

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
RUSSIAN-SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025**

**West Hollywood City Hall Community Conference Room
at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90069**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Volman called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.
2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** – Chair Volman read the Land Acknowledgement
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Chair Volman led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Diana Volman, Oleg Volovik, Sasha Razor, Liudmila Raskin, Lyubov Levitan, Raisa Aguf, Myroslava Rytko, Eugene Maysky.

ABSENT: German Simakovski.

ALSO, PRESENT: Staff liaison Tatyana Rodzinek

5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

SUBJECT: *The Russian-speaking Advisory Board was requested to approve the agenda of Tuesday, January 21, 2025 regular Russian-speaking Advisory Board meeting.*

ACTION: Motion by member Rytko to approve the minutes, seconded by member Maysky, motion passed by a roll call vote.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

SUBJECT: *The Russian-speaking Advisory Board was requested to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2024, Russian-speaking Advisory Board meeting.*

ACTION: Motion by member Levitan to approve the minutes, seconded by Member Rytko, motion passed by a roll call vote.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Alex Raskin, spoke about the Fire Victims Assistance and provided information on the Russian speaking attorney who assists the community members victims of the recent fires free of charge.

8. **RUSSIAN-SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

There were no comments.

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

9.A. WEST HOLLYWOOD RUSSIAN-SPEAKING COMMUNITY CULTURAL HERITAGE MONTH - DISCUSSION ON 2025 EVENTS

SUBJECT: The Russian-speaking Advisory Board continued discussion on the 2025 cultural events that highlight the cultural heritage of the Russian-speaking Community.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY – The board continued its discussion on programming for the event, focusing on the fashion show element.

Raisa Aguf, recommended Flamenco Dances group. Raisa also suggested poems dedicated to women. Raisa Aguf will host the meeting.

Board members also spoke about inviting artists and vendors

YOM HASHOAH EVENT - the board discussed possible options for the screening of a feature film, they also discussed various ideas for the event.

Diana Volman will be taking the lead on the event and will provide update at the next meeting.

VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY- Staff informed the board that **Helix Collective Ensemble** who will produce a program for the Chair Volman made a motion to pick a day for screening of a movie dedicated to the WWII Anniversary. Member Aguf seconded the motion. Motion passed by a roll call vote.

CLASSICAL NIGHT CONCERT – programming will be presented by Eugene Maysky

The event will also feature Russian-speaking Community Awards Presentation. Staff will provide a Call for nominations.

WEHO MISHKA FESTIVAL - programming will be presented by the producer of the Festival.

ACTION: No Action taken

9.B. RUSSIAN-SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD'S INITIATIVES

SUBJECT: Russian-speaking Advisory Board followed up on the previously proposed initiatives.

ACTION: No Action Taken. The board will continue discussion at their next meeting.

9.C. UPDATE FROM LIAISONS TO OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

SUBJECT: Board members were to receive updates from the liaisons to other boards and commissions.

ACTION: There were no updates.

9.D. COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

Subject: Russian-speaking Advisory Board discussed upcoming events.

ACTION: There were no events to discuss.

10. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were no items from staff

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments

12. RUSSIAN SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

There were no comments

- 13. ADJOURNMENT:** The Russian Advisory Board adjourned at 8:45 PM to a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, **February 18, 2025**, beginning at 7PM at West Hollywood City Hall in Community Conference Room, 1st floor at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE RUSSIAN ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 18th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025.



CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



STAFF LIAISON