

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

**THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2019
333 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 5:30 PM**

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



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

Anitra Dempsey, Executive Director

FINISHED AGENDA & MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (5:30 PM)

At 5:30 PM, Chair Fletcher called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (5:30 PM)

Commissioners Leonard Adams Jr., Veronica Garcia, Richard Lindemann,
Present: Dianne McNinch, Maria Norvell, Joni Ricks-Oddie, Christian
Cooper and Desmond Fletcher

Commissioners Dana Buchanan
Absent:

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

CONSENT CALENDAR (5:30 PM)

Passed the Consent Calendar

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

Yes: 8 - Leonard Adams Jr., Veronica Garcia, Richard Lindemann, Dianne McNinch, Maria Norvell, Joni Ricks-Oddie, Christian Cooper and Desmond Fletcher

Absent: 1 - Dana Buchanan

1. [19-038CP](#) 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>
18-197	Unbecoming Conduct
18-163	Unbecoming Conduct
18-182	Failure to Take Action & Unbecoming Conduct
18-108	Harassment
18-181	Unbecoming Conduct
19-022	Unbecoming Conduct
18-164	Unbecoming Conduct
18-189	Failure to Investigate & Unbecoming Conduct
18-142	Unbecoming Conduct
18-113	Unbecoming Conduct
18-184	Harassment
18-103	Failure to Take Action
18-090	Failure to Take Action
18-118	Unbecoming Conduct
18-166	Unbecoming Conduct
18-209	Unbecoming Conduct
18-158	Unbecoming Conduct
18-066	Harassment, Dishonesty, & Unbecoming Conduct
18-041	Bias Based Policing & Unbecoming Conduct
18-025	Unbecoming Conduct
18-114	Use of Force & Unbecoming Conduct
18-115	Improper Arrest
18-102	Unbecoming Conduct & Improper Detention
18-130	Unbecoming Conduct, Profanity, Improper Search & Improper Arrest
18-123	Unbecoming Conduct
18-100	Harassment & Use of Force

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

REGULAR AGENDA (5:31 PM)

2. [19-039CP](#) Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Citizen Police Complaint Commission Regular Meeting of Thursday, May 9, 2019 and Special Meeting of Friday, May 17, 2019.

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

Yes: 8 - Leonard Adams Jr., Veronica Garcia, Richard Lindemann, Dianne McNinch, Maria Norvell, Joni Ricks-Oddie, Christian Cooper and Desmond Fletcher

Absent: 1 - Dana Buchanan

3. [19-040CP](#) Recommendation to receive and file City Manager's Report.

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

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

Terrance Pham, Special Investigator, spoke; and continued the staff report.

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

Yes: 8 - Leonard Adams Jr., Veronica Garcia, Richard Lindemann, Dianne McNinch, Maria Norvell, Joni Ricks-Oddie, Christian Cooper and Desmond Fletcher

Absent: 1 - Dana Buchanan

4. [19-041CP](#) Recommendation to receive and file an update on Commissioners questions or recommendations.

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

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

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

Yes: 8 - Leonard Adams Jr., Veronica Garcia, Richard Lindemann, Dianne McNinch, Maria Norvell, Joni Ricks-Oddie, Christian Cooper and Desmond Fletcher

Absent: 1 - Dana Buchanan

PUBLIC COMMENT (5:38 PM)

Josephine Castellanos spoke.

Eve Ealy spoke.

Anitra Dempsey, Executive Director, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Anitra Dempsey, Executive Director, and Eve Ealy.

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING COMMISSIONERS (5:49 PM)

Anitra Dempsey, Executive Director, spoke.

Vice Chair Cooper spoke.

Commissioner Norvell spoke.

Commissioner McNinch spoke.

Commissioner Adams Jr. spoke.

Commissioner Garcia spoke.

Commissioner Ricks-Oddie spoke.

Chair Fletcher spoke.

Commissioner Lindemann spoke.

RECOGNITION OF RETIRING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (5:55 PM)

Chair Fletcher spoke.

Suely Saro spoke.

Raul Anorve spoke.

David Clement spoke.

Anitra Dempsey, Executive Director, spoke.

Commissioner McNinch spoke.

Vice Chair Cooper spoke.

