

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

**THURSDAY, JULY 11, 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



Porter Gilberg, Commissioner  
Dianne McNinch, Commissioner  
Justin Morgan, Commissioner  
Maria Norvell, Commissioner  
Joni Ricks-Oddie, Commissioner

Patrick Weithers, Acting Manager

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**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., Dana Buchanan, Veronica Garcia, Porter

**Present:** Gilberg, Dianne McNinch, Justin Morgan, Maria Norvell,  
Christian Cooper and Desmond Fletcher

**Commissioners** Joni Ricks-Oddie

**Absent:**

Also present: Patrick Weithers, Acting Manager; Terrance Pham, Special Investigator;  
Monica Kilaita, Deputy City Attorney; Darren Lance, Lieutenant, Long Beach Police  
Department; Eric Fernandez, Sergeant, Long Beach Police Department; Jonathan Nagayama,  
City Clerk Specialist.

Chair Fletcher provided opening remarks.

1. [19-044CP](#) Recommendation to hold an election for the position of Chair and Vice  
Chair of the Citizen Police Complaint Commission for 2019 - 2020.

Chair Fletcher declared the nominations open for Chair.

Commissioner Norvell nominated Chair Fletcher for Chair of the Citizen

Police Complaint Commission.

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

**A motion was made by Commissioner Norvell, seconded by Commissioner Adams Jr., to approve recommendation to nominate Chair Fletcher for Chair of the Citizen Police Complaint Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 9 - Leonard Adams Jr., Dana Buchanan, Veronica Garcia, Porter Gilberg, Dianne McNinch, Justin Morgan, Maria Norvell, Christian Cooper and Desmond Fletcher

**Absent:** 1 - Joni Ricks-Oddie

Chair Fletcher declared the nominations open for Vice Chair.

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

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

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

**Yes:** 9 - Leonard Adams Jr., Dana Buchanan, Veronica Garcia, Porter Gilberg, Dianne McNinch, Justin Morgan, Maria Norvell, Christian Cooper and Desmond Fletcher

**Absent:** 1 - Joni Ricks-Oddie

Vice Chair Cooper spoke.

Chair Fletcher spoke.

Commissioner McNinch spoke.

Commissioner Norvell spoke.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSIONERS (5:36 PM)**

Patrick Weithers, Acting Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Gilberg spoke.

Commissioner Morgan spoke.

Commissioner Norvell spoke.

Commissioner Adams Jr. spoke.

**CONSENT CALENDAR (5:42 PM)**

Passed the Consent Calendar

**A motion was made by Commissioner Norvell, seconded by Commissioner Buchanan, to approve Consent Calendar Item. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 9 - Leonard Adams Jr., Dana Buchanan, Veronica Garcia, Porter Gilberg, Dianne McNinch, Justin Morgan, Maria Norvell, Christian Cooper and Desmond Fletcher

**Absent:** 1 - Joni Ricks-Oddie

2. [19-045CP](#) 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>
18-137	Unbecoming Conduct & Use of Force
18-085	Unbecoming Conduct
18-120	Improper Arrest

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

**REGULAR AGENDA (5:43 PM)**

3. [19-046CP](#) Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Citizen Police Complaint Commission Regular Meeting of Thursday, June 13, 2019.

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

**Yes:** 7 - Leonard Adams Jr., Dana Buchanan, Veronica Garcia, Dianne McNinch, Maria Norvell, Christian Cooper and Desmond Fletcher

**Abstain:** 2 - Porter Gilberg and Justin Morgan

**Absent:** 1 - Joni Ricks-Oddie

**PUBLIC COMMENT (5:44 PM)**

19-049CP Richard Lindemann spoke; and submitted a handout.

Commissioner McNinch spoke.

Chair Fletcher spoke.

**MANAGER'S REPORT (5:49 PM)**

Patrick Weithers, Acting Manager, congratulated Chair Fletcher and Vice Chair Cooper; reminded the Commissioners about the Annual Training on October 25, 2019; notified the Commissioners of the job announcement for the Full-Time CPCC Investigator position; and announced next month's meeting will be at the new City Hall building.

**REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS (5:51 PM)**

Commissioner McNinch spoke.

Chair Fletcher spoke.

Darren Lance, Lieutenant, Long Beach Police Department, spoke.

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (5:54 PM)**

At 5:54 PM, there being no objection, Chair Fletcher recessed the meeting to Closed Session.

**RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION (9:22 PM)**

At 9:22 PM, Chair Fletcher reconvened the meeting.

**ROLL CALL (9:22 PM)**

**Commissioners** Leonard Adams Jr., Dana Buchanan, Veronica Garcia, Porter

**Present:** Gilberg, Dianne McNinch, Justin Morgan, Maria Norvell,  
Christian Cooper and Desmond Fletcher

**Commissioners** Joni Ricks-Oddie

**Absent:**

4. [19-047CP](#) 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. 18-036 Commissioners voted 7-1-1 on Allegation Nos. 1 - Misuse of Authority and 2 - Misuse of Authority for Officer accused;

[2] Case No. 18-125 Commissioners voted 9-0 on Allegation Nos. 1 - Unbecoming Conduct and 2 - Unbecoming Conduct, and 8-1 on Allegation No. 3 - Unbecoming Conduct for Officer accused;

[3] Case No. 18-127 Commissioners voted 9-0 on Allegation No. 1 - Failure to Take Report for First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Officers accused;

[4] Case No. 18-124 Commissioners voted 8-1 on Allegation No. 1 - Use of Force and 8-0-1 on Allegation No. 2 - Use of Force for First, Second, and Third Officers accused and 8-0-1 on Allegation No. 3 - Unbecoming Conduct and 9-0 on Allegation No. 4 - Failure to Take Action for the Long Beach Police Department accused;

[5] Case No. 18-141 Commissioners voted 8-0-1 on Allegation No. 1 - Failure to Investigate Officer accused;

[6] Case No. 18-126 Commissioners voted 9-0 on Allegation Nos. 1 - Unbecoming Conduct, 2 - Use of Force, and 4 - Unbecoming Conduct, and 8-0-1 on Allegation No. 3 - Unbecoming Conduct for Officer accused;

[7] Case No. 18-128 Commissioners voted 9-0 on Allegation No. 1 - Misuse of Authority and 8-1 on Allegation No. 2 - Unbecoming Conduct for Officer accused;

[8] Case No. 18-136 Commissioners voted 9-0 on Allegation No. 1 - Failure to Investigate for Officer accused; and

[9] Case No. 18-111 Commissioners voted 7-1-1 on Allegation No. 1 - Unbecoming Conduct for First and Second Officers accused.

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

**Yes:** 9 - Leonard Adams Jr., Dana Buchanan, Veronica Garcia, Porter Gilberg, Dianne McNinch, Justin Morgan, Maria Norvell, Christian Cooper and Desmond Fletcher

**Absent:** 1 - Joni Ricks-Oddie

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT (9:26 PM)**

No members of the public addressed the commission.

#### **ADJOURNMENT (9:26 PM)**

At 9:26 PM, there being no objection, Chair Fletcher declared the meeting adjourned.

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