

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

**THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2019  
333 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 5:30 PM**

Desmond Fletcher, Chair  
Leonard Adams Jr., Commissioner  
Dana Buchanan, Commissioner  
Christian Cooper, Commissioner



Veronica Garcia, Commissioner  
Richard Lindemann, Commissioner  
Dianne McNinch, Commissioner  
Maria Norvell, Commissioner  
Joni Ricks-Oddie, Commissioner

Anitra Dempsey, Executive Director

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**FINISHED AGENDA & MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER (5:32 PM)**

At 5:32 PM, Chair Fletcher called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL (5:32 PM)**

**Commissioners** Dana Buchanan, Christian Cooper, Richard Lindemann, Dianne  
**Present:** McNinch, Maria Norvell, Joni Ricks-Oddie and Desmond  
Fletcher

**Commissioners** Leonard Adams Jr. and Veronica Garcia  
**Absent:**

Also present: Anitra Dempsey, Executive Director; Patrick Weithers, Special Investigator;  
Terrance Pham, Special Investigator; Lloyd Cox, Commander, Long Beach Police  
Department; Monica Kilaita, Deputy City Attorney; Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Specialist;  
Tamela Austin, City Clerk Specialist.

1. [19-019CP](#) Recommendation to hold an election for the position of Vice Chair of the Citizen Police Complaint Commission.

Chair Fletcher declared the nominations open for Vice Chair.

Commissioner Buchanan nominated Commissioner Cooper for Vice Chair of the Citizen Police Complaint Commission.

Commissioner Cooper spoke.

Anitra Dempsey, Executive Director, spoke.

There being no further nominations, Chair Fletcher declared the nominations closed for Vice Chair.

Commissioner McNinch spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Buchanan, seconded by Commissioner McNinch, to nominate Commissioner Cooper for Vice Chair of the Citizen Police Complaint Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Dana Buchanan, Christian Cooper, Richard Lindemann, Dianne McNinch, Maria Norvell, Joni Ricks-Oddie and Desmond Fletcher

**Absent:** 2 - Leonard Adams Jr. and Veronica Garcia

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR (5:36 PM)**

Passed the Consent Calendar

**A motion was made by Commissioner Ricks-Oddie, seconded by Commissioner McNinch, to approve Consent Calendar Item. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Dana Buchanan, Christian Cooper, Richard Lindemann, Dianne McNinch, Maria Norvell, Joni Ricks-Oddie and Desmond Fletcher

**Absent:** 2 - Leonard Adams Jr. and Veronica Garcia

#### **2. [19-020CP](#)**

Recommendation to receive, file and close the following cases due to lack of evidence and/or witness cooperation or staff recommendation:

<u>CPCC NO.</u>	<u>ALLEGATION(S)</u>
18-069	Unbecoming Conduct
19-021	Unbecoming Conduct
18-135	Unbecoming Conduct

17-199	Dishonest
18-054	Improper Search & Unbecoming Conduct
18-002	Unbecoming Conduct
18-048	Unbecoming Conduct
18-046	Improper Search & Use of Force
18-052	Unbecoming Conduct & Harassment
18-051	Harassment & Improper Arrest
18-061	Unbecoming Conduct
18-038	Unbecoming Conduct

**A motion was made to approve recommendation on the  
Consent Calendar.**

**REGULAR AGENDA (5:37 PM)**

3. [19-017CP](#) Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Citizen Police  
Complaint Commission Regular Meeting of Thursday, March 14, 2019.

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

**Yes:** 7 - Dana Buchanan, Christian Cooper, Richard Lindemann,  
Dianne McNinch, Maria Norvell, Joni Ricks-Oddie and  
Desmond Fletcher

**Absent:** 2 - Leonard Adams Jr. and Veronica Garcia

4. [19-021CP](#) Recommendation to receive and file City Manager's Report.

Anitra Dempsey, Executive Director, spoke; and introduced Patrick  
Weathers, Special Investigator.

Patrick Weathers, Special Investigator, spoke; and presented the staff  
report.

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

**Yes:** 7 - Dana Buchanan, Christian Cooper, Richard Lindemann, Dianne McNinch, Maria Norvell, Joni Ricks-Oddie and Desmond Fletcher

**Absent:** 2 - Leonard Adams Jr. and Veronica Garcia

5. [19-022CP](#)

Recommendation to receive and file an update on Commissioners questions or recommendations.

Anitra Dempsey, Executive Director, spoke; and presented the staff report.

Lloyd Cox, Commander, Long Beach Police Department, spoke.

Chair Fletcher spoke.

Lloyd Cox, Commander, Long Beach Police Department, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Fletcher and Lloyd Cox, Commander, Long Beach Police Department.

