



President Becky Leveque; Vice President Hilda Sarkisyan
Secretary Christine Demirtshian; Treasurer Jason Hector; 2nd Signer Jennifer Ibrahim
David Balen; Asaad Alnajjar; Bright Aregs; Deborah Violante; Patrick Gipson; Hrant Vartzebedian

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PORTER RANCH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2025 @ 6:00 pm

Castlebay Lane Charter Elementary
 19010 Castlebay Lane, Porter Ranch, CA 91326

- 1- Meeting call to order at 6:10 pm.
- 2- Roll Call and determination of quorum. 10 present, 2 absent, we have quorum.

Board Member's First and Last Name	Board Position	Present	Absent
Asaad Alnajjar		X	
Bright Aregs			X
David Balen		X	
Christine Demirtshian		X	
Patrick Gipson		X	
Jason Hector		X	
Jennifer Ibrahim		X	
Becky Leveque			X
Hilda Sarkisyan		X	
Hrant Vartzebedian		X	
Deborah Violante		X	

- 3- Pledge of Allegiance.
- 4- Updates from representatives of Elected Officials, City Departments and City Attorney.
 Councilmember Lee welcomed and swore in new and returning board members.
 CM Lee shared some updates namely that we are down 1400 LAPD officers in the City.
 CD 12 is trying to fund a crime center pilot project at LAPD Topanga Station which could include drones.
 He also noted that CD 12 has the lowest homeless and RV's in the City. There are approximately 500 beds in CD 12 mostly full and 178 RV's were taken off the street.
 Next, LAFD Chief Vasquez mentioned to use the Watch Duty and Genasys Protect Apps on your phone to keep track of wildfires.
 Next, Paulina Torres, deputy for County Supervisor Horvath mentioned 3 emergency prep events, Oct 4th, Nov 1, and Jan 24, 2026 as well as the availability of discretionary funds for deserving 501c3's.
 Lorenzo, our new Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate introduced himself and gave his contact information noting he has 20 years' experience with the City.
 Keren Waters, BONC Commissioner for North Valley spoke about Charter Reform, Sept 27, Congress of Neighborhoods and Empower LA awards.



5-Election of PRNC Board Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Alternate Secretary)

For President we had nominations and acceptance from Patrick, David and Hilda. Tie between Hilda and David. 2 Absent, 2 Abstain.

Board Member	Patrick	David	Hilda
Asaad Alnajjar		X	
Bright Aregs (Absent)			
David Balen		X	
Christine Demirtshian	X		
Patrick Gipson	X		
Jason Hector (Abstain)			
Jennifer Ibrahim	X		
Becky Leveque (Absent)			
Hilda Sarkisyan			X
Hrant Vartzebedian (Abstain)			
Deborah Violante		X	

Second vote for President between Patrick and David. 4 for David, 2 for Patrick, 3 Abstain, 2 Absent. David is new president.

Board Member	Patrick	David
Asaad Alnajjar		X
Bright Aregs (Absent)		
David Balen		X
Christine Demirtshian	X	
Patrick Gipson		X
Jason Hector (Abstain)		
Jennifer Ibrahim	X	
Becky Leveque (Absent)		
Hilda Sarkisyan (Abstain)		
Hrant Vartzebedian (Abstain)		
Deborah Violante		X



Vote for Vice President, Hilda was nominated and accepted. 9 yes and 2 absent. Hilda is VP.

Board Member	Hilda
Asaad Alnajjar	X
Bright Aregs (Absent)	
David Balen	X
Christine Demirtshian	X
Patrick Gipson	X
Jason Hector	X
Jennifer Ibrahim	X
Becky Leveque (Absent)	
Hilda Sarkisyan	X
Hrant Vartzebedian	X
Deborah Violante	X

Vote for Secretary, Deborah was nominated and accepted. 9 yes and 2 absent. Deborah is Secretary.

Board Member	Deborah
Asaad Alnajjar	X
Bright Aregs (Absent)	
David Balen	X
Christine Demirtshian	X
Patrick Gipson	X
Jason Hector	X
Jennifer Ibrahim	X
Becky Leveque (Absent)	
Hilda Sarkisyan	X
Hrant Vartzebedian	X
Deborah Violante	X

Vote for Treasurer, Jason was nominated and accepted. 9 yes and 2 absent. Jason is Treasurer.

