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North Hills East Neighborhood Council
Board regular meeting minutes
October 12, 2026
Carl's Jr. 9505 Sepulveda Blvd., North Hills CA 91343

Draft minutes — not yet approved

[6:42 pm] Meeting called to order. Jill Akahoshi presiding.

[6:44 pm] The roll was called.
Present (9): Jill Akahoshi, Stephen Benson, Elvira Higuera, Wil Negrete, Miguel Paez, Kira Palmer, Sonia Alvarez Perez, Jose Sermeno, and Jay Stern
Absent (2): Juan Curiel and Yadira Sanchez

[7:17 pm] On agenda item 11, Jose Sermeno made a motion to "Approve September 2026 MER"

[7:19 pm] The assembly voted on a motion to: "Approve September 2026 MER"
Ayes (8): Jill Akahoshi, Stephen Benson, Elvira Higuera, Wil Negrete, Miguel Paez, Kira Palmer, Sonia Alvarez Perez, and Jose Sermeno
Noes (1): Jay Stern
The motion passed.

[7:24 pm] On agenda item 12, Sonia Alvarez Perez made a motion to "Approve Minutes for September 14, 2026 meeting"

[7:25 pm] The assembly voted on a motion to: "Approve Minutes for September 14, 2026 meeting"
Ayes (8): Jill Akahoshi, Stephen Benson, Elvira Higuera, Wil Negrete, Miguel Paez, Kira Palmer, Sonia Alvarez Perez, and Jose Sermeno
Noes (0): none
Abstentions (1): Jay Stern
The motion passed.

[7:26 pm] On agenda item 13, Wil Negrete made a motion to "Appoint Alternate Signer"

[7:27 pm] The assembly voted on a motion to: "Appoint Jill Akahoshi Alternate Signer"
Ayes (9): Jill Akahoshi, Stephen Benson, Elvira Higuera, Wil Negrete, Miguel Paez, Kira Palmer, Sonia Alvarez Perez, Jose Sermeno, and Jay Stern
Noes (0): none

The motion passed.

[7:31 pm] On agenda item 14, Sonia Alvarez Perez made a motion to "Approval of agreement for Moore Business Results for web maintenance"

[7:44 pm] The assembly voted on a motion to: "Approval of agreement for Moore Business Results for web maintenance"
Ayes (8): Jill Akahoshi, Stephen Benson, Elvira Higuera, Wil Negrete, Miguel Paez, Kira Palmer, Sonia Alvarez Perez, and Jay Stern
Noes (0): none
Abstentions (1): Jose Sermeno
The motion passed.

[7:45 pm] On agenda item 15, Stephen Benson made a motion to "Approve Letter of Authorization and Facility Use Guidelines to hold NHENC meetings at Valor Academy Elementary School"

[7:45 pm] The assembly voted on a motion to: "Approve Letter of Authorization and Facility Use Guidelines to hold NHENC meetings at Valor Academy Elementary School"
Ayes (8): Jill Akahoshi, Stephen Benson, Elvira Higuera, Wil Negrete, Miguel Paez, Kira Palmer, Sonia Alvarez Perez, and Jose Sermeno
Noes (0): none
Abstentions (1): Jay Stern
The motion passed.

[7:59 pm] On agenda item 16, Sonia Alvarez Perez made a motion to "Approve a NHENC outreach table at Valor Academy Elementary School Fall Open House for families on Tuesday, November 10th from 5-6:30pm."

[8:00 pm] The assembly voted on a motion to: "Approve a NHENC outreach table at Valor Academy Elementary School Fall Open House for families on Tuesday, November 10th from 5-6:30pm."
Ayes (8): Jill Akahoshi, Stephen Benson, Elvira Higuera, Wil Negrete, Miguel Paez, Kira Palmer, Sonia Alvarez Perez, and Jose Sermeno
Noes (0): none
Abstentions (1): Jay Stern
The motion passed.

[8:03 pm] On agenda item 17, Sonia Alvarez Perez made a motion to "Approve up to $150 for snacks to hand out at outreach table for Valor Academy Elementary School Fall Open House for families on November 10."

[8:03 pm] The assembly voted on a motion to: "Approve up to $150 for snacks to hand out at outreach table for Valor Academy Elementary School Fall Open House for families on November 10."
Ayes (9): Jill Akahoshi, Stephen Benson, Elvira Higuera, Wil Negrete, Miguel Paez, Kira Palmer, Sonia Alvarez Perez, Jose Sermeno, and Jay Stern
Noes (0): none
The motion passed.

[8:19 pm] Motion to amend #18 amount to $150

[8:21 pm] The assembly voted on a motion to: "Motion to amend $150"
Ayes (4): Elvira Higuera, Miguel Paez, Kira Palmer, and Jay Stern
Noes (5): Jill Akahoshi, Stephen Benson, Wil Negrete, Sonia Alvarez Perez, and Jose Sermeno
The motion failed.

[8:24 pm] The assembly voted on a motion to: "Approve up to $300 for snacks to hand out at outreach table for Mission Foot Pursuit on November 8."
Ayes (7): Jill Akahoshi, Stephen Benson, Elvira Higuera, Wil Negrete, Kira Palmer, Sonia Alvarez Perez, and Jose Sermeno
Noes (0): none
Abstentions (2): Miguel Paez and Jay Stern
The motion passed.

[8:31 pm] On agenda item 19, Sonia Alvarez Perez made a motion to "Add Youth Committee to NHENC standing committees which will be added to NHENC Standing Rules for Committees"

[8:31 pm] The assembly voted on a motion to: "Add Youth Committee to NHENC standing committees which will be added to NHENC Standing Rules for Committees"
Ayes (8): Jill Akahoshi, Stephen Benson, Elvira Higuera, Wil Negrete, Miguel Paez, Kira Palmer, Sonia Alvarez Perez, and Jay Stern
Noes (0): none
Abstentions (1): Jose Sermeno
The motion passed.

[8:52 pm] On agenda item 20, Stephen Benson made a motion to "Approve to submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in support of Council File 26-0645."

[8:58 pm] The assembly voted on a motion to: "Approve to submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in support of Council File 26-0645."
Ayes (9): Jill Akahoshi, Stephen Benson, Elvira Higuera, Wil Negrete, Miguel Paez, Kira Palmer, Sonia Alvarez Perez, Jose Sermeno, and Jay Stern
Noes (0): none
The motion passed.

[8:59 pm] On agenda item 22, Sonia Alvarez Perez made a motion to "Approve up to $400 to print, mount and laminate large format copies of Facility Use Guidelines"

[8:59 pm] The assembly voted on a motion to: "Approve up to $400 to print, mount and laminate large format copies of Facility Use Guidelines"
Ayes (9): Jill Akahoshi, Stephen Benson, Elvira Higuera, Wil Negrete, Miguel Paez, Kira Palmer, Sonia Alvarez Perez, Jose Sermeno, and Jay Stern
Noes (0): none
The motion passed.

[9:03 pm] Stephen Benson left the meeting

[9:04 pm] Meeting adjourned.

The neighborhood council does not count abstentions as votes.