

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION MINUTES**

**MONDAY, JULY 13, 2020
411 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD
VIA TELECONFERENCE, 4:00 PM**

Walter Larkins, Chair
Jessica Schumer, Vice Chair
Becky Blair, Commissioner
Blair Cohn, Commissioner



Milton Duena, Commissioner
Leah Goold-Haws, Commissioner
Austin Metoyer, Commissioner
John Shen, Commissioner
John Thomas, Commissioner

**SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE PURSUANT TO
EXECUTIVE ORDER N-25-20 ISSUED BY GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM**

Commissioners Becky Blair, Blair Cohn, Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Leah
Present: Goold-Haws, Blair Cohn, Blair Cohn, Austin Metoyer, John
Thomas, Jessica Schumer and Walter Larkins

SPECIAL MEETING - 4:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Economic Development Director John Keisler spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke

REGULAR AGENDA

1. 20-029ED Recommendation to approve the minutes for the meeting held June 10, 2020.

Attachments: [June Minutes.pdf](#)

Commission Chair Larkins spoke

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

Yes: 9 - Becky Blair, Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Leah Goold-Haws, Blair Cohn, Austin Metoyer, John Thomas, Jessica Schumer and Walter Larkins

2. 20-030ED Recommendation to receive and file a report from the Economic Development Commission Revolving Loan Subcommittee.

Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Economic Development Director John Keisler spoke
Economic Development Officer Jalali spoke provided a presentation
Commissioner Thomas spoke
Economic Development Officer Jalali spoke
Commission Vice-Chair Schumer spoke
Economic Development Officer Jalali spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Economic Development Director John Keisler spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke

A motion was made by Commissioner Cohn, seconded by Vice Chair Schumer, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Becky Blair, Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Leah Goold-Haws, Blair Cohn, Austin Metoyer, John Thomas, Jessica Schumer and Walter Larkins

3. 20-031ED Recommendation to receive and file an update regarding Economic Development Department communications for the month of June 2020.

Attachments: [202007 EDC Monthly Communications Recap Memo.pdf](#)

Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Economic Development Director John Keisler spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke

This ED-Agenda Item was approve recommendation.

Yes: 9 - Becky Blair, Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Leah Goold-Haws, Blair Cohn, Austin Metoyer, John Thomas, Jessica Schumer and Walter Larkins

4. 20-032ED Recommendation to accept nominations and to approve an appointment to the Economic Development Revolving Loan Subcommittee.

Commission Chair Larkins spoke

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

Yes: 8 - Becky Blair, Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Leah Goold-Haws, Blair Cohn, John Thomas, Jessica Schumer and Walter Larkins

Abstain: 1 - Austin Metoyer

5. 20-033ED Recommendation to conduct, receive, and file a Study Session regarding recent initiatives adopted by the City Council to address the economic impacts of COVID-19 and to transition the Long Beach economy to a more equitable economy.

Economic Development Director John Keisler spoke

Commission Chair Larkins spoke

Economic Development Director John Keisler spoke

Commission Chair Larkins spoke

Discussion ensued between Economic Development Director John Keisler and Commission Chair Larkins

Commissioner Cohn spoke

Commission Chair Larkins spoke

Economic Development Director John Keisler spoke

A motion was made by Commissioner Cohn, seconded by Vice Chair Schumer, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Becky Blair, Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Leah Goold-Haws, Blair Cohn, Austin Metoyer, John Thomas, Jessica Schumer and Walter Larkins

6. 20-034ED Recommendation to conduct, receive, and file a Study Session to identify Commission Champions and recommend a workplan for each of the Economic Transition Package initiatives adopted by the City

Council.

Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Economic Development Director John Keisler spoke
Economic Development Communications Officer Serrato provided a presentation
Commissioner Cohn spoke
Economic Development Director John Keisler spoke
Economic Development Communications Officer Serrato spoke
Commissioner Cohn spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Economic Development Communications Officer Serrato spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Economic Development Director John Keisler spoke
Economic Development Communications Officer Serrato spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commission Vice-Chair Schumer spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commissioner Metoyer spoke
Economic Development Director John Keisler spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commission Vice-Chair Schumer spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke

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

Yes: 9 - Becky Blair, Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Leah Goold-Haws, Blair Cohn, Austin Metoyer, John Thomas, Jessica Schumer and Walter Larkins

7. 20-035ED Recommendation to develop, adopt, and submit an official statement from the Economic Development Commission to the Economic Development & Finance Committee of the City Council regarding the proposed Economic Transition Plan to make Long Beach a more equitable economy for all.

Attachments: [EDC Statement on the Economic Transition for Long Beach](#)

Economic Development Director John Keisler spoke

Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commissioner Cohn spoke
Commissioner Thomas spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commissioner Metoyer spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commission Vice-Chair Schumer spoke
Economic Development Deputy Director Ramirez spoke
Economic and Digital Inclusion Program Manager Kauma spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commission Vice-Chair Schumer spoke
Discussion ensued between Commission Vice-Chair Schumer and Commission Chair Larkins
Commission Chair Larkins spoke

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

Yes: 9 - Becky Blair, Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Leah Goold-Haws, Blair Cohn, Austin Metoyer, John Thomas, Jessica Schumer and Walter Larkins

8. 20-036ED Recommendation to receive and file Commissioner recommendations for future agenda items.

Commission Chair Larkins spoke

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

Yes: 9 - Becky Blair, Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Leah Goold-Haws, Blair Cohn, Austin Metoyer, John Thomas, Jessica Schumer and Walter Larkins

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Members of the public are invited to address the Board on items of interest to the public within the Agency Board jurisdiction. Each speaker will be limited to two minutes unless that time is extended by the Chair.

COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

I, Bob Mossler, Project Analyst, Economic Development Department certify that the agenda was posted not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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