

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
RUSSIAN-SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2025**

**WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY HALL COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM (EOC)
AT 8300 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD.**

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, Lyubov Levitan, Myroslava Rytko, Raisa Aguf, Eugene Maysky.

ABSENT: Sasha Razor.

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, July 15, 2025, regular 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.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

SUBJECT: *The Russian-speaking Advisory Board was requested to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2025, Russian-speaking Advisory Board meeting.*

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

7. **ELECTIONS: THE BOARD WILL ELECT A NEW CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF**

THE BOARD. The Board elected a new Chair and Vice Chair. Raisa Aguf was elected as Chair, and Eugene Maysky was elected as Vice Chair.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Elena Alexandra and Svetlana David, Santa Monica residents, proposed the launch of a ballet and identity program for children, along with a ballet classics lecture series designed for participants of all ages. The presenters are seeking a consistent venue for ongoing sessions. The Board voted to include this proposal as a formal discussion item on the agenda for the next meeting.

9. RUSSIAN-SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Vice Chair Maysky spoke about services provided by CES to tenants.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.A. WORK PLAN 2025-2026

Subject: The Russian-speaking Advisory Board started discussion on the work plan for the year of 2025 - 2026

ACTION: No action taken. The board will start discussion at their next meeting.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11.A. NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2025

Subject: The Russian-speaking Advisory Board received information from staff about the upcoming event on Tuesday, August 5. Members finalized details for the Board's participation in the National Night Out event and explored potential ways for community outreach and promotion. The event will include traditional snacks, live entertainment, activities for children, vendors representing various non-profit organizations, distribution of books by the volunteers from the Russian Language Library.

ACTION: No action taken. Received, asked questions. The board members finalized the details.

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

SUBJECT: Russian-speaking Advisory Board followed up on the previously proposed initiatives and started discussion on two new initiatives.

ACTION: No new initiatives were discussed and no action taken.

The board will continue discussion at their next meeting.

11.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.

11.D. COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

Subject: Russian-speaking Advisory Board discussed upcoming events. The Board reviewed outreach efforts in preparation for next year's commemorative events, including Yom HaShoah and the 81st anniversary of VE Day. Staff prepared letters to be sent to educators, inviting participation and collaboration.

ACTION: No action taken. Staff provided draft letters for the board's review.

12. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were no items from staff.

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments

14. RUSSIAN SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

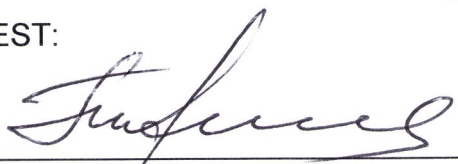
There were no comments

- 15. ADJOURNMENT:** The Russian Advisory Board adjourned at 8:45 PM to a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, **August 19, 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 19th DAY OF AUGUST 2025.


CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:


STAFF LIAISON