Commissioner Ricks-Oddie spoke.

Vice Chair Cooper spoke.

Commissioner Adams Jr. spoke.

Commissioner Garcia spoke.

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

Patrick Weithers, Special Investigator, spoke on behalf of Jeffrey Price.

Commissioner Norvell spoke.

Anitra Dempsey, Executive Director, spoke.

Patrick Weithers, Special Investigator, spoke.

Kevin Jackson, Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Chair Fletcher spoke.

Anitra Dempsey, Executive Director, spoke.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (6:32 PM)

Anitra Dempsey, Executive Director, acknowledged outgoing Chair Fletcher for his service; announced the election for Chair and Vice Chair will take place next meeting; congratulated Commissioners Buchanan, Cooper, Fletcher, Garcia and Norvell on their reappointment to the Commission; announced Porter Gilberg and Justin Morgan were appointed to the Commission and hoped they would be able to participate in the July 11, 2019 meeting; thanked everyone who participated in the Retreat; reminded the Commissioners the Annual Training will take place on October 25, 2019; and announced former Commissioner Carolyn Smith Watts passed away and that her funeral service will take place on Saturday June 15, 2019.

Commissioner Norvell spoke.

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS (6:37 PM)

Commissioner McNinch spoke.

Chair Fletcher spoke.

Commissioner Norvell spoke.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (6:39 PM)

At 6:39 PM, there being no objection, Chair Fletcher recessed the meeting to Closed Session.

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION (9:49 PM)

At 9:49 PM, Chair Fletcher reconvened the meeting.

ROLL CALL (9:49 PM)

Commissioners Leonard Adams Jr., Veronica Garcia, Richard Lindemann,
Present: Dianne McNinch, Maria Norvell, Joni Ricks-Oddie, Christian
Cooper and Desmond Fletcher

Commissioners Dana Buchanan

Absent:

5. [19-042CP](#) 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. 18-129 Commissioners voted 8-0 on Allegation Nos. 1 - Bias Based Policing and 3 - Unbecoming Conduct for Officer accused, and 2 - Bias Based Policing for First and Second Officers accused;

[2] Case No. 19-072 Commissioners voted 5-2-1 on Allegation Nos. 1 - Improper Detention and 2 - Unbecoming Conduct for First and Second Officers accused, and 8-0 on Allegation Nos. 3 - Unbecoming Conduct for First and Second Officers accused and 4 - Unbecoming Conduct for Officer accused;

[3] Case No. 18-132 Commissioners voted 6-2 on Allegation No. 1 - Use of Force, 7-1 on Allegation No. 2 - Profanity, and 8-0 on Allegation No. 3 - Use of Force for Officer accused;

[4] Case No. 18-121 Commissioners voted 8-0 on Allegation No. 1 - Unbecoming Conduct for Officer accused;

[5] Case No. 18-119 Commissioners voted 8-0 on Allegation Nos. 1 - Use of Force and 2 - Failure to Care for Property for First and Second Officers accused;

[6] Case No. 18-110 Commissioners voted 8-0 on Allegation Nos. 1 - Failure to Take Action and 2 - Failure to Take Report for First and Second Officers accused;

[7] Case No. 18-112 Commissioners voted 8-0 on Allegation Nos. 1 - Improper Search, 2 - Use of Force, 3 - Bias Based Policing, 4 - Misappropriation of Property, 5 - Failure to Care for Property, and 6 - Unbecoming Conduct for First and Second Officers accused; and

[8] Case No. 18-131 Commissioners voted 8-0 on Allegation No. 1 - Improper Search and 5-3 on Allegation No. 2 - Use of Force for Officer

accused, and 6-2 on Allegation No. 3 - Improper Search for First, Second, and Third Officers accused.

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

Yes: 8 - Leonard Adams Jr., Veronica Garcia, Richard Lindemann, Dianne McNinch, Maria Norvell, Joni Ricks-Oddie, Christian Cooper and Desmond Fletcher

Absent: 1 - Dana Buchanan

PUBLIC COMMENT (9:54 PM)

No members of the public addressed the commission.

ADJOURNMENT (9:54 PM)

At 9:54 PM, there being no objection, Chair Fletcher declared the meeting adjourned.

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