

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
RUSSIAN-SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025**

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Aguf called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.
2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** – Chair Aguf read the Land Acknowledgement
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Chair Aguf led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Diana Volman, Raisa Aguf, Lyubov Levitan, Myroslava Rytko,  
Sasha Razor, Eugene Maysky.

**ABSENT:** Oleg Volovik.

**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, September 16, 2025, regular Russian-speaking Advisory Board meeting.*  
**ACTION:** Motion by member Rytko to approve the minutes, seconded by member Volman, 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 August 19, 2025, 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**  
**Nazim Hasiyev** spoke about his paintings and exhibitions as well as his activities as a film production designer.  
**Fedor Simanov** spoke about the Russian speaking community and its contribution to the city.
8. **RUSSIAN-SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS**  
**Vice Chair Maysky** spoke about the WeHoLocals.com program, which is supported by Mayor Chelsea Byers and is carried out in partnership with Visit West Hollywood
9. **NEW BUSINESS**

### **9.A. ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS OF SPECIAL EVENTS**

**SUBJECT:** The Russian-speaking Advisory Board received a presentation on Economic Impact Analysis of Special Events. Laura Biery, Director of Economic Development, and Uday Ram of CVL Economics presented the approach to analyzing four major special events: *WeHo Mishka Festival*, *WeHo Pride*, *AIDS Walk*, and *Halloween*. The study will evaluate the economic impact on local businesses, including visitor spending, revenue, and operational considerations. Results will be shared with the Board at a later date.

**ACTION:** No action taken. Board members asked questions.

### **9.B. INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY EVENT 2026**

**Subject:** Russian-speaking Advisory Board started discussion on the event. The Board discussed planning for the International Women's Day celebration, highlighting the importance of incorporating multiple activities, including potential educational components, to create an engaging and participatory event.

**ACTION:** Vice Chair Maysky made a motion to start working on the script including other boards, inviting businesses, performers and interactive activities. Seconded by member Rytko. Motion passed by a roll call vote.

## **10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **10.A. RUSSIAN-SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD'S INITIATIVES**

**SUBJECT:** The Board reviewed the newly launched Public Access Program and emphasized the importance of documenting the stories of migrant residents, with a focus on creating an archive that preserves the history and experiences of the Russian-speaking community.

**ACTION:** No action taken.

### **10.B. 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.C. COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**

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

**ACTION:** No action taken.

## **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 8:50 PM to a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, **October 21, 2025**, beginning at 7 PM 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-SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2025.

  
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CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

  
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STAFF LIAISON