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JOINT GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE/BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Chaminade High School
August 17, 2026
Approved November 16, 2026

The Committee shall take official action by a simple majority of yes and no votes cast by the committee members present at a duly noticed regular or special Government Relations Committee meeting, not to include abstentions. There shall be no proxy voting.

Attendance: Aida Abkarians, Brenda Citrom, Glenn Jennings, Kim Koerber, Saif Mogri, Joan Trent, Brad Vanderhoof, and Joanne Yvanek-Garb
Committee Members Absent: none
Other Board Members Present: Brian Findling

Numbers refer to agenda items.
1. Call to Order / Establish a Quorum: Co-chair Joanne Yvanek-Garb called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. A quorum was established.

2. Comments from the Chairs: None

3. General Public Comment Review and Approval of July 20, 2026 Meeting Minutes: Minutes approved.

4. Council File #26-0489 Putting Charter Reform Contents on November Ballot; the Charter Reform Commission recommended increasing the number of City Council members from 10 to 25. The WHNC met and discussed this topic and does not recommend supporting this increase because the budget crisis at this time cannot support adding City Council members and their staff. The WHNC will generate a CIS to this effect:

Joanne said this reform will not be on the November ballot. Aida said the City of Los Angeles, LAPD, LAFD, and LAUSD are too big to run efficiently. A CIS opposed to increasing the number or City Council members will be sent to the WHNC Board.

5. Budget Request for the Congress of Neighborhood Councils for $400.00:
   Aida Abkarians – Yes, Brenda Citrom – Abstain, Glenn Jennings – Yes, Kim Koerber – Yes, Saif Mogri – Abstain, Joan Trent – Yes, Brad Vanderhoof – No, Joanne Yvanek-Garb – Yes
   Yes – 5, No – 1 Abstain – 2, Absent – 0, Recusal – 0
   The Budget Request will be sent to the WHNC Budget Committee.

Co-chair Joanne Yvanek-Garb adjourned the meeting at 8:13 PM.

The next meeting of this committee is scheduled for September 21, 2026, 7:30 PM, Chaminade High School.