

**COUNCILMEMBERS**

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- Mel Futrell
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- Audrey Krause
- Marci Marks
- Reanna Lee - **Youth Rep.**

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**NORTH HOLLYWOOD NORTHEAST  
 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Wednesday, January 21, 2026**  
 6:30 pm

**Meeting Type:**  
 Regular Council Meeting

Prepared by:  
 Jennifer Clark

\*President/Chair only votes for tie-breakers or to create a tie\*

**Council Meetings every third  
 Wednesday at 6:30 PM**

**Location:**  
 Valley Plaza Library  
 12311 Vanowen St, North  
 Hollywood, CA 91605

**Mailing Address:**  
 P.O. Box 15515,  
 North Hollywood, CA 91615

This meeting will be held in person in accordance with the Brown Act. A livestream will be available to allow stakeholders to observe the meeting remotely. Please note that the livestream is for viewing purposes only. Members of the public who wish to provide public comment must attend the meeting in person at the location listed above. Comments submitted via chat or other livestream functions will not be accepted as official public comment.

\*President/Chair reserves the right to move agenda items to accommodate speakers\*

Item #	Topic	Council Member Sponsor
1	<p>Call Meeting to Order - Roll Call</p> <p>President Zaid Diaz-Arias calls the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Quorum achieved</p> <p><b>11 Present:</b> Maria Cermeno, Jennifer Clark, Michael Coleman, Zaid Diaz-Arias, Reanna Lee, Marci Marks, Jennie Palluzzi, and Wendy Sotelo</p> <p>6:39pm: Mel Futrell arrived          6:40pm: SheRise Ford arrived</p> <p><b>2 Absent:</b> Excused: n/a          Unexcused: Veronica Jimenez Vasquez and Audrey Krause</p>	Pres. Diaz-Arias
2	<p>Chair Welcome &amp; brief review of the NC Rules</p> <p>President Zaid Diaz-Arias gave a Brief Review of NC rules.</p>	Pres. Diaz-Arias

3	<p>Reports by LAPD and LAFD (2 Mins Ea.)</p> <p><b>Chief Morehouse (LAFD)</b> gave updates on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wildland Fire Hand Crews are active. They are still waiting on the Nike Site at Browns Canyon to break ground and move in ready before they can leave their temporary home in the Firestation 89 Community Room.</li> <li>• There were two (2) Christmas Tree fires, were both homes are completely gone. Reminder to keep an eye on the live trees and also dispose of them properly</li> <li>• Rubbish Fires had a high number of calls. All fires, even the warming fires of the People Experiencing Homelessness (PEH) are treated as ‘working fires’ due to the danger they pose to the community</li> </ul>	Various
4	<p>Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items (3 Mins Ea.)</p> <p>Community Member shared about Latino Resource Organization and their various programs to assist with food, tutoring and tax assistance</p>	Various
<b>Consent Calendar</b>		
5	<p><b>Discussion and Possible Action on the following Consent Calendar:</b></p> <p>A. Approve the December 17, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes.</p> <p><a href="#">Wendy Soltelo moves to approve</a></p> <p><a href="#">Mel Futrell seconds</a></p> <p><a href="#">Motion passes 8-0-2-0</a></p>	VP Clark/ Secretary Sotelo
<b>Board Business</b>		
6	<p><b>Presentation:</b> Overview of Upcoming LA Charter Reform Meetings and Brief Overview of Process (10 Minutes)</p> <p><a href="#">Presentation by Parliamentarian Palluzzi included an overview</a></p> <p><a href="#">Public Comment heard</a></p>	Parliamentarian Palluzzi
7	<p><b>Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action:</b> Review and approve a <a href="#">Community Impact Statement</a> for <a href="#">Council File 23-1027-S8</a> - Charter Reform Commission / Recommendations / Strategic Policies Updates. This CIS will be CC’d to our city council members as well as the mayor’s office, and the LA Charter Reform Commission.</p> <p><a href="#">SheRise Ford moves to approve</a></p> <p><a href="#">Jennifer Clark seconds</a></p> <p><a href="#">Motion passes 9-0-1-0</a></p>	Parliamentarian Palluzzi

