

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
RUSSIAN-SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026**

**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, Oleg Volovik, Eugene Maysky, Sasha Razor.

ABSENT: 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, March 17, 2026, regular Russian-speaking Advisory Board meeting.*

ACTION: Motion by member Levitan 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 February 17, 2026, Russian-speaking Advisory Board meeting.*

ACTION Motion by member Levitan to approve the minutes, seconded by Vice Chair Maysky, motion passed by a roll call vote.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Tanya Tsikanovsky introduced herself to the Board and announced her intention to run for City Council, outlining her key priorities.

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

There were no comments.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

9.A. 20TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY AWARDS PRESENTATION AND CLASSICAL NIGHT IN MAY CONCERT.

Subject: Russian-speaking Advisory Board will discuss the event and ways to call for submissions.

ACTION: Discuss and provide recommendations.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10.A. FOLLOW UP ON THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY EVENT 2026

Subject: Russian-speaking Advisory Board followed up on the event and provided recommendations for the future.

ACTION: No action taken

10.B. YOM HASHOAH EVENT 2026

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

Member Volman spoke about additional details and provided the outline for the for the event:

- A powerful testimony by Holocaust Survivor Eva Nathanson
- A moving musical tribute by Cantor Alexander Berkovich
- Voices of Hope by the Hillel Hebrew Academy Children's Choir
- Special film screening: "The Tale of Two Sisters"
- Candlelight Ceremony

ACTION: Vice Chair Maysky made a motion to approve screening of the Documentary about Ann Frank, member Volman seconded. Motion passed by a roll call vote.

10.C. VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY 2026

Subject: The Russian-speaking Advisory Board continued its discussion of the event. The Board reviewed plans for a documentary screening dedicated to the WWII Veterans Association. Members suggested bringing back the exhibit on the history of the WWII Veterans Association, originally created by Sasha Razor, with the addition of "Letters from the Front," pending submissions. Board members also recommended recognizing living veterans from the stage, with the host acknowledging them and presenting flowers. Additionally, the Board suggested inviting children and grandchildren of veterans as part of the program.

ACTION: No action taken.

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 scheduled to receive updates from their liaisons to other boards and commissions. Staff encouraged members to take initiative by attending relevant board and commission meetings that address issues of concern to the members of the Board.

ACTION: There were no updates.

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

Subject: Russian-speaking Advisory Board continued discussion on some of the upcoming events that will be a part of the Russian-speaking community Cultural Heritage month. Vice Chair Maysky spoke about the Classical Night in May concert and its programming.

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 8:24 PM to a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, **April 21, 2026**, 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 21st OF APRIL 2026.


CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:


STAFF LIAISON