



**DOWNTOWN
LONG BEACH
ALLIANCE**

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, March 5, 2026

8:00 AM

DTLB Alliance Conference Room

100 W Broadway, Suite 235, Long Beach, CA 90802

1. CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS – Mike Gold, Chair
2. SECRETARY REPORT
ACTION: Approve Minutes from [February 5, 2026 Meeting](#)
3. TREASURER’S REPORT – Jeremy Ancalade, Vice President of Administration
Amy Chambers, Treasurer
[Draft Year-to-Date Financials through January 2026](#) 10 Minutes
4. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT – Gold 15 Minutes
 - A. Remarks from the Chair
 - B. Governance Committee Report – Uriarte Smith**ACTION: Approve candidates to serve as programming chair/vice-chair.**
5. PRESIDENT/CEO REPORT – Austin Metoyer 35 Minutes
 - A. DTLB Strategic Plan Project Update
 - B. Intro Discussion on District Rate Assessment Adjustment
 - C. Advocacy Update
 - D. Misc.
6. OLD BUSINESS
7. NEW BUSINESS
8. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE BOARD
9. PUBLIC COMMENTS (three minutes on all non-agenda items)
10. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT SCHEDULED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING:

April 2, 2026

Location: DTLB Alliance Conference Room

Mission: Cultivate, preserve and promote a healthy, safe and prosperous Downtown for all.

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Respectful Dialogue Disagree with ideas, not individuals. Focus criticism on proposals and data rather than making personal attacks or questioning motives. Frame disagreements as "I see it differently because..." rather than "You're wrong about..."

Active Listening Allow speakers to finish their points before responding. Ask clarifying questions when you don't understand rather than making assumptions about what someone means.

Meeting Protocol Wait to be recognized by the chair before speaking. Avoid talking over others or jumping in mid-sentence, even during informal discussions. Raise your hand or use agreed-upon signals to indicate you'd like to contribute.

Constructive Engagement Come prepared with specific alternatives when raising concerns. Instead of simply opposing an idea, suggest improvements or different approaches that address your concerns.

Professional Communication Maintain composure even during heated discussions. Avoid interrupting, side conversations, or dismissive body language. Keep voices at conversational levels.

Focused Discussion Stay on agenda topics and respect time limits. Save tangential conversations for breaks or separate meetings. Help redirect discussion when it veers off course.

Confidentiality Respect the confidential nature of board discussions. What's said in the boardroom stays in the boardroom unless explicitly approved for external sharing.

Decision Support Once decisions are made, support them publicly even if you voted against them. Present a unified front while preserving your right to dissent in board minutes.

Preparation and Participation Review materials in advance and come ready to contribute meaningfully. Balance speaking up with creating space for others to participate.