

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
WATER COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2020
VIA TELECONFERENCE, 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

REGULAR MEETING

FINISHED AGENDA & FINAL MINUTES

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 agenda item 2. was handled before the President's Report.

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Water Commission regular meeting was called to order by President Martinez at 9:00 A.M. This regular meeting was held via teleconference pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom.

ROLL CALL

Executive Assistant to the Board, 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; Sandra Fox, Executive Assistant to the Board.

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

1. [20-186WA](#) November 5, 2020 Board of Water Commission meeting public comment.

President Martinez opened the public comment period and asked if any written public comment had been received. Ms. Fox advised no written public comment had been received for the November 5, 2020 Board meeting. President Martinez then inquired if there was any public on the line who would like to speak. Hearing none, he closed the public comment period.

2. [20-187WA](#) Recommendation to Approve September 17, 2020 Board meeting minutes.

Note: Agenda item 2. Approval of Minutes was taken out of order ahead of the President's Report.

President Martinez called for a motion to approve the September 17, 2020 Board meeting minutes.

He called for public comment. Hearing none he then called for a roll call vote.

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

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No President's report.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Garner reported on local election results.

He advised there had been no changes on either the Central Basin board or the Water Replenishment District board.

He noted that at West Basin Municipal Water District their Director Carol Quan, had lost to Dezi Alvarez. Mr. Garner provided work background information for Mr. Alvarez.

Mr. Garner reported that the 2021 Gas and Long Beach Water annual calendar had been mailed out to all ratepayers (including customers in Signal Hill who are Long Beach Gas customers. He then provided background information regarding the calendars.

REGULAR AGENDA

3. [20-188WA](#) Recommendation to authorize the General Manager to amend the Long Beach Water Department's (Department) Revocable Facility Use Permit with Overland, Pacific & Cutler, LLC (OPC), to lease an additional 1,000 sq. ft. of space, adjacent to their presently permitted 2,000 sq. ft. of space, at Department-owned property at St. Louis Avenue and 32nd Street, to store additional vehicles and equipment, used to service City of Long Beach-owned vacant lots

BUREAU: Business - Administration

Mr. Bott provided a staff report and reviewed a presentation with the Board regarding the tenants at the leased property.

He then provided background on the reason for the change in the revocable facilities use permit.

President Martinez called for any Commissioner comments or questions.

Commissioner Cordero asked about the time frame in revoking this type of permit.

Mr. Bott responded.

President Martinez called for any public comment. Hearing none he called for a roll call vote.

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

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

CONSIDER STANDING COMMITTEE REFERRALS

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

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Garner called on Mr. Tseng for an introduction regarding an Operations promotion.

Mr. Tseng introduced Dr. Yan Zhang, the newly promoted Director of Water Quality and Process in Operations.

Ms. Zhang provided background information regarding her career and promotion.

The Commissioners made congratulatory comments.

Seeing no further new business President Martinez read the language from the closed session into the record. He then called for any public comment regarding the closed session. Hearing none he adjourned the Board to the closed session at 9:18 A.M.

President Martinez reopened the Board meeting at 9:36 A.M., and advised he had nothing to report from the closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

President Martinez adjourned the regular teleconference Board meeting at 9:38 A.M. to the November 19, 2020 regular teleconference meeting at 9:00 A.M.

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