

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
RUSSIAN-SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 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 7:12 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, Lyubov Levitan, Myroslava Rytko, Raisa Aguf, Eugene Maysky, German Simakovski.

**ABSENT:** Sasha Razor, Liudmila Raskin.

**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, April 15, 2025, regular Russian-speaking Advisory Board meeting.*

**ACTION:** Motion by member Rytko to approve the minutes, seconded by member Levitan, 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 March 18, 2025, Russian-speaking Advisory Board meeting.*

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

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public Comments.

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

**Member Maysky** spoke about the services provided by CES and shared contact information.

**Chair Volman** spoke about the concert dedicated to the renowned Violin Player Daniil Shindarov.

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **9.A. YOM HASHOAH EVENT 2025**

**SUBJECT:** Russian-speaking Advisory Board discussed the programming for the Yom HaShoah Holocaust Remembrance Day

Chair Volman provided the Board with an update on the upcoming event's programming, highlighting key elements. The board members discussed logistics for the program and final elements. Marina Goldshteyn from the Jewish Family Services will provide candles and flowers. Staff will provide water.

**ACTION:** No Action Taken.

### **9.B. VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY 2025**

**SUBJECT:** Russian-speaking Advisory Board continued discussion of the programming for the Victory in Europe Day

The board members finalized details for the event. Raisa Aguf agreed to host the event. Staff will provide water. Sasha Razor will prepare an exhibit dedicated to the Veterans Association of West Hollywood and Victory in Europe Day that will be displayed in Fiesta Hall during the event.

**ACTION:** No Action Taken.

### **9.C. RUSSIAN-SPEAKING COMMUNITY AWARDS PRESENTATION 2025**

**SUBJECT:** Russian-speaking Advisory Board discussed the programming for the Event and selected the awardees.

Member Maysky will be hosting the Awards Presentation Part

The board members finalized details for the event. Chair Volman will be hosting the Classical Night event. Member Maysky will provide final details for the Classical Night Concert.

**ACTION:** The board members voted unanimously:

The Russian Language Public Library will receive "Outstanding Service to the Community Award"

Rush In Documentation Center will receive "Outstanding Achievement in Business Award"

### **9.D. WEST HOLLYWOOD RUSSIAN-SPEAKING COMMUNITY CULTURAL HERITAGE MONTH - DISCUSSION ON 2025 EVENTS**

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

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

**ACTION:** No Action taken

### **9.E. 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.F. 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.G. 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 8:56 PM to a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, **May 20, 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 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY 2025.

  
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

  
STAFF LIAISON