

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
ETHICS COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2023
411 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD
CIVIC CHAMBERS, 3:00 PM**

Margo Morales, Chair
Barbara A. Pollack, Vice Chair
Raul Añorve, Commissioner
Lani De Benedictis, Commissioner



Luke Fiedler, Commissioner
J. P. Shotwell, Commissioner
Susan Wise, Commissioner

FINISHED AGENDA & DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (3:04 PM)

At 3:04 PM, Chair Morales called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (3:04 PM)

Commissioners Raúl Añorve, Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, Susan Wise,

Present: Barbara Pollack and Margo Morales

Commissioners J. P. Shotwell

Excused:

Also present: April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager; Julian Cernuda, Assistant to the City Manager; Heather Van Wijk, Ethics Officer; Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney; Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst.

Chair Morales made opening remarks.

REGULAR AGENDA (3:05 PM)

1. 23-041EC Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Ethics Commission Regular Meeting on Wednesday, May 10, 2023.

Commissioner Añorve spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fiedler, seconded by Commissioner Añorve, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Raúl Añorve, Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, Susan Wise, Barbara Pollack and Margo Morales

Excused: 1 - J. P. Shotwell

2. 23-042EC Recommendation to receive and file a report on the 2022 City of Long Beach Statement of Economic Interest Form 700 filers.

Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst, spoke; and presented the staff report.

Commissioner Wise spoke.

Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst, spoke.

Vice Chair Pollack spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst, spoke.

Vice Chair Pollack spoke.

Chair Morales spoke.

Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst, spoke.

Commissioner Añorve spoke.

Chair Morales spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Morales and Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney.

A motion was made by Commissioner Añorve, seconded by Commissioner De Benedictis, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Raúl Añorve, Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, Susan Wise, Barbara Pollack and Margo Morales

Excused: 1 - J. P. Shotwell

3. 23-033EC Recommendation to discuss a recommendation to the City Manager regarding the Draft Vendor Code of Conduct by the Ad Hoc Committee; and, if appropriate, take any necessary related actions to said recommendation.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke; and provided a report.

Vice Chair Pollack spoke.

Commissioner Wise spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Wise and Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney.

Chair Morales spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Morales and Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney.

Commissioner Wise spoke.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Wise spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Wise and Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney.

Vice Chair Pollack spoke.

Commissioner Añorve spoke.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Assistant to the City Manager, spoke.

Vice Chair Pollack spoke.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

Chair Morales spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Morales and Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney.

Vice Chair Pollack spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Assistant to the City Manager, spoke.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

Chair Morales spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Morales and Commissioner De Benedictis.

Vice Chair Pollack spoke.

Commissioner Fiedler spoke.

Commissioner Wise spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Wise and Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Chair Morales spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Chair Pollack spoke.

Commissioner Wise spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner De Benedictis, seconded by Commissioner Fiedler, to approve recommendation, as amended, to return the draft document back to the Ad Hoc Committee to consider the feedback from Vice Chair Pollack and Commissioner Wise; and bring the draft back for consideration at future meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Raúl Añorve, Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, Susan Wise, Barbara Pollack and Margo Morales

Excused: 1 - J. P. Shotwell

4. 23-035EC Recommendation to receive and file departmental feedback on the draft Investigations Protocol.

Julian Cernuda, Assistant to the City Manager, spoke.

Vice Chair Pollack spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Pollack and Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney.

Commissioner Wise spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

Chair Morales spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner De Benedictis, seconded by Commissioner Wise, to approve recommendation, as amended, to request staff merge the departmental feedback together to prepare a document that would be ready for a future Ad Hoc Committee; and that the item be added to the parking lot of the Commission Action Plan to return on a date to be determined in the future. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Raúl Añorve, Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, Susan Wise, Barbara Pollack and Margo Morales

Excused: 1 - J. P. Shotwell

5. 23-037EC Recommendation to receive and file an update on the Ethics Commission Action Plan.

Heather Van Wijk, Ethics Officer, spoke; and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Commissioner Wise spoke.

Heather Van Wijk, Ethics Officer, spoke.

Chair Morales spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner De Benedictis, seconded by Commissioner Añorve, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Raúl Añorve, Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, Susan Wise, Barbara Pollack and Margo Morales

Excused: 1 - J. P. Shotwell

6. 23-043EC Recommendation to authorize the Chair and Vice Chair to compose and submit a memorandum to the City Manager, Mayor and City Council, and Budget Oversight Committee regarding the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget and the Ethics Commission's budgetary requests and recommendations.

Chair Morales spoke.

Commissioner Wise spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner De Benedictis, seconded by Commissioner Añorve, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Raúl Añorve, Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, Susan Wise, Barbara Pollack and Margo Morales

Excused: 1 - J. P. Shotwell

7. 23-044EC Recommendation to receive and file a monthly update from the Ethics Officer.

Heather Van Wijk, Ethics Officer, spoke; and presented the staff report.

Chair Morales spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner De Benedictis, seconded by Commissioner Wise, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Raúl Añorve, Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, Susan Wise, Barbara Pollack and Margo Morales

Excused: 1 - J. P. Shotwell

8. 23-045EC Recommendation to receive and file a report from the Ad Hoc Committees; discuss anticipated Ad Hoc Committees for upcoming projects; and, if appropriate, take action to dissolve or create Ad Hoc Committees.

Chair Morales spoke; and presented a report.

Commissioner Añorve spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner De Benedictis, seconded by Commissioner Wise, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Raúl Añorve, Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, Susan Wise, Barbara Pollack and Margo Morales

Excused: 1 - J. P. Shotwell

9. 23-046EC eComments and emails received for the Ethics Commission meeting of Wednesday, June 14, 2023.

This EC-Agenda Item was received and filed.

PUBLIC COMMENT (4:30 PM)

There was no public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (4:30 PM)

Chair Morales spoke.

ADJOURNMENT (4:31 PM)

At 4:31 PM, there being no objection, Chair Morales declared the meeting adjourned.

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