

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
WATER COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, JULY 8, 2021
LONG BEACH WATER DEPARTMENT
1800 EAST WARDLOW ROAD
BOARD ROOM, 9:00 AM**

Frank Martinez, President
Arthur Levine, Vice President

Christopher J. Garner, General Manager



Robert Shannon, Secretary
Gloria Cordero, Commissioner
Naomi Rainey, Commissioner

Richard Anthony, Deputy City Attorney

FINISHED AGENDA AND DRAFT MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING - 9:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER

President Martinez called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Gloria Cordero led the Board and audience in the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Gloria Cordero, Naomi Rainey, Robert Shannon, Art Levine and
Present: Frank Martinez

Also Present: Christopher J. Garner, General Manager; B. Anatole Falagan, Assistant General Manager; Tai Tseng, Assistant General Manager; Robert Verceles, Director of Engineering; Dynna Long, Executive Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Martinez presented the President's report.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Chris Garner presented the General Manager's report.

REGULAR AGENDA

2. 21-128WA Recommendation to approve May 13, 2021 Board meeting minutes.

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

Yes: 5 - Gloria Cordero, Naomi Rainey, Robert Shannon, Art Levine and Frank Martinez

3. 21-129WA Recommendation to Adopt Specification WD-14-21 and authorize the General Manager to execute an agreement with S & J Supply Co. to furnish and deliver miscellaneous water works materials and bronze products to the Long Beach Water Department (LBWD) in an amount not to exceed \$450,000.00 for a one-year period, and to exercise the option to renew for two additional one-year periods in an amount not to exceed 10% for each renewal period

Bureau: Operations

Mike Salas presented the report.

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

Yes: 5 - Gloria Cordero, Naomi Rainey, Robert Shannon, Art Levine and Frank Martinez

4. 21-130WA Recommendation to authorize the General Manager to amend the agreement with JCI Jones Chemicals Inc., to furnish and deliver Liquid Chlorine from a total amount of \$250,000 to \$275,000 for the current contract year, and to maintain the authorization for the General Manager to exercise the option to renew for two additional one-year periods, subject to a maximum annual increase of 10 percent.

Bureau: Operations

Tai Tseng presented the report.

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

Yes: 5 - Gloria Cordero, Naomi Rainey, Robert Shannon, Art Levine and Frank Martinez

5. 21-131WA Recommendation to adopt Specifications WD-18-21 for the On-Call Services for Emergency Water and Sewer Repair and authorize the General Manager to enter into three (3) separate two-year contracts with (1) Ramona, Inc., (2) Mike Prlich & Sons, Inc., and (3) Charles King Company, Inc., each in the amount of \$750,000, with provision to extend for two (2) separate consecutive periods of one year each, subject to approval of the Board.

Bureau: Engineering

Chris Pincherli presented the report.

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

Yes: 5 - Gloria Cordero, Naomi Rainey, Robert Shannon, Art Levine and Frank Martinez

6. 21-132WA Recommendation to receive verbal presentation - Water Shortage Conditions Update.

Bureau: Water Resources

Dean Wang presented the report.
President Martinez spoke.
Anatole Falagan spoke.
Commissioner Cordero spoke.

This WA-Agenda Item was received and filed.

CONSIDER STANDING COMMITTEE REFERRALS

There were no Standing Committee referrals.

NEW BUSINESS

President Martinez opened up for new business.
Commissioner Rainey spoke on training.
Commissioner Cordero spoke.
Chris Garner spoke.

CLOSED SESSION

7. 21-133WA Closed session to consider public employee discipline/dismissal/release pursuant to Section 54957 of the California Government Code.

President Martinez adjourned the Board to the Closed Session at 10:10 AM.

He reconvened the Board meeting at 12:11 PM and advised he had no reportable action from the Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

President Martinez adjourned the meeting at 12:12 PM.

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**CITY OF LONG BEACH
WATER COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, JULY 22, 2021
LONG BEACH WATER DEPARTMENT
1800 EAST WARDLOW ROAD
BOARD ROOM, 9:00 AM**

Frank Martinez, President
Arthur Levine, Vice President

Christopher J. Garner, General Manager



Robert Shannon, Secretary
Gloria Cordero, Commissioner
Naomi Rainey, Commissioner

Richard Anthony, Deputy City Attorney

FINISHED AGENDA AND DRAFT MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING - 9:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER

President Martinez called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Gloria Cordero, Naomi Rainey, Robert Shannon, Art Levine and
Present: Frank Martinez

Also Present: Christopher J. Garner, General Manager; B. Anatole Falagan, Assistant General Manager; Robert Verceles, Director of Engineering; Dynna Long, Executive Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Martinez presented the President's report.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Chris Garner presented the General Manager's report.

