



**ENGINEERS AND ARCHITECTS ASSOCIATION
UNIT 1894 IBEW 11 AFL-CIO, CLC
Board of Governors Special Meeting Minutes
Tuesday March 24, 2026 at 12:00 PM**

In accordance with EAA Board of Governors Motion #2, approved February 2, 2023, and the ongoing concerns related to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the EAA Board of Governors meeting will be conducted electronically until further notice. The meetings will not be conducted at 2911 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90026. This meeting will be recorded in accordance with EAA policy. All other recordings are prohibited. This meeting is closed to the public and limited to EAA members.

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER @ 12: 06 pm

2) ROLL CALL OF THE GOVERNORS Youssef, Cornejo, Cruz, Hall, Barbarena, Samaan (quorum),

Somers joined at 12:09 pm

3) MEMBER COMMENTS *(Members limited to 1 minute, 30 seconds each)*

No member comments given.

4) NEW BUSINESS

MOTION #1

Motion to oppose the proposed ballot Initiative (pending qualification) to repeal the City's Business Gross Receipts Tax.

Moved by President Samaan, seconded by Cruz

The Central City Association along with other big business groups are collecting signatures for an effort to repeal Business Tax Receipts (BRT). In the last FSR, the CAO estimated that a repeal would result in a \$800 million loss in the General Fund. This could certainly result in layoffs for members. The LA County Federation of Labor has asked all public sector unions to take a position. The City Clerk is currently verifying signatures for the measure to qualify in the November 2026 ballot.

Governor Somers appreciates the timing to notify all members. We are being asked to take a formal position on a yet to be named ballot measure. We are in a unique position

and would like for us to be part of any coordinating with the LA Fed. We may even be able to provide some resources. We at the very least can help shape the narrative and other measures that could have impacts on the general budget. This coupled with the Airbnb proposals also currently being considered. Not confident in the LA Fed being able to message the repeal.

Governor Samaan said that this would result in a total freeze in hiring, mass layoffs and privatizing services. The LA Fed will be leaning on us, SEIU and AFSCME since they don't know how the City budget works.

Youssef recalled how there was a 2016 study during the Garcetti era when he was similarly proposed a repeal of Business Taxes and

Ayes: All in favor, none opposed.

Rob from the LA Fed is asking for a statement.

We are opposed and this would be a disaster for the City. It will result in layoffs and a reduction in services. Can be signed on behalf of the Board. Proposed revenue sources would make our housing crisis worse. Draft will be circulated to send by this afternoon.

Governor Barbarena asked if the LAPPL has taken a position. We do not know yet. Marleen replied with

5) GOOD & WELFARE

6) ADJOURNMENT @ 12:20 pm

AGENDA PREPARED BY: Roy Samaan