



## ***LWVBA Growing Democracy; Building Community***

### **LWVBA Board Meeting Agenda**

February 17, 2025

4 to 6 pm PM

Via zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84505919761>

Meeting ID: TBA

**This link seen here can be found always at website under Board Briefs:**

**<https://my.lwv.org/california/bay-area/board-agendas-minutes-board-briefs>**

**Board Members attending:** Louise, Roma, Jean, Kathleen, Yolanda, Sheri, Madeline, Raeena, Marieann

**Absent:**

**Guests: None**

#### **Board Actions from February:**

- **Form a Committee to enhance LWVBA website (\$3-5K)** to better serve BA Leagues (potentially using WIX).
- **Expenditures for records storage needs approval**
- **Observer Corps Volunteers** – Jean to Present soon on how to increase participation in Observer Corps
- **Meeting to practice League Day & Run of Show - TBD**

#### **Board Actions from January:**

- **PMP & Transformation** – Finance Committee met to determine PMP for Local Leagues - Feb. 4 & Feb. 11
- **Co-Pres. to meet w/bank re signatures**
- **LWVBA Board orientation to be part of Feb. Board meeting**
- **Co-Pres. meetings with Local Leagues being scheduled starting in Feb.**
- **League Day Panels & speakers scheduling in process; assignments made**
- **Civics Education Project accepted** – Board members to recommend partner organizations
- **Special meeting on Regional Bond Measures Jan. 22, 9:35 via Zoom**
- **LWVBA will host table at Connecting for Good: An Expo for Experienced and New Volunteers** on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 11am to 4pm at the David Brower Center in downtown Berkeley close to BART. Yolanda to lead. Invitation forwarded.
- **Bay Area Monitor Domain** – needs new account; Budget ~\$700 for change of application – Board voted to make the change.
- **Specific Regional agencies identified for Board observers**

#### **Board Action Items from December:**

- **Madeline to send draft Orientation presentation for feedback**
- **Louise to remind SF League to send PMP; all others have complied**

- Meeting with LWVC rep re Local Leagues schedule in process
- Treasurer report sent
- Will participate in April 15 Expo event & partner with Oakland, Diablo, Berkeley
- Kathleen to contact Sherry Smith re quotes for archiving LWVBA materials in storage; will coordinate with BAE; Pay \$100 to BAE for 2 months storage.
- Co-presidents requested LWVBA Board members to provide written reports on Regional Agencies observed on a monthly basis starting in January
- Regional Study meetings moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday at noon
- Interviews with potential panelists assigned (see below)

**Board Action Items from November:**

- Write Articles for Monitor – Publication 4<sup>th</sup> week of month
- Update related organization grid – Marieann & Sheri (in process)
- Start attending your organization meetings for Observations – All
- Send Local League Requests to meet starting in Feb.– Roma & Marieann

AGENDA ITEMS	ACTION ITEMS
WELCOME -- MBS & RD	
<p><b>Meeting Goals:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review League Day Plan</li> <li>- Program Planning Meeting Date</li> <li>- PMP Process</li> <li>- Civic Ed Project</li> <li>- LWVBA Board orientation – during this meeting</li> <li>- Schedule LWVBA County Council – May-June</li> </ul> <p><b>AGENDA:</b> Changes to the agenda?</p> <p><b>PRIOR MINUTES:</b> Approve minutes (link here) from Prior 2024 meetings</p> <p><b>Presidents' report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>PMP &amp; Transformation – status &amp; plans –</b> Oakland voted to PMP \$1000. MBS to contact Nora Pullen re ILO status</li> <li>- <b>How Should we participate in the Program Planning process –</b> Ask CA to send us LL Program Priorities</li> <li>- <b>Status of Co-Presidents' 'visits'</b> with each local League; adding more to the schedule</li> </ul>	<p>Minutes approved with corrections; Review recordings of minutes that do not have written records and post votes and decisions.</p> <p>(Meeting summaries links to go on Google: Roma &amp; MBS to Do summaries)</p> <p>Marieann</p> <p>Roma Report on Program Planning</p> <p>Roma &amp; Marieann updates</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Treasurer's Report: Financial Report – Louise</b></li> <li>• <b>Expenditures for records storage needs approval</b></li> </ul>	Co-Presidents signed Feb.14 at CITI Oakland bank
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>League Day, Saturday, March 8, 2025 – Plan presentation – Roma – report sent</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Regional Govt – Why It Matters- Panels</b></li> <li>- <b>Speaker Identification &amp; Confirmation – Josh Becker Keynoter, Cortese</b></li> <li>- <b>Section on Reg Gov planning status</b></li> <li>- <b>Local Regional Govt. project examples from team (MTC/ABAG, CalTrain Project, NAHA - housing at BART stations, Rebecca Salzman – El Cerrito Plaza Project funding)</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	League Day Planning Committee: ( <b>Roma</b> , Kathleen, Jean, Louise, Sheri, Marieann)  Madeline
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>LWV BA Board Orientation – Presentation at Feb. Board meeting</b></li> </ul>	Madeline
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Civics Education Project Discussion</b> (New item suggested at celebration event) – Potential collaborative project with other Leagues; Oakland, Carmen Murray; Palo Alto, Fremont, Alameda game; resources – Icivics.</li> </ul>	Update in February Contact Local Leagues with civic ed
<p>Next Spring, the Retirement Center will be hosting <b><i>Connecting for Good: An Expo for Experienced and New Volunteers</i></b> on <b>Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 8 am to 4pm</b> at the David Brower Center in downtown Berkeley close to BART.</p> <p>This expo brings together retirees interested in volunteer opportunities that impact their community.</p> <p><b><i>The League of Women's Voters' mission is aligned with what many of the UCB retirees care about and we would like to invite your organization to table at the expo. To help with containing our costs, we ask participating organizations to contribute \$100 to table at the event (nobody will be turned away for lack of funds).</i></b></p>	Participation approved; Committee formed headed by <b>Yolanda</b> ; Add Oakland & Berkeley League members  <b>Committee: Madeline, Louise, Kathleen</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Status report on Regional Bond Measures – RD - Roma – 4 County Measure</b></li> </ul>	-Article for Monitor News
<b>Housing/Homelessness Education Project with LA County ILO; Teri Newstader leading Social Housing project – Update; Montgomery County, MD Model.</b>	Meeting to plan in process

