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North Hills East Neighborhood Council

Board regular meeting minutes

July 13, 2026

Carl's Jr. 9505 Sepulveda Blvd., North Hills CA 91343

Draft minutes — not yet approved

[6:34 pm] Meeting called to order. Jill Akahoshi presiding.

[6:34 pm] The roll was called.

Present (8): Jill Akahoshi, Edwin Avila, Stephen Benson, Elvira Higuera, Bonney Klabunde, Wil Negrete, Kira Palmer, and Jay Stern

Absent (4): Juan Curiel, Sonia Alvarez Perez, Yadira Sanchez, and Jose Sermen

[6:36 pm] Juan Curiel arrived at the meeting

[6:42 pm] Sonia Alvarez Perez arrived at the meeting

[7:23 pm] Agenda item 13 taken out of order

[7:35 pm] On agenda item 13, Stephen Benson made a motion to "Approve NHENC to submit a letter of recommendation to renew the charter for Valor Academy Elementary School."

[7:36 pm] The assembly voted on a motion to: "Approve NHENC to submit a letter of recommendation to renew the charter for Valor Academy Elementary School."

Ayes (9): Jill Akahoshi, Stephen Benson, Juan Curiel, Elvira Higuera, Bonney Klabunde, Wil Negrete, Kira Palmer, Sonia Alvarez Perez, and Jay Stern

Noes (0): none

Ineligible (1): Edwin Avila

The motion passed.

[7:53 pm] On agenda item 7, Sonia Alvarez Perez made a motion to "Approve June 2026 MER (Monthly Expenditure Report)"

[7:54 pm] The assembly voted on a motion to: "Approve June 2026 MER (Monthly Expenditure Report)"

Ayes (9): Jill Akahoshi, Stephen Benson, Juan Curiel, Elvira Higuera, Bonney Klabunde, Wil Negrete, Kira Palmer, Sonia Alvarez Perez, and Jay Stern

Noes (0): none

Ineligible (1): Edwin Avila

The motion passed.

[7:55 pm] On agenda item 8, Stephen Benson made a motion to "Approve Minutes for June 8, 2026 meeting"

[7:55 pm] Edwin Avila left the meeting

[7:56 pm] The assembly voted on a motion to: "Approve Minutes for June 8, 2026 meeting"

Ayes (9): Jill Akahoshi, Stephen Benson, Juan Curiel, Elvira Higuera, Bonney Klabunde, Wil Negrete, Kira Palmer, Sonia Alvarez Perez, and Jay Stern

Noes (0): none

Ineligible (1): Edwin Avila

The motion passed.

[7:56 pm] Edwin Avila arrived at the meeting

[8:00 pm] On agenda item 12, Sonia Alvarez Perez made a motion to "Appoint Stephen Benson Alternate Signer"

[8:04 pm] The assembly voted on a motion to: "Appoint Stephen Benson Alternate Signer"

Ayes (9): Jill Akahoshi, Stephen Benson, Juan Curiel, Elvira Higuera, Bonney Klabunde, Wil Negrete, Kira Palmer, Sonia Alvarez Perez, and Jay Stern

Noes (0): none

Ineligible (1): Edwin Avila

The motion passed.

[8:05 pm] Sonia Alvarez Perez arrived at the meeting

[8:05 pm] Sonia Alvarez Perez left the meeting

[8:15 pm] On agenda item 14, Sonia Alvarez Perez made a motion to "Approval of up to \$300 to provide bottles of water for National Night Out Tuesday, August 4, 2026."

[8:21 pm] Sonia Alvarez Perez left the meeting

[8:22 pm] The assembly voted on a motion to: "Approval of up to \$300 to provide bottles of water for National Night Out Tuesday, August 4, 2026."

Ayes (6): Jill Akahoshi, Stephen Benson, Juan Curiel, Elvira Higuera, Bonney Klabunde, and Wil Negrete

Noes (1): Jay Stern

Abstentions (1): Kira Palmer

Ineligible (1): Edwin Avila

The motion passed.

[8:27 pm] On agenda item 15, Wil Negrete made a motion to "Approval of a community clean up with Council District 7, NHENC a co sponsor on Saturday, September 19 2026."

[8:31 pm] The assembly voted on a motion to: "Approval of a community clean up with Council District 7, NHENC a co sponsor on Saturday, September 19 2026."

Ayes (5): Jill Akahoshi, Juan Curiel, Bonney Klabunde, Wil Negrete, and Kira Palmer

Noes (1): Jay Stern
Abstentions (2): Stephen Benson and Elvira Higuera
Ineligible (1): Edwin Avila
The motion passed.

[8:33 pm] On agenda item 16, Juan Curiel made a motion to "Approval of up to \$300 to provide snacks for the September 19, 2026 clean up."

[8:39 pm] The assembly voted on a motion to: "Approval of up to \$300 to provide snacks for the September 19, 2026 clean up."

Ayes (6): Jill Akahoshi, Stephen Benson, Juan Curiel, Bonney Klabunde, Wil Negrete, and Kira Palmer

Noes (2): Elvira Higuera and Jay Stern

Ineligible (1): Edwin Avila

The motion passed.

[8:42 pm] On agenda item 17, Wil Negrete made a motion to "approval of amended budget for Fiscal Year 2026/2027"

[8:43 pm] The assembly voted on a motion to: "approval of amended budget for Fiscal Year 2026/2027"

Ayes (8): Jill Akahoshi, Stephen Benson, Juan Curiel, Elvira Higuera, Bonney Klabunde, Wil Negrete, Kira Palmer, and Jay Stern

Noes (0): none

Ineligible (1): Edwin Avila

The motion passed.

[8:46 pm] On agenda item 18, Kira Palmer made a motion to "Approve of up to \$250 for NHENC branded magnets"

[8:49 pm] The assembly voted on a motion to: "Approve of up to \$250 for NHENC branded magnets"

Ayes (8): Jill Akahoshi, Stephen Benson, Juan Curiel, Elvira Higuera, Bonney Klabunde, Wil Negrete, Kira Palmer, and Jay Stern

Noes (0): none

Ineligible (1): Edwin Avila

The motion passed.

[8:51 pm] On agenda item 19, Stephen Benson made a motion to "Approval of up to \$600 for NHENC branded notepads"

[8:55 pm] The assembly voted on a motion to: "Approval of up to \$600 for NHENC branded notepads"

Ayes (8): Jill Akahoshi, Stephen Benson, Juan Curiel, Elvira Higuera, Bonney Klabunde, Wil Negrete, Kira Palmer, and Jay Stern

Noes (0): none

Ineligible (1): Edwin Avila

The motion passed.

[8:56 pm] Agenda items 20 and 21 tabled

[8:57 pm] On agenda item 22, Stephen Benson made a motion to "Approve up to \$60 for new padlocks for storage unit"

[8:57 pm] The assembly voted on a motion to: "Approve up to \$60 for new padlocks for storage unit"

Ayes (8): Jill Akahoshi, Stephen Benson, Juan Curiel, Elvira Higuera, Bonney Klabunde, Wil Negrete, Kira Palmer, and Jay Stern

Noes (0): none

Ineligible (1): Edwin Avila

The motion passed.

The neighborhood council does not count abstentions as votes.