

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

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2020  
411 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD  
MEDIA ROOM, 5:30 PM**

Desmond Fletcher, Chair  
Christian Cooper, Vice Chair  
James Ahumada, Commissioner  
Leonard Adams Jr., Commissioner  
Dana Buchanan, Commissioner



Veronica Garcia, Commissioner  
Porter Gilberg, Commissioner  
Dianne McNinch, Commissioner  
Justin Morgan, Commissioner  
Maria Norvell, Commissioner

Patrick Weithers, Manager of the CPCC

**FINISHED AGENDA & DRAFT MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER (5:32 PM)**

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

**ROLL CALL (5:32 PM)**

Also present: Patrick Weithers, Manager of the CPCC; Terrance Pham, Special Investigator; Chris Crisostomo, Special Investigator; Sarah Green, Deputy City Attorney; Dina Zapalski, Commander, Long Beach Police Department; Kyle Smith, City Clerk Specialist; Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Specialist.

**Commissioners** James Ahumada, Dana Buchanan, Veronica Garcia, Porter

**Present:** Gilberg, Dianne McNinch, Justin Morgan, Maria Norvell,  
Christian Cooper and Desmond Fletcher

**Commissioners** Leonard Adams Jr.

**Absent:**

**CONSENT CALENDAR (5:33 PM)**

Passed the Consent Calendar

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

**Yes:** 5 - Dana Buchanan, Dianne McNinch, Justin Morgan, Maria Norvell and Desmond Fletcher

**Abstain:** 2 - James Ahumada and Porter Gilberg

**Absent:** 3 - Leonard Adams Jr., Veronica Garcia and Christian Cooper

1. 20-005CP 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>
19-095	Use of Force
19-058	Unbecoming Conduct
19-076	Unbecoming Conduct
19-080	Use of Force & Unbecoming Conduct
19-042	Unbecoming Conduct
19-044	Improper Arrest
19-138	Unbecoming Conduct
19-047	Unbecoming Conduct

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

**REGULAR AGENDA (5:33 PM)**

2. 20-006CP Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Citizen Police Complaint Commission Regular Meeting of Thursday, January 9, 2019.

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

**Yes:** 6 - James Ahumada, Dana Buchanan, Veronica Garcia, Dianne McNinch, Maria Norvell and Desmond Fletcher

**Abstain:** 2 - Porter Gilberg and Justin Morgan

**Absent:** 2 - Leonard Adams Jr. and Christian Cooper

3. 20-008CP Recommendation to adopt the proposed Citizen Police Complaint Commission Meeting Schedule for 2020.

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

**Yes:** 8 - James Ahumada, Dana Buchanan, Veronica Garcia, Porter Gilberg, Dianne McNinch, Justin Morgan, Maria Norvell and Desmond Fletcher

**Absent:** 2 - Leonard Adams Jr. and Christian Cooper

**PUBLIC COMMENT (5:36 PM)**

20-010CP Denise Watsom spoke; and submitted handouts.

**This CP-Agenda Item was received and filed.**

Chair Fletcher spoke.

Commissioner Gilberg spoke.

Patrick Weithers, Manager of the CPCC, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Gilberg and Patrick Weithers, Manager of the CPCC.

Sarah Green, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Gilberg spoke.

Patrick Weithers, Manager of the CPCC, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Gilberg and Patrick Weithers, Manager of the CPCC.

Commissioner Norvell spoke.

Sarah Green, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Gilberg spoke.

Patrick Weithers, Manager of the CPCC, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Gilberg and Patrick Weithers, Manager of the CPCC.

Chair Fletcher spoke.

Commissioner Gilberg spoke.

Patrick Weithers, Manager of the CPCC, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Fletcher Commissioner Gilberg, and Patrick Weithers, Manager of the CPCC.

Sarah Green, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Gilberg spoke.

Patrick Weithers, Manager of the CPCC, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Gilberg and Patrick Weithers, Manager of the CPCC.

Sarah Green, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

#### **MANAGER'S REPORT (6:00 PM)**

Patrick Weithers, Manager of the CPCC, informed the Commissioners about changes to the December meeting date from Thursday, December 10, 2020 to Wednesday, December 9, 2020 and gave an update regarding the CPCC 2020 Annual Retreat on Friday, April 24, 2020.