Vice Chair-Elect Cooper spoke.

Lloyd Cox, Commander, Long Beach Police Department, spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Norvell, seconded by Commissioner Ricks-Oddie, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Dana Buchanan, Christian Cooper, Richard Lindemann, Dianne McNinch, Maria Norvell, Joni Ricks-Oddie and Desmond Fletcher

**Absent:** 2 - Leonard Adams Jr. and Veronica Garcia

**PUBLIC COMMENT (5:45 PM)**

Dillon Menefee spoke.

Chair Fletcher spoke.

Bonnie Neally spoke.

Chair Fletcher spoke.

Anitra Dempsey, Executive Director, spoke.

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (5:54 PM)**

Anitra Dempsey, Executive Director, congratulated Vice-Chair Elect Cooper on being selected Vice Chair; and announced the date of the CPCC retreat has been changed to Friday, May 17th.

#### **REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS (5:55 PM)**

Commissioner Lindemann spoke.

Anitra Dempsey, Executive Director, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Lindemann and Anitra Dempsey, Executive Director.

Chair Fletcher spoke.

Anitra Dempsey, Executive Director, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Fletcher and Anitra Dempsey, Executive Director.

Commissioner Lindemann spoke.

Monica Kilaita, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Anitra Dempsey, Executive Director, spoke.

A dialogue ensued among Commissioner Lindemann, Anitra Dempsey, Executive Director, and Monica Kilaita, Deputy City Attorney.

Chair Fletcher spoke.

Anitra Dempsey, Executive Director, spoke.

Commissioner Lindemann spoke.

Commissioner Buchanan spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Lindemann and Commissioner Buchanan.

Anitra Dempsey, Executive Director, spoke.

Monica Kilaita, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Lindemann spoke.

A dialogue ensued among Commissioner Lindemann, Anitra Dempsey, Executive Director, and Monica Kilaita, Deputy City Attorney.

Chair Fletcher spoke.

#### **RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (6:15 PM)**

At 6:15 PM, there being no objection, Chair Fletcher recessed the meeting to Closed Session.

#### **RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION (9:41 PM)**

At 9:41 PM, Chair Fletcher reconvened the meeting.

Anitra Dempsey, Executive Director, announced that the allegation of Unbecoming Conduct for CPCC Case No. 18-063 was inadvertently added to the agenda and was not heard in Closed Session.

#### **ROLL CALL (9:41 PM)**

**Commissioners** Dana Buchanan, Christian Cooper, Richard Lindemann, Dianne  
**Present:** McNinch, Maria Norvell, Joni Ricks-Oddie and Desmond  
Fletcher

**Commissioners** Leonard Adams Jr. and Veronica Garcia  
**Absent:**

6. [19-018CP](#) Recommendation to receive Commission's vote and refer findings to

the City Manager.

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

[1] Case No. 18-072 Commissioners voted 5-1-1 on Allegation No. 1 - Unbecoming Conduct and 7-0 on Allegation No. 2 - Unbecoming Conduct for Officer accused;

[2] Case No. 18-070 Commissioners voted 7-0 on Allegation Nos. 1 - Unbecoming Conduct, 3 - Unbecoming Conduct, 4 - Unbecoming Conduct and 5 - Unbecoming Conduct, and 6-1 on Allegation No. 2 - Unbecoming Conduct for Officer accused;

[3] Case No. 18-078 Commissioners voted 7-0 on Allegation Nos. 1 - Use of Force and 2 - Improper Arrest for Officers accused;

[4] Case No. 18-068 Commissioners voted 7-0 on Allegation Nos. 1 - Use of Force, 2 - Unbecoming Conduct, and 3 - Improper Detention for Officer accused;

[5] Case No. 18-064 Commissioners voted 7-0 on Allegation Nos. 1 - Use of Force and 2 - Use of Force for Officer accused;

[6] Case No. 18-076 Commissioners voted 7-0 on Allegation No. 1 - Use of Force for Officer accused;

[7] Case No. 18-063 Commissioners voted 6-1 on Allegation No. 1 - Sexual Misconduct for Officer accused; and

[8] Case No. 18-122 Commissioners voted 7-0 on Allegation No. 1 - Use of Force for First and Second Officers accused.

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

**Yes:** 7 - Dana Buchanan, Christian Cooper, Richard Lindemann, Dianne McNinch, Maria Norvell, Joni Ricks-Oddie and Desmond Fletcher

**Absent:** 2 - Leonard Adams Jr. and Veronica Garcia

**PUBLIC COMMENT (9:45 PM)**

No members of the public addressed the commission.

**ADJOURNMENT (9:45 PM)**

At 9:45 PM, there being no objection, Chair Fletcher declared the meeting adjourned.

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