8	<p><b>Discussion and Possible Action:</b> To vacate the below listed board seat due to excessive absences that violate the North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council (NHNENC) Absence policy and Compliance Policy in the NHNENC bylaws Article V Section 7.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At Large Community Stakeholder - A3 2023 - Currently held by Mel Futrell</li> <li>• <b>Note:</b> <i>Mel Futrell has been absent 4 times in a 12 month period. The absences were: January, March, July, November, and December of 2025. Any member that misses three consecutive meetings or four meetings in a 12 month period must be put on the agenda for discussion.</i></li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Marci Marks moves to approve</a></p> <p><a href="#">SheRise Ford seconds</a></p> <p><b>Motion fails 1-6-2-0</b></p>	President Diaz-Arias/ Parliamentarian Palluzzi
<b>Funding Items</b>		
9	<p><b>Discussion and Possible Action:</b> Approve the December 2025 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER).</p> <p><a href="#">Zaid Diaz-Arias moved to table this given that LA City Clerk had not finished their review in order for it to be generated for approval</a></p> <p><a href="#">Marci Marks seconds</a></p>	Treas. Coleman
<b>Committee Business</b>		
10	<p><b>Liaison Reports (2 Mins):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NCSA/Trees Committee</b> Secretary Sotelo gave updates</li> <li>• <b>C-PAB</b> Secretary Sotelo gave updates</li> <li>• <b>PAB VP</b> Clark gave updates</li> <li>• <b>Charter Reform Liaison</b> Parliamentarian Palluzzi gave updates</li> </ul>	Liaisons
11	<p><b>Committee Reports:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Executive Council</b> Pres Diaz-Arias verbally reported that progress has been made in planning for the Board Retreat in January.</li> <li>• <b>Beautification &amp; Public Safety</b> Next meeting: Tuesday, February 10th 7pm at Valley Plaza Recreation Center</li> <li>• <b>ByLaws &amp; Rules</b> Chair Palluzzi stated that the next meeting will be in February</li> <li>• <b>Planning &amp; Land-Use Management</b> Chair Coleman stated that the next meeting has not been scheduled, but is expected to be in February.</li> </ul>	Committee Chairs
<b>Concluding Statements</b>		
12	<p>Reports by Government Officials (2 Mins Ea.)</p> <p><a href="#">Lorelie (CD6) gave updates</a></p> <p><a href="#">Nyelliel (Assembly 43rd District) gave updates</a></p>	Pres. Diaz-Arias

13	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Council Member Announcements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>SAVE THE DATE - NHNENC Board Retreat:</b> Saturday, January 31, 2026 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM Join us for Goal Setting, Policy Workshops, and more!</li> <li>● <b>North Hollywood Monthly Community Clean-Up Days</b> - Held every 2nd Saturday from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Upcoming clean-up: Meet at Urbane Cafe, NoHoWest</li> <li>● <b>LA Charter Commission Meetings - Feb 4, Feb 5, Feb 7, Feb 11</b>  <a href="https://reformlacherter.lacity.gov/commission-meeting-schedule">https://reformlacherter.lacity.gov/commission-meeting-schedule</a></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">No Action Taken</p>	Council Mems.
14	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Adjournment</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">President Diaz-Arias adjourns the meeting at 7:40 pm</p>	Pres. Diaz-Arias

Call to Order:		Vote Count - NHNENC JANUARY 2026 BOARD MEETING			
Adjourned:		(Y=Yes, N=No, Ab=Abstain, I=Ineligible, R=Recuse)			
Board Member	Attendance	5 (A)	7	8	9
Maria Cermeno	Yes	Y	Y	N	
Jennifer Clark	Yes	Y	Y	Y	
Michael Coleman	Yes	Y	Y	N	
SheRise Ford	Yes - Arrived Late 6:40 pm	A	Y	N	
Mel Futrell	Yes - Arrived Late 6:39 pm	Y	Y	N	
Veronica Jimenez	No				
Audrey Krause	No				
Marcy Marks	Yes	Y	Y	N	
Jennie Palluzzi	Yes	Y	Y	A	
Wendy Sotelo	Yes	Y	Y	A	
YOUTH - Reanna Lee	Yes	Y	Y	N	
*Zaid Diaz-Arias (Abstain:Default as Chair)	Yes	A	A	A	
		PASSES	PASSES	FAILED	TABLED
<b>Vote Count Totals</b>		8/0/2/0	9/0/1/0	1/6/3/0	

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- Our website [NHNENC.org/minutes/](https://NHNENC.org/minutes/)