

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
EQUITY AND HUMAN
RELATIONS COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2023
411 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD
CIVIC CHAMBERS, 6:00 PM**

Dr. Eduardo Lara, Chair
Christopher Covington, Vice Chair
Cory Allen, Commissioner
Dr. Sharifa Batts, Commissioner
Robbie Butler, Commissioner
Trace Camacho, Commissioner



M. Lissette Flores, Commissioner
Jessica Gillette, Commissioner
Alyssa Gutierrez, Commissioner
Keyona Montgomery, Commissioner
Zoe Nicholson, Commissioner
Jon Schultz, Commissioner

FINISHED AGENDA & MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER (6:13 PM)

At 6:13 PM, Chair Lara called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (6:13 PM)

Commissioners Sharifa Batts, Robbie Butler, Trace Camacho, M. Lissette

Present: Flores, Jessica Gillette, Alyssa Gutierrez, Zoe Nicholson,
Christopher Covington and Eduardo Lara

Commissioners Cory Allen, Keyona Montgomery and Jon Schultz

Absent:

Also Present: Tony Viramontes, Equity and Community Engagement Program Specialist, City Manager Department; Alanah Grant, Equity Officer, City Manager Department; Teresa Chandler, Deputy City Manager; Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney; Alyssa Campos, City Clerk Specialist; Vanessa Hall, City Clerk Specialist.

CHAIR REMARKS (6:14 PM)

Chair Lara provided opening remarks.

PUBLIC COMMENT (6:18 PM)

There was no public comment.

REGULAR AGENDA (6:18 PM)

1. [23-024HR](#) Recommendation to approve minutes for the Equity and Human Relations Commission Meeting of Wednesday, June 7, 2023.

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

Yes: 9 - Sharifa Batts, Robbie Butler, Trace Camacho, M. Lissette Flores, Jessica Gillette, Alyssa Gutierrez, Zoe Nicholson, Christopher Covington and Eduardo Lara

Absent: 3 - Cory Allen, Keyona Montgomery and Jon Schultz

2. [23-017HR](#) Recommendation to request City Attorney to prepare a draft of Equity and Human Relations Commission bylaws.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Chair Lara spoke.

Commissioner Gutierrez spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Butler spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Gutierrez spoke.

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

Chair Lara spoke.

Commissioner Gutierrez spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Lara and Commissioner Gutierrez.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Gutierrez spoke.

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

Chair Lara spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Nicholson spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Chair Covington spoke.

Chair Lara spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

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

Commissioner Nicholson spoke.

Chair Lara spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Lara and Commissioner Nicholson.

Commissioner Butler spoke.

Vice Chair Covington spoke.

Commissioner Gutierrez spoke.

Chair Lara spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez, seconded by Vice Chair Covington, to approve recommendation, as amended, to direct City Attorney to prepare a draft of the Equity and Human Relations Commission Bylaws, including community agreements proposed by the Office of Equity and the option for a Co-Chair or Chair/Vice Chair structure to be decided at each Chair election. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Sharifa Batts, Robbie Butler, Trace Camacho, M. Lissette Flores, Jessica Gillette, Alyssa Gutierrez, Zoe Nicholson, Christopher Covington and Eduardo Lara

Absent: 3 - Cory Allen, Keyona Montgomery and Jon Schultz

3. [23-026HR](#)

Recommendation to discuss the Equity and Human Relations Commission 2023 Roadmap priorities.

Chair Lara spoke.

Alanah Grant, Equity Officer, City Manager Department, spoke; and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Chair Lara spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

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

Commissioner Camacho spoke.

Alanah Grant, Equity Officer, City Manager Department, spoke.

Chair Lara spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

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

Tony Viramontes, Equity and Community Engagement Program Specialist, City Manager Department, spoke.

Alanah Grant, Equity Officer, City Manager Department, spoke.

Commissioners participated in Roadmap activity to identify priorities of the Commission.

Chair Lara spoke.

Alanah Grant, Equity Officer, City Manager Department, spoke.

Chair Lara spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

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

Commissioner Camacho spoke.