Board Member	Jason
Asaad Alnajjar	X
Bright Aregs (Absent)	



David Balen			X
Christine Demirtshian			X
Patrick Gipson			X
Jason Hector			X
Jennifer Ibrahim			X
Becky Leveque (Absent)			
Hilda Sarkisyan			X
Hrant Vartzebedian			X
Deborah Violante			X

Vote for 2nd Signer, Jennifer was nominated and accepted. 8 yes, 2 absent and 1 ineligible. Jennifer is 2nd signer.

Board Member			Jennifer
Asaad Alnajjar			X
Bright Aregs (Absent)			
David Balen			X
Christine Demirtshian (Ineligible)			
Patrick Gipson			X
Jason Hector			X
Jennifer Ibrahim			X
Becky Leveque (Absent)			
Hilda Sarkisyan			X
Hrant Vartzebedian			X
Deborah Violante			X

Vote for Alternate Signer, David was nominated and accepted. 8 yes, 2 absent and 1 ineligible. David is alt. signer.

Board Member			David
Asaad Alnajjar			X
Bright Aregs (Absent)			
David Balen			X
Christine Demirtshian (Ineligible)			
Patrick Gipson			X
Jason Hector			X
Jennifer Ibrahim			X



Becky Leveque (Absent)			
Hilda Sarkisyan			X
Hrant Vartzebedian			X
Deborah Violante			X

Vote for Alternate Secretary, Hrant was nominated and accepted. 9 yes and 2 absent. Hrant is alt secretary.

Board Member			Hrant
Asaad Alnajjar			X
Bright Aregs (Absent)			
David Balen			X
Christine Demirtshian			X
Patrick Gipson			X
Jason Hector			X
Jennifer Ibrahim			X
Becky Leveque (Absent)			
Hilda Sarkisyan			X
Hrant Vartzebedian			X
Deborah Violante			X

6-Election of PRNC Financial Officers (First Bank Card Holder, Second Bank Card Holder, Second Signer, Alternate Signer)

Vote for 1st Bank Card Holder, Jason was nominated and accepted. 8 yes, 2 absent and 1 ineligible. Jason is 1st cardholder.

Board Member			Jason
Asaad Alnajjar			X
Bright Aregs (Absent)			
David Balen			X
Christine Demirtshian (Ineligible)			
Patrick Gipson			X
Jason Hector			X
Jennifer Ibrahim			X
Becky Leveque (Absent)			
Hilda Sarkisyan			X
Hrant Vartzebedian			X



Deborah Violante			X
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Vote for 2nd Bank Card Holder, Hilda was nominated and accepted. 8 yes, 2 absent and 1 ineligible. Hilda is 2nd cardholder.

Board Member		Hilda
Asaad Alnajjar		X
Bright Aregs (Absent)		
David Balen		X
Christine Demirtshian (Ineligible)		
Patrick Gipson		X
Jason Hector		X
Jennifer Ibrahim		X
Becky Leveque (Absent)		
Hilda Sarkisyan		X
Hrant Vartzebedian		X
Deborah Violante		X

7- Treasurer’s Report—Jason Hector

8- Motion to approve 2025-26 administrative packet. 8 yes, 2 absent, 1 ineligible. Motion passed.

Board Member	Board Position	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Ineligible	Recused
Asaad Alnajjar		X					
Bright Aregs					X		
David Balen	President	X					
Christine Demirtshian						X	
Patrick Gipson		X					
Jason Hector	Treasurer	X					
Jennifer Ibrahim	2 nd Signer	X					
Becky Leveque					X		
Hilda Sarkisyan	Vice President	X					
Hrant Vartzebedian	Alt Secretary	X					
Deborah Violante	Secretary	X					



9- Motion by Jason to approve May 2025 MER, second by Asaad. 7 yes, 2 absent, 1 ineligible, 1 abstain. Motion passed.

