

BOARD OF THE WEST ADAMS  
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West Adams Neighborhood Council  
Meets Every Third Monday of the Month @  
Vineyard Recreation Center, 2942 Vineyard Ave,  
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**West Adams Neighborhood  
Council**

**Draft Special Board Meeting Minutes**

Virtual Meeting

Thursday, May 21, 2020 6:00-7:30 PM

**1. Welcome and Call to Order**

Steven Meeks	Present	Connye Thomas	Present
Leslie Graham	Absent	Sean Curley	Present
Richard Williams	Absent	Jace Dawson	Present
Leon Burdeos	Absent	Kristyn Yancy	Present
Eva Aubry	Absent	Clint Simmons	Present
Yolanda Davis-Overstreet	Present		

**1. Welcome, Call to Order and Roll Call**

Mr. Meeks called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM: Quorum not met.

**2. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: two minutes per person**

Jace Dawson - He stated that two individuals contacted him under the false assumption that the meeting was to begin at 6:30 PM

Quintus Jett - He asked about the role NCs play during emergencies and how they assist their constituents.

Brian Piatek - He stated that he did not have problems joining the meeting.

**3. Old Business:**

A. Discussion and possible action on Bylaws amendment suggestions

*Ms. Yancy left the meeting at 6:40 PM.*

Ms. Thomas shared a document covering suggested changes to the bylaws.

Quintus Jett asked if there was a way for the public to review the document. Ms. Thomas stated that there was and referred him to it.

#### 1) ABSENCES

Four excused or unexcused absences will result in removal. Leaving a meeting early will be deemed an unexcused absence unless verifiable extenuating circumstances such as dire illness of Board Member or family member(s). Third absence will result in a warning notification by email stating that the fourth absence will result in removal.

**Ms. Curley moved to postpone the meeting in order to be able to take action on the items at a meeting with a quorum. Ms. Thomas seconded. Ms. Overstreet expressed concern that at a future meeting quorum may not be met again and stated that she would file a compliant with EmpowerLA if quorum was not met at the next meeting. Mr. Simmons stated that he wanted to continue the meeting to discuss the items. Ms. Thomas expressed concern that at a future meeting quorum may not be met again and asked why one of the item she submitted for the agenda was not on it. Mr. Simmons voted no. 6/1/0. Ms. Curley withdrew the motion as quorum was not present.**

Mr. Dawson called for a special meeting to examine whether Board members were purposely missing meetings to hold up Board business. The Board scheduled a special meeting at Tuesday, May 26th at 2020.

President Meeks stated that Ms. Thomas' item was not on the agenda because it needed to be reviewed by the Executive Committee first.

#### 2) SECRETARY

Shall be corresponding -The president shall be responsible for having a minute taker at all monthly and special board meetings.

#### 3) CARD HOLDERS

One of the two card holders shall make required payments within seven days of Board approval or payment requests.

#### 4) FINANCE COMMITTEE

All funding requests must go before the Finance Committee at least thirty days before a regular monthly meeting. The Finance Committee will make any recommendations for funding to the full board.

#### 5) STANDING COMMITTEES

Separate the Education/Youth Committee back into separate committees

#### 6) TERM LIMITS

Term limits for President

## 7. FUNDING

Dollar amount or number of requests per year cap on funding requests with Board Member affiliated entities where Board Members recuse themselves.

## 8) REMOVAL

Streamline process and remove ambiguity the Council Presiding Officer shall notify the Board Member and provide notice to that Board Member that their seat has been declared vacant.

## 9) PRIOR AMENDMENTS

Language edits to prior approved bylaws amendments (see during meeting)

## 4. New Business:

A. Discussion and possible action approval of Lloyd Staffing invoice for note taker not to exceed \$112

B. Discussion and possible action on payment approval for custodial services for County Supervisors District 2 Candidates Forum to Holman UMC not to exceed \$75

## 5. Adjourn

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