Documents folder <https://greaterwilshire.org/crdocs/>.

Mr. Gittelsohn was present and identified himself.

During a brief discussion, Mr. Alpers opined that the debate regarding the committee’s previously submitted recommendations regarding the Planning portion of the Charter Reform Commission’s scope would best be debated at the upcoming GWNC Board Meeting.

IV. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Gresham noted that the Charter Reform Commission (CRC) had not updated its meeting schedule/calendar while the meeting dates were being changed frequently. He provided further updates regarding the CRC’s planned dissolution of its Committees and the formation of a new Ad Hoc Committee that would take up all the recommendations and other items forwarded from the

original CRC committees. Mr. Gresham further reported on the January 7th CRC Government Structure Committee where the aforementioned motion was passed, which read: “Motion to dissolve the 4 approved commission committees, effective at the conclusion of each of their respective next scheduled meetings in the month of January, no later than January 16th, and establish a 6 member ad hoc commission committee. This committee will begin meeting on January 17, 2026, with a duration of one month, in order to recommend to the full commission which Charter items to move forward or to table.” He said uncontroversial recommendations would be included in the final recommendation from Charter Reform Commission to the City Council without further deliberation.

#### V. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

There was no report.

#### VI. NEW BUSINESS

##### A. Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Recommendations Approved on January 3, 2026.

1. Possible Motion to recommend that GWNC support the LANCC recommendations in full or in part.

Mr. Starr guided the committee through the LANCC recommendations, highlighting several budget-related motions that the GWNC Ad Hoc Committee had previously not voted to support. After a lengthy discussion, the following motions were moved, seconded, and passed as below.

##### B. COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT(S)

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.

**Motion 1 (STARR/GRESHAM): That the planning recommendations included in the Draft Community Impact Statement (CIS) which the Charter Reform Ad hoc Committee had submitted to the board at its December 8, 2025 General Board Meeting be resubmitted for Board for approval and CIS without changes. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of the three members present.**

**Motion 2 (STARR/ALPERS): The Charter Reform Ad Hoc Committee recommends that the GWNC issue a CIS/Letter expressing the following: the GWNC applauds the LANCC for its efforts to present recommendations regarding the Charter. We are generally supportive of those recommendations. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of the three members present.**

**Motion 3 (STARR/GRESHAM): The Charter Reform Ad Hoc Committee provides the following updated recommendation to the Board: that as the budget matters identified by the Committee were covered by LANCC’s recommendations, that no additional CIS or letter be sent to the CRC at this time. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of the three members present.**

**Motion 4 (STARR/GRESHAM): That the Committee postpone bringing to the board any Government Structure recommendations previously passed by the Committee regarding the City Manager/COO and regarding the Controller as CFO to a later meeting given that [the Committee] may have additional recommendation in the Government Structure category. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of the three members present.**

#### VII. VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENTS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS

This section was not taken up.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

**The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m. without objection.**

*Respectfully submitted by Conrad Starr. The GWNC Charter Reform Committee Minutes are located at <https://greaterwilshire.org/ad-hoc-committee-agendas-minutes/>.*