Board Member	Board Position	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Ineligible	Recused
Asaad Alnajjar		X					
Bright Aregs					X		
David Balen	President	X					
Christine Demirtshian						X	
Patrick Gipson		X					
Jason Hector	Treasurer	X					
Jennifer Ibrahim	2 nd Signer	X					
Becky Leveque					X		
Hilda Sarkisyan	Vice President	X					
Hrant Vartzebedian	Alt Secretary			X			
Deborah Violante	Secretary	X					

10- Motion by Jason to approve June 2025 MER, second by Asaad. 6 yes, 2 absent, 2 abstain, 1 ineligible. Motion passed.

Board Member	Board Position	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Ineligible	Recused
Asaad Alnajjar		X					
Bright Aregs					X		
David Balen	President	X					
Christine Demirtshian						X	
Patrick Gipson		X					
Jason Hector	Treasurer	X					
Jennifer Ibrahim	2 nd Signer			X			
Becky Leveque					X		
Hilda Sarkisyan	Vice President	X					
Hrant Vartzebedian	Alt Secretary			X			
Deborah Violante	Secretary	X					



11- Motion by Jason to approve July 2025 MER, second by Hilda. 7 yes, 2 absent, 1 ineligible, 1 abstain. Motion passed.

Board Member	Board Position	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Ineligible	Recused
Asaad Alnajjar		X					
Bright Aregs					X		
David Balen	President	X					
Christine Demirtshian						X	
Patrick Gipson		X					
Jason Hector	Treasurer	X					
Jennifer Ibrahim	2 nd Signer	X					
Becky Leveque					X		
Hilda Sarkisyan	Vice President	X					
Hrant Vartzebedian	Alt Secretary			X			
Deborah Violante	Secretary	X					

12-Motion by Jason to approve minutes from May 14, 2025 general board meeting, second by David. 9 yes, 2 absent. Motion passed.

Board Member	Board Position	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Ineligible	Recused
Asaad Alnajjar		X					
Bright Aregs					X		
David Balen	President	X					
Christine Demirtshian						X	
Patrick Gipson		X					
Jason Hector	Treasurer	X					
Jennifer Ibrahim	2 nd Signer	X					
Becky Leveque					X		
Hilda Sarkisyan	Vice President	X					
Hrant Vartzebedian	Alt Secretary	X					



Deborah Violante	Secretary	X					
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13-Motion by Jason to approve up to \$150 for Canva Pro account, second by Asaad. 8 yes, 2 absent, 1 ineligible. Motion passed.

Board Member	Board Position	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Ineligible	Recused
Asaad Alnajjar		X					
Bright Aregs					X		
David Balen	President	X					
Christine Demirtshian						X	
Patrick Gipson		X					
Jason Hector	Treasurer	X					
Jennifer Ibrahim	2 nd Signer	X					
Becky Leveque					X		
Hilda Sarkisyan	Vice President	X					
Hrant Vartzebedian	Alt Secretary	X					
Deborah Violante	Secretary	X					

14-Discussion and Jason made motion to request gates closed at Holleigh-Bernson and Aliso Canyon parks at closing times, second by Patrick. 9 yes, 2 absent. Motion passed.

Board Member	Board Position	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Ineligible	Recused
Asaad Alnajjar		X					
Bright Aregs					X		
David Balen	President	X					
Christine Demirtshian		X					
Patrick Gipson		X					
Jason Hector	Treasurer	X					
Jennifer Ibrahim	2 nd Signer	X					
Becky Leveque					X		
Hilda Sarkisyan	Vice President	X					



Hrant Vartzebedian	Alt Secretary	X					
Deborah Violante	Secretary	X					

15-Update regarding scope of already funded future work for 2 days at Limekiln Canyon, Moonshine Canyon, Wilbur-Tampa and Aliso Canyon Parks. Jason spoke about site visits at Moonshine Canyon which has some work that can be done. Limekiln South of Rinaldi has a small area under RAP that can be worked on despite most of the area being In Christ Church property (will need reverse right of entry permit from RAP). Limekiln west side by the Corbin entrance is very steep and difficult to work on. Wilbur Tampa Park has some areas that we didn't get to (top level by the trail) and a couple of individual trees to remove, one palm and one dead Sycamore by the street which includes what can be done on the next phase of work.

16- Public comments on items NOT on the Agenda and within the Purview of the Board was taken.

17- Board member announcements were made.

18- Meeting Adjournment at 8:30 pm.