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Xochitl Morales, At-Large Representative (2029)
Emily Reyes, At-Large Representative (2029)
Ernesto Ramirez, Homeowner Representative (2029)
Connie Thomas, Community Interest Representative (2029)
Jhoiey Ramirez, At-Large Representative (2029)

**West Adams Neighborhood Council
Board regular meeting minutes
May 18, 2026**

Draft minutes — not yet approved

[6:40 pm] Meeting called to order. Quintus Jett presiding.

[6:40 pm] The roll was called.

Present (9): Lola Barraza, Angela Gilbert, Quintus Jett, Blake Lynch, Xochitl Morales, Ernesto Ramirez, Jhoiey Ramirez, Julio Valdez, and Jill Vidal

Absent (5): Jace Dawson, Emily Reyes, Alexandria Sulaimankhil, Connie Thomas, and Richard Williams

[6:42 pm] General Public Comment:

- Kennedy Annette - Baldwin Hills Local wants insight on good earth community garden applied for a 5,000 grant to see where we are leaning?

[6:44 pm] Public Comment Continued.

- Cole (Email Submission) - urge to vote yes on Good Earth Community Garden npg request

- Summer (Email Submission)- Member of Good Earth Community Garden

[6:47 pm] Ernesto shared a resident question- Corner of Fairfax & Adams Asked if we can beautify the corner. or parking lot ?

[6:48 pm] Xochitl - Attend the fire day last week concerned stakeholders about fires in the area. Safety meeting will be taking up this topic and reaching out to our SLO. Please email here any safety concerns.

[6:48 pm] Richard Williams arrived at the meeting

[6:49 pm] Jonathan Mitchell from CD10 -

- Reach out to non emergency LAPD line for firework concerns. 877-ASK-LAPD

- Provided resources about the Office of Beautification

as well as alerted key stakeholders about the security concerns and individual living on the lot.

re Emily's email: Dispatching resources for unhoused suffering from mental health issues

against the 10 freeway: Caltrans has been working to clear encampments on their properties

[6:50 pm] Connye Thomas arrived at the meeting

[6:56 pm] Connye shared concerned about the speed of scooters that have been flooded in the area? Want to know if there is anything policy wise happening to keep pedestrians safe?

[7:03 pm] Xochitl asked Jonathan, is there an opportunity for CD 10 to help the community and creating a quick resource flyer/book to know where to call and for what? I think it will be very helpful, specially for the fireworks.

[7:05 pm] Ann Hickambottom Senator with Senator Lola Smallwood-Cuevas Senate district 28 - Budget Season if you have any issues or concerns to reach out to their Add 6.2M for homeless encampment liaisons with Caltrans

[7:07 pm] Treasurers Report -
No Purchases made in April

[7:08 pm] On agenda item 5b, Quintus Jett made a motion to "Motion to Approve April 2026 MER"

[7:09 pm] The assembly voted on a motion to: "Motion to Approve April 2026 MER"
Ayes (10): Lola Barraza, Angela Gilbert, Quintus Jett, Blake Lynch, Xochitl Morales, Ernesto Ramirez, Jhoiey Ramirez, Connye Thomas, Julio Valdez, and Jill Vidal
Noes (0): none
The motion passed.

[7:11 pm] On agenda item 5c, Julio Valdez made a motion to "Approval of FY 2026-2027 renewals via EmpowerLA for West Adams NC's Zoom license and Canva license, together NTE \$500."

[7:12 pm] The assembly voted on a motion to: "Approval of FY 2026-2027 renewals via EmpowerLA for West Adams NC's Zoom license and Canva license, together NTE \$500."
Ayes (10): Lola Barraza, Angela Gilbert, Quintus Jett, Blake Lynch, Xochitl Morales, Ernesto Ramirez, Jhoiey Ramirez, Connye Thomas, Julio Valdez, and Jill Vidal
Noes (0): none
The motion passed.

[7:13 pm] On agenda item 5d, Angela Gilbert made a motion to "Motion to approve current FY expenses to-date for UmeWorks NTE \$600"

[7:13 pm] Richard Williams left the meeting

[7:16 pm] The assembly voted on a motion to: "Motion to approve current FY expenses to-date for UmeWorks NTE \$600"
Ayes (10): Lola Barraza, Angela Gilbert, Quintus Jett, Blake Lynch, Xochitl Morales, Ernesto Ramirez, Jhoiey Ramirez, Connye Thomas, Julio Valdez, and Jill Vidal

Noes (0): none
The motion passed.

[7:25 pm] Conney asked do we have \$5,000 in the budget ?

[7:25 pm] On agenda item 7a, Angela Gilbert made a motion to "Motion to consider to approve a WANC Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) NTE \$5,000 for Los Angeles Community Garden Council <https://www.lagardencouncil.org>."

[7:34 pm] Garden for 3 years. amazing experience to grow her own food. would like to humbly ask that we help support the garden

[7:35 pm] Richard Williams arrived at the meeting

[7:41 pm] The assembly voted on a motion to: "Motion to consider to approve a WANC Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) NTE \$5,000 for Los Angeles Community Garden Council <https://www.lagardencouncil.org>."

Ayes (0): none

Noes (0): none

[7:47 pm] The assembly voted on a motion to: "Motion to approve a WANC Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) of \$5,000 for the Los Angeles Community Garden Council - Good Earth Community Garden"

Ayes (10): Lola Barraza, Angela Gilbert, Quintus Jett, Blake Lynch, Xochitl Morales, Ernesto Ramirez , Jhoiey Ramirez , Connye Thomas, Julio Valdez, and Jill Vidal

Noes (0): none

Recused (1): Vacant

The motion passed.

[7:48 pm] Meeting adjourned.

The neighborhood council counts abstentions as yes votes.