

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
WATER COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2019
LONG BEACH WATER DEPARTMENT
1800 EAST WARDLOW ROAD
BOARD ROOM, 9:00 AM**

Harry Saltzgaver, President
Frank Martinez, Vice President
Arthur Levine, Secretary



Robert Shannon, Commissioner
Gloria Cordero, Commissioner

Christopher J. Garner, General Manager

Richard Anthony, Deputy City Attorney

REGULAR MEETING - 9:00 A.M.

The Water Commission minutes are prepared and ordered to correspond to the Water Commission agenda. Agenda items can be taken out of order during the meeting.

The agenda items were considered in the order presented, except New Business was taken out of order after the Closed Session.

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Water Commission meeting was called to order by President Saltzgaver at 9:00 A.M. in the Board room at the Administration Building.

ROLL CALL

Executive Assistant, Sandra Fox took the roll call and confirmed a quorum.

Also present: Christopher J. Garner, General Manager; B. Anatole Falagan, Assistant General Manager; Tai Tseng, Assistant General Manager - Operations; Sean Crumby, Deputy General Manager - Engineering; Sandra Fox, Executive Assistant to the Board.

Commissioners Harry Saltzgaver, Frank Martinez, Art Levine and Robert
Present: Shannon

Commissioners Gloria Cordero
Excused:

FLAG SALUTE

Lisa Squires led the Board and the audience in the flag salute.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Saltzgaver opened the public comment period. As there was no public comment, the public comment period was closed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Saltzgaver provided an update on the main breaks in the Spinnaker Bay neighborhood. He thanked staff for their hard work regarding the repairs.

President Saltzgaver announced a joint meeting with the Water Replenishment District Board had been scheduled for December 20, 2020 at 11:00 A.M. He advised the meeting would be held at the Water Replenishment District headquarters in Lakewood, CA.

President Saltzgaver advised that the annual General Manager evaluation process had begun. He advised that evaluation forms would be distributed at the next Board meeting.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Garner advised the Board members that a copy of the recent Rancho Los Alamitos water report was in their cubby folders.

Mr. Garner advised that staff had met with Spinnaker Bay HOA members along with Councilmember Price at a community meeting regarding the recent Spinnaker Bay main breaks.

He also spoke regarding the response by LBWD crews to complete the repairs in this neighborhood. He commented on staff's fantastic job in responding and maintaining water flow in the neighborhood, along with utilization of good traffic control protocols to minimize impacts in the area.

Commissioner Levine spoke.

Mr. Crumby made introductory comments regarding the recent "Canstruction" competition and noted the participation by LBWD Engineering staff.

Ms. Lisa Crowley provided a report and presentation regarding the event. She also introduced LBWD team members.

Mr. Garner also reported that a LBWD staff member would be appointed to become a team member for the Traffic Circle improvement project. He advised meetings regarding this project would soon begin.

Mr. Garner advised that staff was planning an off-site Board retreat to take place sometime in 2020.

Commissioner Levine spoke.

Commissioner Shannon spoke.

President Saltzgaver spoke.

Commissioner Martinez spoke.

MINUTES

1. [19-092WA](#) Recommendation to approve the minutes for the Water Commission meetings held July 25, 2019 and August 8, 2019.

BUREAU: Board

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

Yes: 4 - Harry Saltzgaver, Frank Martinez, Art Levine and Robert Shannon

Excused: 1 - Gloria Cordero

REGULAR AGENDA

2. [19-093WA](#) Recommendation to Approve the Board Handbook Ad Hoc Policy Committee recommendation that the following policy be approved as amended in the revised Board Policy Handbook: 1979-14 (Transfer of Water Department Funds to the General Fund of the City)

BUREAU: Ad Hoc Policy Committee

Commissioner Shannon made introductory comments regarding the agenda item.

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

Yes: 4 - Harry Saltzgaver, Frank Martinez, Art Levine and Robert Shannon

Excused: 1 - Gloria Cordero

3. [19-094WA](#) Recommendation to Authorize the General Manager to execute the Second Amendment to Agreement WD-3363 to exercise a one-year contract term extension with The Gualco Group to provide state advocacy and lobbying services in an amount not to exceed \$95,000

BUREAU: Business - Public Affairs

Ms. Jillian Croci provided a staff report regarding this agenda item.

