

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

**THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2021
TELECONFERENCE, 5:30 PM**

Christian Cooper, Chair
Dana Buchanan, Vice Chair
Desmond Fletcher, Commissioner
Veronica Garcia, Commissioner
Nigel Lifsey, Commissioner



John Mathews II, Commissioner
Dianne McNinch, Commissioner
Justin Morgan, Commissioner
Brent Walmsley, Commissioner

Patrick Weithers, Manager of the CPCC

FINISHED AGENDA & DRAFT MINUTES

**CITIZEN POLICE COMPLAINT COMMISSION MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE
PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 ISSUED BY
GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM**

CALL TO ORDER (5:33 PM)

At 5:33 PM, Chair Cooper called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (5:33 PM)

Commissioners Desmond Fletcher, Veronica Garcia, Nigel Lifsey, John
Present: Mathews, Dianne McNinch, Justin Morgan, Brent Walmsley,
Dana Buchanan and Christian Cooper

Also Present: Patrick Weithers, Manager of the CPCC; Terrance Pham, Special Investigator; Chris Crisostomo, Special Investigator; Sarah Green, Deputy City Attorney, Darren Lance, Lieutenant, Long Beach Police Department; Kyle Smith, City Clerk Specialist.

REGULAR AGENDA (5:34 PM)

1. 21-010CP Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Citizen Police Complaint Commission Regular Meeting of Thursday, February 11, 2021.

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

Yes: 9 - Desmond Fletcher, Veronica Garcia, Nigel Lifsey, John Mathews, Dianne McNinch, Justin Morgan, Brent Walmsley, Dana Buchanan and Christian Cooper

2. 21-011CP Recommendation to receive and file an update from the Community Outreach Subcommittee.

Commissioner Morgan spoke.

Chair Cooper spoke.

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

Yes: 9 - Desmond Fletcher, Veronica Garcia, Nigel Lifsey, John Mathews, Dianne McNinch, Justin Morgan, Brent Walmsley, Dana Buchanan and Christian Cooper

3. 21-012CP Recommendation to receive and file a CPCC Annual Retreat Series presentation on the CPCC Investigation Process.

Patrick Weathers, Manager of the CPCC, spoke; and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Commissioner McNinch spoke.

Commissioner Walmsley spoke.

Patrick Weathers, Manager of the CPCC, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Walmsley and Patrick Weathers, Manager of the CPCC.

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

Yes: 9 - Desmond Fletcher, Veronica Garcia, Nigel Lifsey, John Mathews, Dianne McNinch, Justin Morgan, Brent Walmsley, Dana Buchanan and Christian Cooper

PUBLIC COMMENT (5:57 PM)

No members of the public addressed the Commission.

MANAGER'S REPORT (5:57 PM)

Patrick Weithers, Manager of the CPCC, spoke; and presented the Manager's Report.

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS (5:59 PM)

Commissioner Fletcher spoke.

Patrick Weithers, Manager of the CPCC spoke.

Commissioner Garcia spoke.

Commissioner Lifsey spoke.

Commissioner Mathews II spoke.

Vice Chair Buchanan spoke.

Chair Cooper spoke.

Vice Chair Buchanan spoke.

Patrick Weithers, Manager of the CPCC, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Buchanan and Patrick Weithers, Manager of the CPCC.

Sarah Green, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Chair Buchanan spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Buchanan and Sarah Green, Deputy City Attorney.

Commissioner Walmsley spoke.

Sarah Green, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Fletcher spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Fletcher and Sarah Green, Deputy City Attorney.

Chair Cooper spoke.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (6:10 PM)

At 6:10 PM, there being no objection, Chair Cooper recessed the meeting to Closed Session.

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION (11:31 PM)

At 11:31 PM, Chair Cooper reconvened the meeting.

ROLL CALL (11:31 PM)

Commissioners Desmond Fletcher, Veronica Garcia, Nigel Lifsey, John
Present: Mathews, Dianne McNinch, Justin Morgan, Brent Walmsley,
Dana Buchanan and Christian Cooper

4. 21-013CP Recommendation to receive Commission's vote and refer findings to the City Manager.

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

[1] Case 20-046 Commissioners voted 9-0 on Allegation Nos. 1 - Improper Arrest, 2 - Racial Bias, 3 - Bias Based Policing, 5 - Use of Force, and 6 - Use of Force for Officer accused, 4 - Improper Arrest for First and Second Officers accused, 7 - Racial Bias and 8 - Bias Based Policing for First, Second, Third and Fourth Officers accused, 9 - Improper Detention, 10 - Racial Bias, and 11 - Bias Based Policing for First, Second, Third,

and Fourth Officers accused;

[2] Case No. 20-070 Commissioners voted 6-3 on Allegation No. 1 - Harassment for Officer accused, 7-2 on Allegation No. 2 - Improper Detention for First and Second Officers accused, and 9-0 on Allegation Nos. 3 - Use of Force, 4 - Use of Force, 5 - Use of Force for Officer accused, and 6 - Use of Force for First and Second Officers accused;

[3] Case No. 20-068 Commissioners voted 9-0 on Allegation Nos. 1 - Failure to Take Action and 2 - Failure to Take Action for Officer accused;

[4] Case No. 20-048 Commissioners voted 9-0 on Allegation Nos. 1 - Failure to Take Action and 2 - Failure to Take Report for Officer accused;

[5] Case No. 20-053 Commissioners voted 6-3 on Allegation No. 1 - Bias Based Policing for First and Second Officers accused and 9-0 on Allegation Nos. 2 - Use of Force, and 3 - Improper Arrest for Officer accused;

[6] Case No. 20-148 Commissioners voted 9-0 on Allegation Nos. 1 - Sexual Misconduct and 2 - Unbecoming Conduct for Officer accused;

[7] Case No. 20-082 Commissioners voted 9-0 on Allegation Nos. 1 - Unbecoming Conduct, and 2 - Unbecoming Conduct for Officer accused;

[8] Case No. 20-067 Commissioners voted 9-0 on Allegation Nos. 1 - Use of Force, and 2 - Unbecoming Conduct for First and Second Officers accused;

[9] Case No. 20-029 Commissioners voted 9-0 on Allegation No. 1 - Misappropriation of Property for First and Second Officers accused;

[10] Case No. 20-136 Commissioners voted 9-0 on Allegation No. 1 - Failure to Take Action for the Long Beach Police Department; and

[11] Case No. 20-041 Commissioners voted 9-0 on Allegation No. 1 - Unbecoming Conduct for First and Second Officers accused.

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

Yes: 9 - Desmond Fletcher, Veronica Garcia, Nigel Lifsey, John Mathews, Dianne McNinch, Justin Morgan, Brent Walmsley, Dana Buchanan and Christian Cooper

5. 21-015CP eComments received for the Citizen Police Complaint Commission meeting of Thursday, March 11, 2021.

This CP-Agenda Item was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT (11:37 PM)

At 11:37 PM, there being no objection, Chair Cooper declared the meeting adjourned.

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