ARTS DISTRICT LOS ANGELES
BID MINUTES

Wednesday, August 19, 2026 1:30 p.m.

Arts District BID Office
1801 E. 7th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90021

I. Call to Order

Chairman Kim called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m.

II. Public Comment on Agenda Items

Kim asked for public comment. Nina Suh-Toma from the Assemblymember's Office gave an overview of legislature her office is working on, including a lottery for alcohol licenses. Kim thanked Suh-Toma.

III. Approval of the BID Board Meeting Minutes

Kim asked for a motion to approve the minutes from June. Bhavnani motioned to approve the minutes, which were seconded by Rothenberg. The minutes were approved unanimously.

IV. Financial Report

Vargas went over the financial report for both the months of June and July. He began covering the expenses for the months, including administrative, maintenance, and public safety expenses. Kim asked for a motion to approve the June and July financial reports. Bhavnani motioned to approve the reports, and Rothenberg seconded the motion. The financial reports were approved for June and July unanimously.

V. Operations Report

Ernesto Ramirez from Chrysalis reviewed the June and July maintenance statistics. He presented key beautification numbers for both months, including the number of times trees were watered, vandalism updates, and trash hauled. Kim thanked Ramirez.

Captain Avina reviewed the June and July Safety Report and went over some of the incidents that have occurred in the months. Kim thanked Captain Avina.

VI. New Business

Kim asked for new business, but seeing as there was no new business, he moved on.

VII. Executive Director Report

Vargas gave an update ATP, including the construction zones on Traction Avenue. He updated the group on the management of the 6th Street Park. He updated the group on a new tree planting in memoriam of the Aliso Tree and Tim Keating. He updated the group on his involvement with the ULI presentation.

VIII. Chairman's Report

Kim thanked everyone for attending.

IX. Meeting Adjourn

Kim adjourned the meeting at 2:19 p.m.

Board Member Attendance

Board of Directors	Present	Absent	Board of Directors	Present	Absent
Pouya Abdi		X	Adam Normandin	X	
Yuval Bar-Zemer		X	Lauren Phillips		X
Dilip Bhavnani	X		Matthew Quiat	X	
Frank Gallo		X	Mark Rothenberg	X	
Paul Holliday		X	Cindy Schwarzstein	X	
Dennis Kim	X		Michael Soroudi	X	
Matt Klein	X		David Stahl		X
Rebecca Liu-Morales	X		Brenda Tello		X
Matthew Marquez	X		Lisa Vacca-Brown		X
Valerie Mitchell	X		Alex Wang	X	