#### **REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS (6:01 PM)**

Commissioner Gilberg spoke.

Patrick Weithers, Manager of the CPCC, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Gilberg and Patrick Weithers, Manager of the CPCC.

Sarah Green, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Patrick Weithers, Manager of the CPCC, spoke.

Commissioner Gilberg spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Gilberg and Patrick Weithers, Manager of the CPCC.

Commissioner McNinch spoke.

Chair Fletcher spoke.

#### **RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (6:08 PM)**

At 6:08 PM, there being no objection, Chair Fletcher recessed the meeting to Closed Session.

**RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION (10:46 PM)**

At 10:46 PM, Chair Fletcher reconvened the meeting.

**ROLL CALL (10:46 PM)**

**Commissioners** James Ahumada, Dana Buchanan, Veronica Garcia, Porter

**Present:** Gilberg, Dianne McNinch, Justin Morgan, Maria Norvell,  
Christian Cooper and Desmond Fletcher

**Commissioners** Leonard Adams Jr.

**Absent:**

4. 20-007CP Recommendation to receive Commission's vote and refer findings to the City Manager.

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

[1] Case No. 19-067 Commissioners voted 9-0 on Allegation No. 1 - Use of Force for First, Second and Third Officers accused, 8-0-1 on Allegation No. 2 - Personal Search for First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Officers accused, 7-2 on Allegation No. 3 - Sexual Misconduct for First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Officers accused and 6-3 on Allegation No. 4 - Unbecoming Conduct for Officer accused;

[2] Case No. 19-053 Commissioners voted 9-0 on Allegation No. 1 - Failure to Investigate for First, Second and Third Officers accused, Allegation No. 2 - Bias Based Policing for First and Second Officers accused, Allegation Nos. 3 - Failure to Take Action and 4 - Failure to Investigate for Officer accused, and Allegation No. 5 - Unbecoming Conduct for the Long Beach Police Department;

[3] Case No. 19-005 Commissioners voted 9-0 on Allegation Nos. 1 Unbecoming Conduct and 2 - Unbecoming Conduct for Officer accused, and Allegation No. 3 - Unbecoming Conduct for First and Second Officers accused;

[4] Case No. 19-024 Commissioners voted 9-0 on Allegation No. 1 - Bias Based Policing and Allegation No. 2 - Improper Arrest for First, Second and Third Officers accused;

[5] Case No. 19-049 Commissioners voted 9-0 on Allegation No. 1 - Use of Force for First and Second Officers accused, Allegation Nos. 2 - Use of Force, 3 - Unbecoming Conduct, 4 - Improper Arrest and 5 - Improper Arrest for Officer Accused;

[6] Case No. 19-153 Commissioners voted 9-0 on Allegation Nos. 1 - Failure to Investigate, 2 - Unbecoming Conduct, 3 - Failure to Take Action and 4 - Unbecoming Conduct for Officer accused;

[7] Case No. 19-008 Commissioners voted 9-0 on Allegation Nos. 1 - Unbecoming Conduct and 2 - Failure to Take Action for Officer accused;

[8] Case No. 19-043 Commissioners voted 9-0 on Allegation Nos. 1 - Failure to Take Report and 2 - Failure to Take Report for First and Second Officers accused;

[9] Case No. 19-051 Commissioners voted 8-1 on Allegation No. 1 - Failure to Take Action for First and Second Officers accused;

[10] Case No. 19-063 Commissioners voted 9-0 on Allegation Nos. 1 - Improper Detention and 2 - Unbecoming Conduct for First and Second Officers accused;

[11] Case No. 19-066 Commissioners voted 9-0 on Allegation No. 1 - Unbecoming Conduct for Officer accused; and

[12] Case No. 19-086 Commissioners voted 9-0 on Allegation No. 1 - Use of Force for Officer accused.

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

**Yes:** 9 - James Ahumada, Dana Buchanan, Veronica Garcia, Porter Gilberg, Dianne McNinch, Justin Morgan, Maria Norvell, Christian Cooper and Desmond Fletcher

**Absent:** 1 - Leonard Adams Jr.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (10:51 PM)**

No members of the public addressed the commission.

**ADJOURNMENT (10:51 PM)**

At 10:51 PM, there being no objection, Chair Fletcher declared the meeting adjourned.

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