



**President David Balen; Vice President Hilda Sarkisyan; Secretary Deborah Violante;  
Treasurer Jason Hector; Asaad Alnajjar; Bright Aregs;  
Deborah Violante; Patrick Gipson; Hrant Vartzbedian; Ashley Jungwirth**

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**PORTER RANCH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026 @ 6:00 pm  
Castlebay Lane Charter Elementary (Performing Arts Center)  
19010 Castlebay Lane, Porter Ranch, CA 91326**

Meeting called to order at 6:10 pm.

**1 - Roll Call and determination of quorum.**

<b>Board Member's First and Last Name</b>	<b>Board Position</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Asaad Alnajjar		x	
Bright Aregs		x	
David Balen	President	X	
Christine Demirtshian			x
Patrick Gipson		X	
Jason Hector	Treasurer	X	
Ashley Jungwirth		X	
Becky Leveque		x	
Hilda Sarkisyan	Vice President	x	
Hrant Vartzbedian			x
Deborah Violante			x

**2 - Pledge of Allegiance.**

**3 - Updates from representatives of Elected Officials, City Departments and City Attorney.**

Assemblywoman's Pilar Schiavo's Field representative Julia Estrada offered legislative and events' updates. Fire season/Wildlife preparedness was discussed including a planned webinar with the Insurance Commissioner's Office, Fire Safe LA, County Fire, etc.

**4 - Treasurer's Report - Jason Hector**

Treasurer Jason Hector reported a current available balance of \$12,075 and discussed transferring \$7,500 into a special funds account for a future matching-funds project with the council office. The board also discussed maximizing rollover funds and reducing expenses through in-house outreach and communications efforts.

**5 - Motion to Approve March 14, 2026, Minutes - Attachment A**

Motion made by Jason. Motion Seconded. Motion passed. 8 yeses. 3 absents

<b>Board Member's First and Last Name</b>	<b>Board Position</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Ineligible</b>
Asaad Alnajjar		x				
Bright Aregs		x				
David Balen	President	x				
Christine Demirtshian					x	
Patrick Gipson		x				
Jason Hector	Treasurer	x				
Ashley Jungwirth				x		
Becky Leveque		x				
Hilda Sarkisyan	Vice President	x				
Hrant Vartzbedian					x	
Deborah Violante					x	

**8 - Motion to approve March 2026 MER - Attachment B**

Motion made by Jason. Motion seconded. Motion passed. 8 yeses. 3 absents

<b>Board Member's First and Last Name</b>	<b>Board Position</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Ineligible</b>
Asaad Alnajjar		x				
Bright Aregs		x				
David Balen	President	x				
Christine Demirtshian					x	
Patrick Gipson		x				
Jason Hector	Treasurer	x				
Ashley Jungwirth				x		
Becky Leveque		x				
Hilda Sarkisyan	Vice President	x				
Hrant Vartzbedian					x	
Deborah Violante					x	

9 - Motion to Approve April 2026 MER - Attachment Motion made by Jason. Motion Seconded. Motion passed. 8 yeses and 3 absents

Board Member's First and Last Name	Board Position	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Ineligible
Asaad Alnajjar		x				
Bright Aregs		x				
David Balen	President	x				
Christine Demirtshian					x	
Patrick Gipson		x				
Jason Hector	Treasurer	x				
Ashley Jungwirth		x				
Becky Leveque		x				
Hilda Sarkisyan	Vice President	x				
Hrant Vartzbedian					x	
Deborah Violante					x	

10 - Discussion and possible action to approve outreach project for LAFD Station 28 - David Balen

The board discussed treating the proposed LAFD Station 28 project as a Community Improvement Project, coordinating with upcoming city and Fire Department improvements, and exploring shared funding options to reduce the financial impact on the Neighborhood Council budget.

Motion made by Assad. Motion seconded by Patrick. Motion passed. 8 yeses. 3 absents

Board Member's First and Last Name	Board Position	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Ineligible
Asaad Alnajjar		x				
Bright Aregs		x				
David Balen	President	x				
Christine Demirtshian					x	
Patrick Gipson		x				
Jason Hector	Treasurer	x				
Ashley Jungwirth		x				
Becky Leveque		x				
Hilda Sarkisyan	Vice President	x				
Hrant Vartzbedian					x	
Deborah Violante					x	

**11- Discussion and possible action to approve \$2500 for Outreach Items - Hilda Sarkissian**

Motion called by Hilda. Seconded by Becky. Motion passed. 8 yeases. 3 absents

<b>Board Member's First and Last Name</b>	<b>Board Position</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Ineligible</b>
Asaad Alnajjar		x				
Bright Aregs		x				
David Balen	President	x				
Christine Demirtshian					x	
Patrick Gipson		x				
Jason Hector	Treasurer	x				
Ashley Jungwirth		x				
Becky Leveque		x				
Hilda Sarkisyan	Vice President	x				
Hrant Vartzbedian					x	
Deborah Violante					x	

**12 - Discussion and possible action on unregulated and unsafe e-Bikes in Porter Ranch - Asaad Alnajjar**

Board Member Asaad introduced a discussion regarding unsafe and unregulated e-bike activity in Porter Ranch, including reckless riding, speeding, and safety concerns on streets, trails, and parks. Representatives from Councilmember John Lee's office and board members discussed proposed regulations, enforcement challenges, potential age restrictions and fines, and possible formal recommendations to the City regarding e-bike safety and trail restrictions.

**13 - Discussion and possible action regarding upkeep of Palisades Park and Jane and Bert Boeckman Park in Porter Ranch - Jason Hector**

The board discussed ongoing maintenance and safety concerns at the local parks, including graffiti, litter, damaged landscaping, weeds, and park misuse after hours. Board members and representatives discussed improving coordination with Rec and Parks.

**14 - Discussion and possible action to add Three Alternative Board Seats on the Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council**

Originally discussed as three alternates, but motion finalized as two alternate seats.

Motion made by David. Seconded by Patrick. Motion passed. 8 yeases. 3 absents

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Asaad Alnajjar		x				
Bright Aregs		x				
David Balen	President	x				
Christine Demirtshian					x	
Patrick Gipson						
Jason Hector	Treasurer	x				
Ashley Jungwirth		x				
Becky Leveque		x				
Hilda Sarkisyan	Vice President	x				
Hrant Vartzbedian					x	
Deborah Violante					x	

**15 - Public comments on items Not on the Agenda and within the Purview of the Board - 2 minutes per person**

Public comments and announcements included community concerns, city budget and policy updates, air quality monitoring information, and presentations from local and state political candidates.

**16 - Board member announcements**

Board members shared closing announcements and community updates, including upcoming outreach events, local cultural activities

**17 - Meeting Adjournment**