Will check & agendize for a later meeting	
<b>Plan Bay Area 2050 (PBA2050) Timeline &amp; website – Roma</b> <a href="https://planbayarea.org/about/timeline-key-phases-plan-bay-area-2050">https://planbayarea.org/about/timeline-key-phases-plan-bay-area-2050</a>	Louise, Yolanda, Roma, Marieann – final blueprint due in Summer
<b>Regional Governance Study</b> – Interviews in progress Sup. Ramos – Hybrid Event	- Brief update on status (5 min) -Article for Monitor
<b>LWVBA Board Member Reports:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Communications Report:</b></li> <li>- <b>2400 emails; good response = 44%</b></li> <li>- <b>Bay Area Monitor Domain – needs new account</b></li> <li>- <b>Budget ~\$700 for change of application</b></li> <li>- <b>Jan. Minutes posted</b></li> <li>- <b>Events Dates sent &amp; Monitor Notes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <b>Regional Government &amp; Planning - Kathleen</b></li> <li>o <b>Environment – Air, Land Use, Water, Solid Waste – Madeleine &amp; Louise - BCDC</b></li> <li>o <b>Natural Resources &amp; Climate – Kathleen &amp; Jean – Air Quality</b></li> <li>o <b>Housing/Homelessness? Land Use – Roma – BAHFA</b></li> <li>o <b>Transportation – Roma &amp; Yolanda – MTC</b></li> <li>o <b>Public Health – Raeena &amp; Marieann &amp; Jean</b></li> <li>o <b>Behavioral Health under Public Health – Jean Chair of San Mateo County Behavioral Health</b></li> <li>o <b>Other- Working Partnerships development – Roma &amp; Marieann</b></li> <li>o <b>Plan Bay Area – Louise, Yolanda &amp; Marieann</b></li> <li>- <b>Observer Corps Volunteers – Jean to Present soon on how to increase participation</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Sheri – WIX identified; others?  Request for Agencies to be observed. Contra Costa Cty: Madeline on Hazardous mtl. Commission  -Madeleine & Louise – Hazardous Materials Commission; Oil Refineries -Natural Resources & Climate – BCDC, Bay Area Regional Collaborative - Kathleen; Jean on Bay Area Air Quality; Roma on BCDC slide deck. -Housing – MTC/ABAG; Water Management; Air Quality; Plan Bay Area; how committees interface -Transportation – Plan Bay Area strategies & summary, public funding issues -Continue educational events throughout 2025 -Working Partnership – groups we work with;

	LUNA, etc., to expand list of potential partners
<b>NEXT MEETING: March 17, 2025 @ 4 PM (Third Monday of month)</b> <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84505919761">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84505919761</a>	
<b>LWVBA Mission-Vision (ILO) <i>Monitors, educates, and advocates League positions in regional context: observing regional planning and governance and reviewing how decision-making impacts communities, addresses systemic inequities, and promotes transparency, financial accountability and inclusive participation.</i></b>	

**Note: Civics education** isn't about advocating for one political view over another, it's about understanding our constitutional democracy, the three branches of government, the importance of checks and balances, the rule of law, and the commitment of the Founding Fathers, as imperfect as it was at inception, to protecting the rights of all people, not just people who looked like them or prayed like them.