CITY OF LONG BEACH CITIZEN POLICE COMPLAINT COMMISSION MINUTES

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



THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2019 333 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD COUNCIL CHAMBER, 5:30 PM

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 (5:32 PM)

At 5:32 PM, Vice Chair Fletcher called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (5:32 PM)

Commissioners Dana Buchanan, Christian Cooper, Veronica Garcia, Richard **Present:** Lindemann, Dianne McNinch, Maria Norvell, Joni Ricks-Oddie and Desmond Fletcher

Commissioners Leonard Adams Jr. and Suely Saro Absent:

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

CONSENT CALENDAR (5:32 PM)

Passed the Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Commissioner McNinch, seconded by Commissioner Ricks-Oddie, to approve Consent Calendar Item. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Christian Cooper, Veronica Garcia, Richard Lindemann, Dianne McNinch, Maria Norvell, Joni Ricks-Oddie and Desmond Fletcher

Absent: 3 - Leonard Adams Jr., Dana Buchanan and Suely Saro

1. 19-001CP Recommendation to receive, file and close the following cases due to lack of evidence and/or witness cooperation or staff recommendation:

| CPCC NO. | <u>ALLEGATION(S)</u> |
|----------|-----------------------------------|
| 18-043 | Failure to Take Action |
| 18-004 | Unbecoming Conduct, Use of Force, |
| | Failure to Care for Property & |
| | Misappropriation of Property |
| 18-007 | Unbecoming Conduct |
| 18-044 | Unbecoming Conduct |
| 18-008 | Use of Force |

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

REGULAR AGENDA (5:33 PM)

2. 19-002CP Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Citizen Police Complaint Commission Regular Meeting of Thursday, December 13, 2018.

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

Yes: 7 - Christian Cooper, Veronica Garcia, Richard Lindemann, Dianne McNinch, Maria Norvell, Joni Ricks-Oddie and Desmond Fletcher

Absent: 3 - Leonard Adams Jr., Dana Buchanan and Suely Saro

3. 19-003CP 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 McNinch, seconded by Commissioner Garcia, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Christian Cooper, Veronica Garcia, Richard Lindemann, Dianne McNinch, Maria Norvell, Joni Ricks-Oddie and Desmond Fletcher

Absent: 3 - Leonard Adams Jr., Dana Buchanan and Suely Saro

PUBLIC COMMENT (5:36 PM)

No members of the public addressed the commission.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (5:37 PM)

Commissioner Buchanan joined the meeting.

Anitra Dempsey, Executive Director, wished everyone a Happy New Year and announced that staff is working on the Annual Retreat and Annual Training for 2019.

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS (5:37 PM)

Commissioner Lindemann spoke.

Anitra Dempsey, Executive Director, spoke.

Commissioner McNinch spoke.

Anitra Dempsey, Executive Director, spoke.

Commissioner Norvell spoke.

Vice Chair Fletcher spoke.

Anitra Dempsey, Executive Director, spoke.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (5:41 PM)

At 5:41 PM, there being no objection, Vice Chair Fletcher recessed the meeting to Closed Session.

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION (9:32 PM)

At 9:32 PM, Vice Chair Fletcher reconvened the meeting.

ROLL CALL (9:32 PM)

Commissioners Dana Buchanan, Christian Cooper, Veronica Garcia, Richard Present: Lindemann, Dianne McNinch, Maria Norvell, Joni Ricks-Oddie and Desmond Fletcher

Commissioners Leonard Adams Jr. and Suely Saro **Absent:**

4. 19-004CP Recommendation to receive Commission's vote and refer findings to the City Manager.

Vice Chair Fletcher reported out from Closed Session the following actions taken:

- [1] Case No. 18-029 Commissioners voted 5-2-1 on Allegation No. 1 Failure to Take Action for Officer accused;
- [2] Case No. 18-012 Commissioners voted 8-0 on Allegation No. 1 Use of Force for Officer accused;
- [3] Case No. 18-003 Commissioners voted 8-0 on Allegation Nos. 1 Profanity, 2 Unbecoming Conduct, 3 Unbecoming Conduct and 5 Profanity, and 6-2 on Allegation No. 4 Use of Force for Officer accused;
- [4] Case No. 18-013 Commissioners voted 8-0 on Allegation Nos. 1 Use of Force and 2 Use of Force for First and Second Officers accused, 3 Unbecoming Conduct and 4 Improper Arrest for First, Second and Third Officers accused, and 5 Profanity for Officer accused;

- [5] Case No. 18-006 Commissioners voted 8-0 on Allegation Nos. 1 Failure to Take Report for Officer Accused, and 2 Improper Arrest for First and Second Officers accused;
- [6] Case No. 18-009 Commissioners voted 8-0 on Allegation Nos. 1 Use of Force and 2 Improper Detention for First and Second Officers accused;
- [7] Case No. 18-033 Commissioners voted 8-0 on Allegation No. 1 Failure to Care for Property for First, Second, Third and Fourth Officers accused;
- [8] Case No. 18-001 Commissioners voted 8-0 on Allegation No. 1 Use of Force for Officer accused;
- [9] Case No. 18-005 Commissioners voted 8-0 on Allegation No. 1 Use of Force for Officer accused;
- [10] Case No. 18-010 Commissioners voted 8-0 on Allegation No. 1 Improper Search for First and Second Officers accused; and
- [11] Case No. 18-002 Commissioners voted 8-0 on Allegation No. 1 Unbecoming Conduct for First, Second and Third Officers accused.

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

Yes: 8 - Dana Buchanan, Christian Cooper, Veronica Garcia, Richard Lindemann, Dianne McNinch, Maria Norvell, Joni Ricks-Oddie and Desmond Fletcher

Absent: 2 - Leonard Adams Jr. and Suely Saro

PUBLIC COMMENT (9:38 PM)

No members of the public addressed the commission.

ADJOURNMENT (9:38 PM)

At 9:38 PM, there being no objection, Vice Chair Fletcher declared the meeting adjourned.

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