

WSCO Board Meeting Agenda

Monday, September 22, 2025 | 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

MISSION STATEMENT: WSCO sustains the people of the West Side to **build community power** and to advance a more **just and equitable community**.

Board Members: Raniya Abawari, Santino Franco, Sebastian Ellefson, Nate Giles, Sebastian Gonzalez Navarro, Jessica Klimisch, Lawrence A. Lucio, Yasmin Muridi, Nancy Negrette, Joy Sorensen Navarre, Mandy Otis, Jeannine Pohl

Attended: Larry Lucio, Santino Franco, Jeanine Pohl, Yasmin Muridi, Sebastian Gonzalez Navarro, mandy otis, joy soren

6:00 Introductions and welcome (Jess, 5 min)

6:05 Guest recognition (Jess, 5 min)

6:10 Consent agenda (Jess, 5 mins) - **Vote**

- Last month's minutes
- This month's agenda
- Financials
 - consented

~~6:15 Workplace Culture (Roberto De La Riva, 10 min) rescheduled~~

6:10 Decrease board size proposal (Nate, 10 min) - Voted

-board decided to not make changes

-voted unanimously to table it and not decrease board size

6:25 State of WSCO (Monica, 30 min)

- Bush foundation grant might come in financials are doing well to support

- a new person has been hired and is taking over finance and operations and help the accounting person to take over.

- project updates - land use circle wednesday and scorecard

-WARD 2 budget meeting will be here so come check it out.

- destination robert street

- C-COAP update corridor branding coco will provide update in october

-flats to the future side,

6:40 Board Strategic Plan & Goals (Monica, 15 min)

-introduction of the WSCO Strategy Sieve (from 2016) decision making tool

-question about relationships with the local police

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- what can we do about problem properties the west side takes care of their own problems in the past but now we feel it may need more support. Monica thinking the idea for more safety look like under the 10 year plan and having everyone working on this.
- Housing justice, the problem properties belong to an LLC out of detroit michigan, no ties to minnesota let alone the west side. They fit into a niche program to house people that needed housing that were released from incarceration.
- WSCO could possibly own properties and have say about renting issues
- would like to talk to Nita
- Santino would be willing to take the lead on dealing with housing and the police and start building relationships
- Monica recommended he could be on the implementation team and this fits with the implementation team.
- monica has the final WSCO strategic plan 2025-26

7:10 Community Agreements (Sebastian, 10 min)

7:20 Southport Pedestrian Bridge Celebration (Joy, 5 min)

7:35 Annual Meeting Update (Jess, 10 min)

Volunteer coordinator, volunteer

- we need volunteer coordinator
 - Santino might have an idea
 - tech coordinator
 - ask Larry Junior(monica will ask Larry)
- Video promo

Nomination link: <https://www.wSCO.org/nominate2025>

7:45 Open discussion (Jess, 15 ,min)

Business Owner Concerns (Nancy, 5 min)

-already addressed

Building Tag (Mandy)

-been there for 8 years and in the past 2-3 months tagged 4 times at least, putting the awareness out. Assuming it's youth, not sure if from the neighborhood. Just to be aware of it. Guadalupanas lots of graffiti. Typically you had to get rid of it, the more it stays around it gives people ideas. Ask businesses, we were able to pull some of the paint, would businesses and the city have paint funding. They have a graffiti school I don't see that happening on the west side.

Football team and student council for a fundraiser they were willing to donate to our senior night. Another way of melding our kids encourage them to do the positive stuff, I would be willing to go to the school, provided the police or WSCO business association was willing to find equipment.

He got arrested. Youth are misdirected

Monica Review (Jess)

Coming on the google doc.

Radical Love/Affirmation (Monica)

-at board retreat write a letter to West side 10 years from now and it was very emotional and meaningful, what does it mean to radically love your neighbor, your grand children, think about a love letter to the west side. During the pandemic a boy and grandfather love/pinwheel bombed the whole neighborhood, how do you do that and start it. Outreach within the community like southport when does the next doorknock happen but it happens regularly, 10 year plan, that they would open to doors and talk to us. There is a tie with radical love and feeling safe on the west side. Reminds us of getting involved, someone said reach out to WSCO, first time someone had my back, home should be safe, when you can't get that how do you give capacity. We want to create a space to feel safe. Heart of the west side, heard shaped love letters.

Larry is sending the letters giving opportunities to principals to meet her and give information about philosophy of education, pointed questions they should share with community, want to let everyone know that. It's important we get feedback to hear and be able to follow up with pointed questions, and begin now to ask tough questions to be able to build towards openings of school next fall. The board coming up with vote on their referendum, never one that's not underfunded. What in the referendum positively impacts the west side. How does the referendum going to impact the West side. Begin to ask the questions and think about community education we can begin to plan and have strategy beginning of school year and summer.

Maryano took away recess, little thing but big thing, principal should communicate change in programming and a recommendation or suggestions from central office should be the cure all, decided I'm not gonna, goes back to their mission statement, should drive everything the school does. A principal says this is my mission statement, programs doesn't reflect shouldn't be. Things I will ask, people in the room

^miguel email to yasmin

^childcare option so parents can take care of kids

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7:55 Wrap Up/Next Steps/Upcoming Events (Jess, 5 mins)

8:00 Adjourn