GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
December 6, 2023  
1:00 PM

DLBA Conference Room  
100 W Broadway, Suite 120  
Long Beach, CA 90802  

Voting Present: Sam Pierzina, Graham Gill, Silissa Uriarte Smith, Whitney Neal  
Voting Absent: Debra Fixen  
DLBA Staff: Kelsey Mader, Jeremy Ancalade

1. CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS – Sam Pierzina, Chair  
   Called to order at 1:03 PM.

2. APPROVE MINUTES  
   ACTION: Approve Minutes from August 31, 2023 Meetings  
   MOTION: 1st: Smith; 2nd: Neal.  
   VOTE: None opposed. No abstentions. Gill not present for vote. Motion passes.

3. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT – Pierzina  
   A. FY 23-24 Committee Vacancies  
      i. Economic Development  
      ACTION: Approve Jade Sche to serve on DLBA’s Economic Development Committee, effective immediately and expiring upon the approval of a new committee for FY 25.  
      MOTION: 1st: Pierzina; 2nd: Smith.  
      VOTE: None opposed. No abstentions. Gill not present for vote. Motion passes.  
   B. DLBA Bylaws Amendments  
      i. Election Procedures of the Downtown Long Beach Alliance– Article 3: Governance Committee – Action Report 3B(i)  
      ACTION: Review to approve or revise recommendations to amend DLBA Election Procedures Section 3 and send to Board of Directors for two-thirds approval.  
      MOTION: 1st: Pierzina; 2nd: Smith.  
      VOTE: None opposed. No abstentions. Motion passes.  
      ii. Election Procedures of the Downtown Long Beach Alliance– Article 5: Election of Officers – Action Report 3B(ii)  
      ACTION: Review to approve or revise recommendations to amend DLBA Election Procedures Section 5 and send to Board of Directors for two-thirds approval.  
      MOTION: 1st: Pierzina; 2nd: Neal.  
      VOTE: None opposed. No abstentions. Motion passes.

4. STAFF REPORT  
   A. Board/Committee Experience Survey – Mader  
      • The Committee reviewed previous Board experience surveys and considered which questions are still relevant.  
      • They worked towards creating a new survey which will be deployed to the entire Board in January.  
      • The survey will be distributed, analyzed, and reported on by staff.
B. Misc. – Ancalade
   • Ancalade reminded the Committee of the upcoming Holiday Mixer scheduled for December 1.

5. OLD BUSINESS
6. NEW BUSINESS
7. PUBLIC COMMENT (three minutes on all non-agenda items)
8. ADJOURNMENT
   Adjourned at 1:36 PM.

NEXT GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:
December 28
Location: DLBA Conference Room
Mission: Cultivate, preserve, and promote a healthy, safe, and prosperous Downtown for all.

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