REGULAR AGENDA

2. 21-135WA Recommendation to review August 2021 Board meeting calendar.

Board reviewed and confirmed the August 2021 Board meeting calendar.
3. 21-136WA Recommendation to receive verbal presentation - WaterSmart
Customer Portal Report.

Bureau: Water Resources

Dean Wang presented the report.
4. 21-137WA Receive report of the July 13, 2021 Metropolitan Water District Board
Meeting.
Gloria Cordero, Metropolitan Water District Director

Commissioner Cordero presented the report.

CONSIDER STANDING COMMITTEE REFERRALS

President Martinez reported no Standing Committee referrals.

NEW BUSINESS

There were no new business.

CLOSED SESSION

5. 21-138WA Closed Session pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957(a) with Shaun Curtis, Manager, Security and Emergency Preparedness to discuss and assess threats to public services or facilities.

President Martinez adjourned the Board to the Closed Session at 9:57 AM.

He reconvened the Board meeting at 10:44 AM and advised he had no reportable action from the Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

President Martinez adjourned the meeting at 10:45 AM.

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**CITY OF LONG BEACH
WATER COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 2021
LONG BEACH WATER DEPARTMENT
1800 EAST WARDLOW ROAD
BOARD ROOM, 9:00 AM**

Frank Martinez, President
Arthur Levine, Vice President

Christopher J. Garner, General Manager



Robert Shannon, Secretary
Gloria Cordero, Commissioner
Naomi Rainey, Commissioner

Richard Anthony, Deputy City Attorney

FINISHED AGENDA AND DRAFT MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING - 9:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER

President Martinez called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Robert Verceles led the Board and audience in the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Gloria Cordero, Naomi Rainey, Robert Shannon and Frank

Present: Martinez

Commissioners Art Levine

Absent:

Also Present: Christopher J. Garner, General Manager; B. Anatole Falagan, Assistant General Manager; Tai Tseng, Assistant General Manager; Robert Verceles, Director of Engineering; Dynna Long, Executive Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Martinez presented the President's report.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Chris Garner presented the General Manager's report.

Jillian Croci spoke on the Infrastructure Bill.

Dean Wang spoke on the AMI project update.

Ken Bott spoke on Monya Hawkin's retirement.

Monya Hawkins spoke.

Commissioner Cordero spoke.

Secretary Shannon spoke.

Commissioner Rainey spoke.

B. Anatole Falagan spoke.

REGULAR AGENDA

2. 21-140WA Recommendation to approve the May 20, 2021 and May 27, 2021 Board meeting minutes.

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

Yes: 4 - Gloria Cordero, Naomi Rainey, Robert Shannon and Frank Martinez

Absent: 1 - Art Levine

3. 21-141WA Recommendation to authorize the General Manager to execute and deliver all necessary documents associated with the WaterSMART: Drought Response Program with the US Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) for the new wells Alamitos 9A and 14.

BUREAU: Legislation & Grants

Jillian Croci presented the report.

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

Yes: 4 - Gloria Cordero, Naomi Rainey, Robert Shannon and Frank Martinez

Absent: 1 - Art Levine

4. 21-142WA Recommendation to authorize the General Manager to execute an agreement with HDR Inc., to provide Professional Engineering Services for the Port of Long Beach Water System Transfer Study Project (EO-3549) - Phase 1, in an amount not-to-exceed \$2,943,407.

BUREAU: Engineering

Robert Verceles presented the report.

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

Yes: 4 - Gloria Cordero, Naomi Rainey, Robert Shannon and Frank Martinez

Absent: 1 - Art Levine

CONSIDER STANDING COMMITTEE REFERRALS

Communications Committee meeting scheduled for August 19, 2021 at 8:00 AM.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Cordero spoke on 1) possible tour and reception for new General Manager of MWD and 2) Demo Chicks.

President Martinez reminded the Board on the Prop 218 Hearing on August 26, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Groundwater Treatment Plant.

Secretary Shannon spoke.

Chris Garner spoke.

Commissioner Rainey spoke.

The Board excused the absence of Vice President Art Levine from the August 5, 2021 Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

President Martinez adjourned the meeting at 9:53 AM.

