

**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
CITIZEN POLICE COMPLAINT  
COMMISSION MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2018  
333 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 5:30 PM**

Suely Saro, Chair  
Desmond Fletcher, Vice Chair  
Leonard Adams Jr., Commissioner  
Dana Buchanan, Commissioner  
Christian Cooper, Commissioner



Veronica Garcia, Commissioner  
Richard Lindemann, Commissioner  
Dianne McNinch, Commissioner  
Maria Norvell, Commissioner  
Joni Ricks-Oddie, Commissioner

Anitra Dempsey, Executive Director

**FINISHED AGENDA & DRAFT MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER (5:30 PM)**

At 5:30 PM, Chair Saro called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL (5:30 PM)**

**Commissioners** Leonard Adams Jr., Dana Buchanan, Christian Cooper, Veronica

**Present:** Garcia, Richard Lindemann, Dianne McNinch, Maria Norvell and  
Suely Saro

**Commissioners** Joni Ricks-Oddie and Desmond Fletcher

**Absent:**

Also present: Anitra Dempsey, Executive Director; Patrick Weithers, Special Investigator;  
Lloyd Cox, Commander, Long Beach Police Department; Monica Kilaita, Deputy City  
Attorney; Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Specialist.

**CONSENT CALENDAR (5:30 PM)**

Passed the Consent Calendar

**A motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by  
Commissioner Cooper, to approve Consent Calendar Item. The  
motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 8 - Leonard Adams Jr., Dana Buchanan, Christian Cooper, Veronica Garcia, Richard Lindemann, Dianne McNinch, Maria Norvell and Suely Saro

**Absent:** 2 - Joni Ricks-Oddie and Desmond Fletcher

1. 18-075CP Recommendation to receive, file and close the following cases due to lack of evidence and/or witness cooperation or staff recommendation:

<u>CPCC NO.</u>	<u>ALLEGATION(S)</u>
17-179	Failure to Take Action
17-184	Unbecoming Conduct
17-185	Unbecoming Conduct
17-191	Improper Arrest
17-199	Dishonesty

**A motion was made to approve recommendation on the Consent Calendar.**

**REGULAR AGENDA (5:31 PM)**

2. 18-076CP Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Citizen Police Complaint Commission Regular Meeting of Thursday, October 11, 2018.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lindemann, seconded by Commissioner Buchanan, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 8 - Leonard Adams Jr., Dana Buchanan, Christian Cooper, Veronica Garcia, Richard Lindemann, Dianne McNinch, Maria Norvell and Suely Saro

**Absent:** 2 - Joni Ricks-Oddie and Desmond Fletcher

3. 18-077CP Recommendation to receive and file City Manager's Report.

Anitra Dempsey, Executive Director, spoke; and introduced Patrick Weithers, Special Investigator.

Patrick Weithers, Special Investigator, presented the staff report.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Norvell, seconded by Commissioner Adams Jr., to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 8 - Leonard Adams Jr., Dana Buchanan, Christian Cooper, Veronica Garcia, Richard Lindemann, Dianne McNinch, Maria Norvell and Suely Saro

**Absent:** 2 - Joni Ricks-Oddie and Desmond Fletcher

**4. 18-078CP**

Recommendation to receive and file a report on No Further Action Findings.

Anitra Dempsey, Executive Director, provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Commissioner Cooper spoke.

Anitra Dempsey, Executive Director, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Cooper and Anitra Dempsey, Executive Director.

Commissioner Lindemann spoke.

Anitra Dempsey, Executive Director, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Lindemann and Anitra Dempsey Executive Director.

Chair Saro spoke.

Commissioner Cooper spoke.

Anitra Dempsey, Executive Director, spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner McNinch, seconded by Commissioner Cooper, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 8 - Leonard Adams Jr., Dana Buchanan, Christian Cooper, Veronica Garcia, Richard Lindemann, Dianne McNinch, Maria Norvell and Suely Saro

**Absent:** 2 - Joni Ricks-Oddie and Desmond Fletcher

**PUBLIC COMMENT (5:57 PM)**

Tracy D. Alcantar spoke.

Chair Saro spoke.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (6:00 PM)**

There was no report from the Executive Director.

**REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS (6:00 PM)**

Commissioner McNinch spoke.

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (6:03 PM)**

At 6:03 PM, there being no objection, Chair Saro recessed the meeting to Closed Session.

**RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION (8:46 PM)**

At 8:46 PM, Chair Saro reconvened the meeting.

**ROLL CALL (8:46 PM)**

**Commissioners** Leonard Adams Jr., Dana Buchanan, Christian Cooper, Veronica  
**Present:** Garcia, Richard Lindemann, Dianne McNinch, Maria Norvell and  
Suely Saro

**Commissioners** Joni Ricks-Oddie and Desmond Fletcher

**Absent:**

5. 18-080CP Recommendation to receive Commission's vote and refer findings to the City Manager.

Chair Saro reported out from Closed Session the following actions taken:

[1] Case No. 17-189 Commissioners voted 8-0 on Allegation No. 1 - Unbecoming Conduct for Officer accused;

[2] Case No. 17-188 Commissioners voted 6-2 on Allegation No. 1 - Unbecoming Conduct and 8-0 on Allegation No. 2 - Unbecoming Conduct for Officer accused;

[3] Case No. 17-203 Commissioners voted 8-0 on Allegations No. 1 - Sexual Misconduct and 2 - Bias Based Policing for First and Second Officers accused;

[4] Case No. 17-174 Commissioners voted 8-0 on Allegation No. 1 - Bias Based Policing for Officer accused;

[5] Case No. 17-180 Commissioners voted 7-0-1 on Allegation No. 1 - Bias Based Policing for First and Second Officers accused and 8-0 on Allegation Nos. 2 - Use of Force, 3 - Use of Force, 4 - Unbecoming Conduct and 5 - Dishonesty for Officer accused;

[6] Case No. 17-181 Commissioners voted 8-0 on Allegation No. 1 - Failure to Investigate for the Long Beach Police Department accused;

[7] Case No. 17-181 & 18-149 Commissioners voted 8-0 on Allegation No. 2 - Failure to Take Action for the Long Beach Police Department accused; and

[8] Case No. 17-204 Commissioners voted 6-2 on Allegation No. 1 - Use of Force, 8-0 on Allegation Nos. 2 - Use of Force and 3 - Use of Force for Officer accused, and 8-0 on Allegation No. 4 - Improper Arrest for First and Second Officers accused.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Norvell, seconded by Commissioner Adams Jr., to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 8 - Leonard Adams Jr., Dana Buchanan, Christian Cooper, Veronica Garcia, Richard Lindemann, Dianne McNinch, Maria Norvell and Suely Saro

**Absent:** 2 - Joni Ricks-Oddie and Desmond Fletcher

Anitra Dempsey, Executive Director, reported out of closed session that Case No. 17-180 on the Closed Session Agenda was missing one Allegation of Unbecoming Conduct that was heard in Closed Session.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (8:52 PM)**

No members of the public addressed the commission.

**ADJOURNMENT (8:52 PM)**

At 8:52 PM, there being no objection, Chair Saro declared the meeting adjourned.

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