



**DOWNTOWN
LONG BEACH
ALLIANCE**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

8:30 AM

Studio One Eleven Conference Room

245 E 3rd St
Long Beach, CA 90802

Voting Present: Mike Gold, Sam Pierzina, Amy Chambers, Christy Caldwell, James Turner, John Edmond, John Tully, Michael Vitug, Sarah Brainard, Silissa Uriarte Smith, Solimar Salas, Thomas Mays

Voting Absent: Ashley Chiddick, Bo Martinez, Claudia Ayala, Graham Gill, Isidro Panuco, Jess Evans, Ryan La Rosa, Whitney Neal

Non-Voting Present Absent: Council District 1, Alex Escobar, Reverend Antonion Gallardo, Samantha Mehlinger

Non-Voting Absent: Council District 2, Stuart Takehara, Milton Ordonez, Diane Arnold, Don Darnauer

DTLB Alliance Staff: Austin Metoyer, James Ahumada, Jeremy Ancalade, Kelsey Ruiz, Stephanie El Tawil, Rodrigo Rodarte, Asia Morris

Guests: Adam Carrillo, Partake Collective; Mike Rocco, Shannon's Corner; Michelle Magaldi Long Beach Opera; Kimberly Latham (Anneise); Lynn War & Gray Graves; Council District 1; Marisol Barajas Long Beach Transit; Amanda Kannard, Progressive Urban Management Associates (PUMA); Yvette Freeman, PUMA; Debra Kahookele

1. CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS – Mike Gold, Chair 5 min
[Meeting presentation](#). Called to order at 8:36 AM.
 - A. Chairperson's Remarks
 - Gold introduced two new Board members, Christy Caldwell (DPBIA Pine & Promenade) and Alex Escobar (Advisor).

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 2 and 3)

2. SECRETARY REPORT: [Minutes from December 8, 2025 Meeting](#)
3. FINANCIAL REPORT: [Year-To-Date Financials through December 2025](#)
ACTION: Approve Consent Calendar Items
MOTION: 1st: Edmond; 2nd: Uriarte Smith.
VOTE: None opposed. No abstentions. Mays not present for vote. Motion passes.
4. Update from City of Long Beach Public Works
Josh Hickman, Director of Public Works
 - No presentation given.
5. Update from Long Beach Transit – FIFA World Cup 2026
 - Marisol Barajas presented on the overview of Long Beach Transit's plan for the FIFA World Cup this summer.
 - The Board inquires about bus fares, parking, staging busses, and coordination with Metro.
 - During this time, Long Beach Transit (LB Transit) will be provided enhanced services to support increased demand around the sporting events.



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6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT - Gold
 - A. Executive Committee Report
 - i. [Executive Committee Minutes*](#)
 - B. Governance Committee Report – Uriarte-Smith, Chair
 - Uriarte Smith provided a brief background on the need for the proposed amendments, noting that these have been reviewed/recommended by the Governance Committee. She also reminded the Board that the changes being considered were provided to all members ahead of the meeting.
- ACTION: Review and approve Bylaw amendments.**
MOTION: 1st: Tully; 2nd: Salas.
VOTE: None opposed. Wood abstained. Edmond not present for vote.
Motion passes.
7. PRESIDENT & CEO REPORT – Austin Metoyer 30 minutes
 - A. Strategic Plan Project Update – Progressive Urban Management Associates (PUMA)
 - Kannard and Freeman reviewed the status of the Strategic Plan Refresh project. Kannard reviewed the findings from the survey provided to all Board/staff members while Freeman focused on the top three priorities including Clean & Safe, Advocacy & Visibility, and Foot Traffic & Vitality.
 - Wood & Chambers expressed concern about the appearance of the deprioritizing of events and activations.
 - Edmond, Gold, and Salas clarified that these findings came from feedback from survey and workshop data from Board members and members of staff which took into consideration not only areas of focus, but also where the Alliance can be of greatest impact. They also discussed tactics vs. overall goals.
 - B. Misc. Updates
 - Metoyer provided updates on the development of [Mobile Food Facilities \(MFF\) Regulations](#).
 8. [UPDATE FROM COUNCIL DISTRICT OFFICES](#)
 - Ward provided updates on behalf of Councilwoman Zendejas including the State of the City, Amphitheater, World Cup, and the opening of Marathon Burger.
 9. OLD BUSINESS
 10. NEW BUSINESS
 11. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE BOARD
 12. PUBLIC COMMENTS (three minutes on all non-agenda items)
 13. ADJOURNMENT
- Adjourned at 9:55 AM.

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING:

April 15 @ 8:30AM

Location: Studio One Eleven

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Downtown for all.***

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