



**DOWNTOWN
LONG BEACH
ALLIANCE**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2023-2024 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 11, 2023
8 AM**

Studio One Eleven Conference Room
245 E Third St, Long Beach, CA 90802

Voting Present: Alan Burks, Denise Carter, Amy Chambers, Ahsley Chiddick, Debra Fixen, Graham Gill, Mike Gold, Sheva Hosseinzadeh, Rhonda Love, Bo Martinez, Robert Marquez, Sam Pierzina, Cheryl Roberts, Silissa Uriarte Smith, John Tully, Michael Vitug, Shane Young

Non-Voting Present: Mimi Masher, Council District 2; Cameron Andrews; Samantha Mehlinger; Milton Ordonez

Voting Absent: Loara Cadavona, Isidro Panuco

Non-Voting Absent: Jeremy Harris, Council District 1, Diane Arnold, Don Darnauer

1. CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS – Debra Fixen, Outgoing Chair
Meeting presentation. Called to order at 8:10AM.
 - A. Outgoing Chairperson’s Remarks
 - B. Incoming Chairperson’s Remarks – Denise Carter
2. SECRETARY REPORT: Minutes from August 16, 2023, Meeting
ACTION: Approve Minutes from August 16, 2023, Meeting
MOTION: 1st: Chambers; 2nd: Tully.
VOTE: None opposed. No abstentions. Motion passes.
3. FINANCIAL REPORT: Year-To-Date Financials through August 2023
ACTION: Approve financials through August 2023
MOTION: 1st: Love; 2nd: Burks.
VOTE: None opposed. No abstentions. Motion passes.
4. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT - Carter
 - A. Executive Committee Report
 - i. Elect 2023-24 Chair-Elect
ACTION: Approve Sam Pierzina to serve as Chair-Elect for a one-year term, effective immediately and expiring upon election of a Board Chair-Elect in in the first Board meeting of FY 2025.
MOTION: 1st: Chiddick; 2nd: Gold.
VOTE: None opposed. No abstentions. Motion passes.
 - ii. Elect 2022-23 Executive Committee
ACTION: Approve the 6 candidates below to serve on the DLBA Executive Committee for a one-year term, effective immediately and expiring on approval of an executive committee in the first Board meeting of FY 2025.
MOTION: 1st: Pierzina; 2nd: Chambers.
VOTE: None opposed. No abstentions. Motion passes.
 - Alan Burks
 - Loara Cadavona
 - Mike Gold
 - Sheva Hosseinzadeh
 - Rhonda Love
 - Bo Martinez

iii. FY24 Board Appointments

a. At-Large

ACTION: In accordance with the DLBA Bylaws, approve [Whitney Neal](#) to serve as an At-Large voting director for the remainder of the two-year term, effective immediately and expiring September 30, 2024.

MOTION: 1st: Love; 2nd: Tully.

VOTE: None opposed. No abstentions. Motion passes.

b. PBID – Premium

ACTION: In accordance with the DLBA Bylaws, approve [Sean Rawson](#) to serve as a voting director representing PBID Premium for a two-year term, effective immediately and expiring September 30, 2025.

MOTION: 1st: Love; 2nd: Burks.

VOTE: None opposed. No abstentions. Motion passes.

c. Advisory

ACTION: In accordance with the DLBA Bylaws, approve [Antonio Gallardo](#) to serve as a non-voting advisor for the remainder of the two-year term, effective immediately and expiring September 30, 2024.

MOTION: 1st: Smith; 2nd: Burks.

VOTE: None opposed. No abstentions. Motion passes.

d. Advisory – Arts & Culture

ACTION: In accordance with the DLBA Bylaws, approve [Jenny Rivera](#) to serve as a non-voting advisor representing the Arts & Culture industry for a two-year term, effective immediately and expiring September 30, 2025.

MOTION: 1st: Gold; 2nd: Chambers.

VOTE: None opposed. No abstentions. Motion passes.

B. Governance Committee Report – Carter, Outgoing Chair

i. Board Seat Vacancies for FY24: 0

ii. Committee Vacancies for FY24

- Placemaking (1)

5. PRESIDENT & CEO REPORT – Austin Metoyer

A. Introduction & Organizational Updates

B. Brown Act & Presentation – Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney

- Anderson presented on the Brown Act on slides [33 – 58](#).

C. Misc. Updates

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS (three minutes on all non-agenda items)

9. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 9:15 AM.

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING:

December TBD

4PM

Location: Studio One Eleven

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