

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
RUSSIAN-SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 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 7:10 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, Sasha Razor, Oleg Volovik, Eugene Maysky.

ABSENT: Lyubov Levitan, Myroslava Rytko.

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, November 18, 2025, regular Russian-speaking Advisory Board meeting.*

ACTION: Motion by member Volman to approve the minutes, seconded by Vice Chair 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 October 21, 2025, Russian-speaking Advisory Board meeting.*

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

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Helen Krieger, West Hollywood resident, introduced herself and informed the board about her intentions to run for the City Council in 2026 and Ms. Krieger also mentioned that she wanted to learn more about the Russian-speaking community.

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

Member Maysky, spoke about the Community Resources Fair that took place the day before in Plummer Park

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

9.A. VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY 2026

Subject: Russian-speaking Advisory Board started discussion on the event.

ACTION: Vice Chair Maysky made a motion to contact the Helix Collective to explore bringing back the VE Day program and to direct staff to draft a letter or announcement inviting the community to submit letters from the front that could be included in an exhibit dedicated to preserving the legacy of WWII veterans. Member Razor seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10.A. YOM HASHOAH EVENT 2026

Subject: Russian-speaking Advisory Board continued discussion on the event.

Member Volman presented preliminary outline for the event:

Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom HaShoah) Program

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

12:00 PM

Fiesta Hall, Plummer Park

Program Agenda:

- Opening Remarks by City Officials and Community Leaders
- Introduction by the host
- Holocaust Survivor Presentation
- Documentary Screening: *"7 Dwarfs of Auschwitz"*
- Library Exhibit featuring the Russian Language Library and West Hollywood Library Collections
- Musical Tribute by Children's and Adult Vocal Ensembles
- Student Art Exhibition by Local Schools
- Candlelight Memorial Ceremony at the Babi Yar Memorial
 - Lighting of candles
 - Moment of silence
 - Closing reflections

ACTION: No action taken.

10.B. DISCUSSION OF THE RUSSIAN-SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS SCHEDULE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026

Subject: The Russian-speaking Advisory Board considered approving the Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2026 including cancelling or rescheduling a few meetings throughout the year that conflict with holidays.

ACTION: The board members discussed the proposal and recommended cancelling only the meeting in June and December but no more than two per calendar year. Vice Chair Maysky made a motion to skip May and December meetings of 2026, seconded by Chair Aguf, motion passed by a roll call vote.

10.C. INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY EVENT 2026

Subject: Russian-speaking Advisory Board continued discussion on the event.

ACTION: No action taken. The board expressed interest in consulting with the event producers recommended by staff.

10.D. RUSSIAN-SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD'S INITIATIVES

SUBJECT: The Board reviewed the previously discussed initiatives. No new initiatives were proposed

ACTION: No action taken.

10.E. 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.F. COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

Subject: Russian-speaking Advisory Board received information about 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 8:12 PM to a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, **December 16, 2025**, beginning at 7 PM 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-SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 15th OF DECEMBER 2025.



CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



STAFF LIAISON