

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
RUSSIAN-SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 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 7:09 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, German Simakovski.

**ABSENT:** all present

**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, February 18, 2025, regular Russian-speaking Advisory Board meeting.*  
**ACTION:** Motion by member Levitan 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 January 21, 2025, Russian-speaking Advisory Board meeting.*  
**ACTION:** Motion by member Rytko to approve the minutes, seconded by Member Simakovski, motion passed by a roll call vote.
7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**  
There were no public comments.
8. **RUSSIAN-SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS**  
There were no comments.
9. **NEW BUSINESS**

## **9.A. SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS PRIORITIES 2025-2028 FUNDING PROCESS**

**Subject:** The Russian-Speaking Advisory Board received the report and discussed social services priorities for the 2025-2028 funding process.

**ACTION:** No Action taken.

## **10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **10.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 Victory in Europe Day. 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

### **10.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.

### **10.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.

**10.D. COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025**

**Subject:** Russian-speaking Advisory Board discussed upcoming events.

**ACTION:** There were no events to discuss.

**11. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

There were no items from staff

**12. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments

**13. RUSSIAN SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

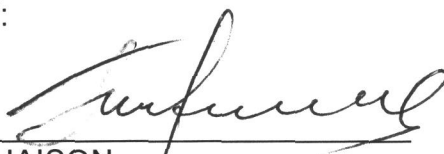
There were no comments

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

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE RUSSIAN ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2025.

  
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CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

  
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STAFF LIAISON