Commissioner Gutierrez spoke.

Alanah Grant, Equity Officer, City Manager Department, spoke.

Chair Lara spoke.

Vice Chair Covington spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Lara and Vice Chair Covington.

A motion was made by Commissioner Camacho, seconded by Vice Chair Covington, to approve recommendation, as amended, to receive and file the 2023 Roadmap priorities of the Equity and Human Relations Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Sharifa Batts, Robbie Butler, Trace Camacho, M. Lissette Flores, Jessica Gillette, Alyssa Gutierrez, Zoe Nicholson, Christopher Covington and Eduardo Lara

Absent: 3 - Cory Allen, Keyona Montgomery and Jon Schultz

4. [23-027HR](#) Recommendation to authorize the Chair and Vice Chair to draft a letter from the Equity and Human Relations Commission to the City Council recommending the City Council denounce *Students for Fair Admissions, Inc. v. President and Fellows of Harvard College* and *Creative, LLC et al. v. Elenis et al.*

Chair Lara spoke.

Commissioner Camacho spoke.

Commissioner Gutierrez spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Camacho and Commissioner Gutierrez.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Camacho spoke.

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

Chair Lara spoke.

Commissioner Gutierrez spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

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

Commissioner Nicholson spoke.

Vice Chair Covington spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Batts spoke.

Chair Lara spoke.

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

Yes: 9 - Sharifa Batts, Robbie Butler, Trace Camacho, M. Lissette Flores, Jessica Gillette, Alyssa Gutierrez, Zoe Nicholson, Christopher Covington and Eduardo Lara

Absent: 3 - Cory Allen, Keyona Montgomery and Jon Schultz

5. [23-028HR](#) Recommendation to receive and file a presentation on the Brown Act.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke; and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Chair Lara spoke.

Commissioner Nicholson spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

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

Commissioner Gutierrez spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

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

Vice Chair Covington spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

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

Chair Lara spoke.

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

Yes: 9 - Sharifa Batts, Robbie Butler, Trace Camacho, M. Lissette Flores, Jessica Gillette, Alyssa Gutierrez, Zoe Nicholson, Christopher Covington and Eduardo Lara

Absent: 3 - Cory Allen, Keyona Montgomery and Jon Schultz

6. [23-023HR](#)

Recommendation to receive and file a report from current Ad Hoc Committees; discuss anticipated Ad Hoc Committees for upcoming projects; and, if appropriate, take action to dissolve or create Ad Hoc Committees.

Chair Lara spoke.

Commissioner Gutierrez spoke; and presented the report.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

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

Chair Lara spoke.

Vice Chair Covington spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gutierrez, seconded by Commissioner Butler, to approve recommendation, as amended, to dissolve the 2023 Roadmap Ad Hoc Committee; and create a standing agenda item to receive updates from Ad Hoc Committees. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Sharifa Batts, Robbie Butler, Trace Camacho, M. Lissette Flores, Jessica Gillette, Alyssa Gutierrez, Zoe Nicholson, Christopher Covington and Eduardo Lara

Absent: 3 - Cory Allen, Keyona Montgomery and Jon Schultz

7. [23-019HR](#)

Recommendation to receive and file a monthly update from the Office of Equity.

Chair Lara spoke.

Tony Viramontes, Equity and Community Engagement Program Specialist, City Manager Department spoke; and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Vice Chair Covington spoke.

Commissioner Nicholson spoke.

Commissioner Butler spoke.

Commissioner Gutierrez spoke.

Chair Lara spoke.

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

Yes: 9 - Sharifa Batts, Robbie Butler, Trace Camacho, M. Lissette Flores, Jessica Gillette, Alyssa Gutierrez, Zoe Nicholson, Christopher Covington and Eduardo Lara

Absent: 3 - Cory Allen, Keyona Montgomery and Jon Schultz

COMMISSIONER REMARKS (8:32 PM)

Chair Lara spoke.

ADJOURNMENT (8:33 PM)

At 8:33 PM, there being no objection, Chair Lara declared the meeting adjourned.

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