

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
RUSSIAN-SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2022**

VIA TELECONFERENCE

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Member Maysky called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.
2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** – Member Maysky read the Land Acknowledgement
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Member Maysky led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Diana Volman, Raisa Aguf, Lyubov Levitan, Ekaterina Kutepova, Valentina Matiji, Eugene Maysky, Sasha Razor.

ABSENT: Alex Tolocenco

ALSO, PRESENT: Staff liaison Tatyana Rodzinek

5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
SUBJECT: *The Russian-speaking Advisory Board is requested to approve the agenda.*
ACTION: Approve the Agenda of Tuesday, December 20, 2022. Motion by Member Maysky to approve the agenda, seconded by Member Levitan, motion passed by 7 to 0 roll call vote.
6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
SUBJECT: *The Russian-speaking Advisory Board is requested to approve the minutes of the previous Russian Advisory Board meeting.*
ACTION: Approve the minutes of the November 15, 2022, Russian-speaking Advisory Board meeting. Motion by Member Levitan to approve the minutes, seconded by Member Maysky, motion passed by 7 to 0 roll call vote.
7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
There were no public comments.
8. **ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**
There were no items from the board members.
9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
9.A. INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2023
Subject: Russian-speaking Advisory Board continued discussion on programming for the International Women's Day Event 2023

Phil Popham & Sarah Robinson from Helix Collective proposed a program with their nine Piece Film Music Ensemble. The concert will be featuring female composers of Film and Television and visual media composers.

Eugene Maysky spoke about promoting the event.

Raisa Aguf supported the idea of the program.

Diana spoke about the length of the program.

Lubov Levitan spoke about the length of the program.

Ekaterina Kutepova spoke about the program in general and the script she wrote. Member Kutepova wrote a script that included the introduction with the city officials.

Sasha Razor spoke about the program and suggested that the program should include Russian-speaking women composers. Member Razor also suggested a few additions to the program.

Angela de Silva from the Women's Advisory Board attended the meeting to provide support.

Ekaterina Kutepova spoke about collaboration with the Women Advisory Board.

Angela de Silva expressed her desire to participate.

Member Kutepova expressed her concern about changing the format of the program.

Raisa Aguf suggested that dancing should be added to the program.

Member Kutepova spoke about the budget.

Lyubov Levitan spoke about assistance the Women Advisory Board could provide.

Action: Eugene Maysky made a motion to approve the program by Helix Collective to be incorporated into the programming for the International Women's Day event. Seconded by Diana Volman. Motion passed unanimously.

9.B. YOM HASHOAH 2023

Subject: Russian-speaking Advisory Board continued discussion on the programming for the Yom HaShoah Event 2023

Diana Volman spoke about the letter that she had sent to the schools inviting students to participate.

Diana reminded everyone that the event will take place on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 in Council Chambers.

Member Levitan talked about the busses to transport students to the event.

Member Volman spoke about a speaker.

Member Maysky reminded everybody to complete the Ethics Training

Action: The board members agreed to hold the event on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at noon in Council Chambers, but will continue discussion at the next meeting. No action taken.

9.C. RUSSIAN-SPEAKING ADVISORY BOARD'S INITIATIVES

Subject: Russian-speaking Advisory Board will discuss any new initiatives

Action: The board members made a motion to invite Public Safety and Sheriff Department's representatives to their next meeting to talk about public safety in the city and their role in making new members of the community better understand the role of law enforcement.

9.D. PREPARATION FOR THE 2023 WEST HOLLYWOOD CULTURAL HERITAGE MONTH AND OTHER CULTURAL EVENTS

Subject: The Russian-speaking Advisory Board continued discussion on the upcoming cultural events that will highlight the cultural heritage of the Russian-speaking Community.

Action: Staff informed the board about the RFP. No action taken.

9.E. UPDATE FROM LIAISONS TO OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Subject: Board members will receive updates from the liaisons to other boards and commissions.

Action: There were no updates.

10. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were no items from staff.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

12. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS/BOARD MEMBERS

Eugene Maysky talked about a social media page dedicated to the Russian-speaking Community.

- 13. ADJOURNMENT:** The Russian Advisory Board adjourned at 8:45 PM to a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, **January 17, 2023, at 7 p.m.**, beginning at 7 PM via teleconference.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE RUSSIAN ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS
17TH DAY OF JANUARY 2023.

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CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

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Tatyana Rodzinek
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