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

Yes: 4 - Harry Saltzgaver, Frank Martinez, Art Levine and Robert Shannon

Excused: 1 - Gloria Cordero

4. [19-095WA](#) Recommendation to Adopt Resolution WD-1418, A Resolution of the Board of Water Commissioners Adopting the Amended and Restated Water Fund Annual Budget for Long Beach Water Department for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and authorize staff to transmit the Resolution and the Budget to the City Manager, Mayor and City Council

BUREAU: Business - Finance

Mr. Greg Sorensen provided a staff report regarding this item.

Commissioner Shannon spoke.

Ms. Fox took a roll call vote.

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

Yes: 4 - Harry Saltzgaver, Frank Martinez, Art Levine and Robert Shannon

Excused: 1 - Gloria Cordero

5. [19-096WA](#) Recommendation - Authorization to sponsor the 2020 WaterReuse Conference on March 15 - March 17, 2020, at the Hyatt Regency - San Francisco

BUREAU: Executive

Mr. Garner provided an overview of this sponsorship request.

President Saltzgaver spoke.

Commissioner Shannon made a motion to approve a Purple Conference sponsorship in the amount of \$500.00.

The motion carried with a 4 yes, 1 absent vote (Cordero).

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

Yes: 4 - Harry Saltzgaver, Frank Martinez, Art Levine and Robert Shannon

Excused: 1 - Gloria Cordero

6. [19-097WA](#)

Recommendation - Authorization to sponsor the 2020 Spring Urban Water Institute Water Conference on February 19 - February 21, 2020, at the Palm Springs Hilton

BUREAU: Executive

Mr. Garner provided a staff report regarding this sponsorship item.

Commissioner Levine recommended approving the Chairman's Reception sponsorship in the amount of \$2,500.

President Saltzgaver spoke.

Commissioner Martinez spoke.

Commissioner Shannon made a motion to approve a Silver sponsorship in the amount of \$3,000 and recommended that the one conference registration that comes with this sponsorship be assigned to Commissioner Levine.

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

Yes: 4 - Harry Saltzgaver, Frank Martinez, Art Levine and Robert Shannon

Excused: 1 - Gloria Cordero

7. [19-098WA](#)

Recommendation - Authorization to sponsor the Newspapers in Education Program (NIE)

BUREAU: Executive

Mr. Garner provided a staff report regarding this sponsorship request.

President Saltzgaver advised that he works for the associated newspaper corporation.

Commissioner Shannon made a motion to approve a sponsorship in the amount of \$500.00.

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

Yes: 4 - Harry Saltzgaver, Frank Martinez, Art Levine and Robert Shannon

Excused: 1 - Gloria Cordero

8. [19-099WA](#) K-8 Education Program Update

BUREAU: Public Affairs

Ms. Kaylee Weatherly made introductory comments regarding the K-8 Education Program.

She introduced Ms. Morgan Venter as a new member of the Public Affairs staff.

Ms. Venter provided the Board with an update regarding the LBWD K-8 Education Program.

President Saltzgaver spoke.

Commissioner Martinez spoke.

A list of upcoming scheduled school assemblies was distributed to the Board.

This WA-Agenda Item was received and filed.

9. [19-100WA](#) Report of the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) Board Meeting of November 5, 2019

BUREAU: MWD Director

Director Cordero was absent from the November 21, 2019 Board meeting.

A copy of the MWD November 5, 2019 Board meeting summary report was distributed to the Board.

Mr. Falagan made comments regarding the MWD Board meeting.

Commissioner Martinez spoke.

This WA-Agenda Item was received and filed.

CONSIDER STANDING COMMITTEE REFERRALS

President Saltzgavr called for any Standing Committee referrals. Hearing none he moved on in the agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

Agenda item 10. - Closed Session was taken out of order at this point in the meeting.

10. [19-101WA](#)

Closed Session:

Anticipated or threatened litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) and Paragraph (3) of subdivision (e) of Section 54956.9 of the California Government Code (one case).

President Saltzgaver read the Closed Session item language into the record

President Saltzgaver adjourned the Board to the Closed Session at 9:46 A.M.

President Saltzgaver called the Board meeting back to order at 10:31 A.M. He advised he had nothing to report from the Closed Session.

NEW BUSINESS

President Saltzgaver called for a motion to excuse Commissioner Cordero from the November 21, 2019 Board meeting.

Commissioner Martinez made a motion to excuse Commissioner Cordero from the November 21, 2019 Board meeting. Commissioner Shannon seconded the motion.

The motion carried with a 4 yes, 1 absent vote (Cordero).

ADJOURNMENT

President Saltzgaver adjourned the Board meeting at 10:33 A.M. to the next Special Meeting, Thursday, December 5, 2019, at 9:00 A.M. in the Board room at 1800 E. Wardlow Road, Long Beach, CA.

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