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**CITY OF LONG BEACH
WATER COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 2021
LONG BEACH WATER DEPARTMENT
1800 EAST WARDLOW ROAD
BOARD ROOM, 9:00 AM**

Frank Martinez, President
Arthur Levine, Vice President

Christopher J. Garner, General Manager



Robert Shannon, Secretary
Gloria Cordero, Commissioner
Naomi Rainey, Commissioner

Richard Anthony, Deputy City Attorney

FINISHED AGENDA AND DRAFT MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING - 9:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER

President Martinez called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Tai Tseng led the Board and audience in the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Gloria Cordero, Naomi Rainey, Robert Shannon and Frank

Present: Martinez

Commissioners Art Levine

Absent:

Also Present: Christopher J. Garner, General Manager; B. Anatole Falagan, Assistant General Manager; Tai Tseng, Assistant General Manager; Robert Verceles, Director of Engineering; Dynna Long, Acting Executive Assistant to the Board

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Martinez presented the President's report.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Chris Garner presented the General Manager's report.

AUGUST 19, 2021 COMMUNICATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Cordero presented her report on the Communications Standing Committee meeting of August 19, 2021.

REGULAR AGENDA

2. 21-145WA Recommendation to review September 2021 Board meeting calendar.

Due to scheduling conflicts, the September 16th Board meeting was moved to September 23rd.

3. 21-146WA Recommendation to approve the June 10, 2021 Board meeting minutes.

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

Yes: 4 - Gloria Cordero, Naomi Rainey, Robert Shannon and Frank Martinez

Absent: 1 - Art Levine

4. 21-147WA Recommendation to approve Transfer of Funds for August 19, 2021.

BUREAU: Business - Finance

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

Yes: 4 - Gloria Cordero, Naomi Rainey, Robert Shannon and Frank Martinez

Absent: 1 - Art Levine

5. 21-148WA Recommendation to review invitation for a Board sponsorship of the California African American Water Education Foundation (CAAWEF) 2nd Annual Leadership Summit and Fundraiser to be held in Long Beach, California on November 19, 2021.

Chris Garner presented the report.

A motion was made by Secretary Shannon, seconded by President Martinez, to approve a sponsorship amount of \$1,000. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Robert Shannon and Frank Martinez

No: 2 - Gloria Cordero and Naomi Rainey

Absent: 1 - Art Levine

A 2nd motion was made by Commissioner Rainey, seconded by Commissioner Cordero, to approve a sponsorship amount of \$2,500. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Gloria Cordero and Naomi Rainey

No: 2 - Robert Shannon and Frank Martinez

Absent: 1 - Art Levine

6. 21-149WA Recommendation to authorize the General Manager to execute an Agreement with Ardurra, Inc., to provide Construction Management and Inspection Services for the Equipment at Water Well Commission 22A Project (O-0746), in an amount not-to-exceed \$399,762.

Bureau: Engineering

Robert Verceles presented the report.

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

Yes: 4 - Gloria Cordero, Naomi Rainey, Robert Shannon and Frank Martinez

Absent: 1 - Art Levine

7. 21-150WA Recommendation to adopt Specifications WD-31-19 for the Equipment at Water Well Commission 22A Project (O-0746) and authorize the General Manager to sign a construction contract with Cora Constructors, Inc., in the amount of \$1,466,039.

Bureau: Engineering

Robert Verceles presented the report.

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

Yes: 4 - Gloria Cordero, Naomi Rainey, Robert Shannon and Frank Martinez

Absent: 1 - Art Levine

8. 21-151WA Recommendation to authorize the General Manager to execute an agreement with the California Water Efficiency Partnership for the Direct Distribution of Smart Irrigation Controller Program in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for a three-year period.

Bureau: Water Resources

Dean Wang presented the report.

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

Yes: 4 - Gloria Cordero, Naomi Rainey, Robert Shannon and Frank Martinez

Absent: 1 - Art Levine

9. 21-152WA Recommendation to receive verbal presentation - Water Supply Update.

Bureau: Water Resources

Dean Wang presented the report.

This WA-Agenda Item was received and filed.

10. 21-153WA Recommendation to receive report of the August 17, 2021 Metropolitan Water District Board Meeting.

Commissioner Cordero presented the report.

CONSIDER STANDING COMMITTEE REFERRALS

There were no Standing Committee referrals.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Cordero spoke on:

- 1) agenda item #5 be brought back to the Board at a future date for consideration of alternative sponsorship
- 2) exploring potential partnership with CSULB related to its Black Engineers Internship Program
- 3) Demo Chicks event recognizing Jennifer Rojas

The Board excused the absence of Vice President Art Levine from the August 19, 2021 Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

President Martinez adjourned the meeting at 10:45 AM.

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