

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
ETHICS COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 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 (3:05 PM)

At 3:05 PM, Vice Chair Pollack called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (3:05 PM)

Commissioners Raúl Añorve, Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, J. P. Shotwell,
Present: Susan Wise and Barbara Pollack

Commissioners Margo Morales
Absent:

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.

REGULAR AGENDA (3:06 PM)

- 23-020EC Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Ethics Commission Regular Meeting on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 and Special Meeting (Retreat) on Wednesday, February 22, 2023.

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, J. P. Shotwell, Susan Wise and Barbara Pollack

Absent: 1 - Margo Morales

2. 23-021EC

Recommendation to receive and file a presentation on the City Auditor's Fraud Hotline.

Laura Doud, City Auditor, spoke.

Alvin Chu, Deputy City Auditor, spoke; and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

Alvin Chu, Deputy City Auditor, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner De Benedictis and Alvin Chu, Deputy City Auditor.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Alvin Chu, Deputy City Auditor, spoke.

Laura Doud, City Auditor, spoke.

A dialogue ensued among Commissioner Shotwell, Laura Doud, City Auditor, and Alvin Chu, Deputy City Auditor.

Commissioner Fiedler spoke.

Alvin Chu, Deputy City Auditor, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Fiedler and Alvin Chu, Deputy City Auditor.

Laura Doud, City Auditor, spoke.

Commissioner Wise spoke.

Alvin Chu, Deputy City Auditor, spoke.

Laura Doud, City Auditor, spoke.

A dialogue ensued among Commissioner Wise, Laura Doud, City Auditor, and Alvin Chu, Deputy City Auditor.

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

Yes: 6 - Raúl Añorve, Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, J. P. Shotwell, Susan Wise and Barbara Pollack

Absent: 1 - Margo Morales

3. 22-043EC Recommendation to discuss amendments proposed to the Lobbyists Ordinance (Long Beach Municipal Code Chapter 2.08) by the Ad Hoc Committee on the Lobbyist Ordinance, including, community outreach options; and if appropriate, provide a recommendation to the City Council regarding the same and dissolve the Lobbyist Ordinance Ad Hoc Committee.

Vice Chair Pollack spoke.

Commissioner Fiedler spoke.

Julie Dean spoke.

Michelle Byerly spoke.

Ariana Kennedy spoke.

Gina Redican spoke.

Estella Tehudor spoke.

Brian Cochrane spoke.

Ian Patton spoke.

Corliss Lee spoke.

Van Bui spoke.

Jimmy Ecklund spoke.

Mayra Garcia-Cortez spoke.

Matt Guardabascio spoke.

Jayson Mercado spoke.

Mayra Garcia spoke.

Joanna spoke.

James Suazo spoke; and submitted a handout.

Dani Ortiz Padilla spoke.

Gregory Johnson spoke.

Austin Metoyer spoke.

Romeo Hebron spoke.

Omar Cardenas.

Susana Sngiem spoke.

Gabby Hernandez spoke.

Jamilet spoke.

Eric spoke.

Heather Kern spoke.

Dana Buchanan spoke.

Jessica Quintana spoke.

Zayda Garcia spoke.

Laura Sellmer spoke.

Tony Bell spoke; and submitted a handout.

Lily Martinez 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 Shotwell spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Chair Pollack spoke.

Commissioner Wise spoke; and made a motion.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Unidentified person spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wise, seconded by Commissioner Añorve, to approve recommendation, as amended, to continue the work of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Lobbyist Ordinance; that the Ad Hoc Committee consider oral and written comments received, in addition to the comments made at the February 8, 2023 meeting; and provide a modified recommendation or proposed changes to the original recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Raúl Añorve, Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, J. P. Shotwell, Susan Wise and Barbara Pollack

Absent: 1 - Margo Morales

4. 23-022EC Recommendation to receive and file a presentation on a communication and outreach strategy for the Ethics Commission and Program.

Vice Chair Pollack spoke; and made a motion.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Pollack, seconded by Commissioner Wise, to approve recommendation, as amended, that the item be laid over. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Raúl Añorve, Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, J. P. Shotwell, Susan Wise and Barbara Pollack

Absent: 1 - Margo Morales

5. 23-023EC Recommendation to receive and file a discussion on the Ethics Guide for City Officials and Employees and suggested next steps to update the Guide.

Vice Chair Pollack spoke; and made a motion.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Pollack, seconded by Commissioner Wise, to approve recommendation, as amended, that the item be laid over. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Raúl Añorve, Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, J. P. Shotwell, Susan Wise and Barbara Pollack

Absent: 1 - Margo Morales

6. 23-024EC Recommendation to receive and file a monthly update from the Ethics Officer, including a summary of the Ethics Commission Retreat.

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

Vice Chair Pollack spoke.

Heather Van Wijk, Ethics Officer, spoke.

Commissioner Añorve spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Añorve and Heather Van Wijk, Ethics Officer.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

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

Yes: 6 - Raúl Añorve, Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, J. P. Shotwell, Susan Wise and Barbara Pollack

Absent: 1 - Margo Morales

7. 23-025EC 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.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

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

Yes: 6 - Raúl Añorve, Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, J. P. Shotwell, Susan Wise and Barbara Pollack

Absent: 1 - Margo Morales

8. 23-026EC eComments and emails received for the Ethics Commission meeting of Wednesday, March 8, 2023.

This EC-Agenda Item was received and filed.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5:10 PM)

There was no public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (5:10 PM)

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT (5:10 PM)

At 5:10 PM, there being no objection, Vice Chair Pollack declared the meeting adjourned.

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