

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION MINUTES**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020
411 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD
10TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, 4:00 PM**

Walter Larkins, Chair
Jessica Schumer, Vice Chair
Becky Blair, Commissioner
Blair Cohn, Commissioner



Milton Duena, Commissioner
Leah Goold-Haws, Commissioner
Austin Metoyer, Commissioner
John Shen, Commissioner
John Thomas, Commissioner

**SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE PURSUANT TO
EXECUTIVE ORDER N-25-20 ISSUED BY GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM**

Commissioners Becky Blair, Blair Cohn, Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Leah
Present: Goold-Haws, Blair Cohn, Blair Cohn, Austin Metoyer, John
Thomas, Jessica Schumer and Walter Larkins

Meeting to be held via Webex
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REGULAR MEETING - 4:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

DIRECTORS REPORT

REGULAR AGENDA

1. [20-046ED](#) Recommendation to approve the minutes for the meeting held August 10, 2020.

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes EDC Aug 2020.pdf](#)

Commission Chair Larkins spoke

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

Yes: 9 - Becky Blair, Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Leah Goold-Haws, Blair Cohn, Austin Metoyer, John Thomas, Jessica Schumer and Walter Larkins

2. [20-047ED](#)

Recommendation to receive and file an update regarding Economic Development Department communications for the months of August 2020.

Attachments: [20200914 EDC Monthly Communications Recap Memo.](#)

Commission Chair Larkins spoke

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

Yes: 9 - Becky Blair, Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Leah Goold-Haws, Blair Cohn, Austin Metoyer, John Thomas, Jessica Schumer and Walter Larkins

3. [20-048ED](#)

Recommendation to receive and file a presentation about the Economic Development Commission members including background, bio, and volunteer experience.

Attachments: [EDC Commission Profiles 914.pptx](#)

Commission Chair Larkins spoke

Economic Development Director, John Keisler, spoke

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Commissioner Goold-Haws spoke

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Commissioner Thomas spoke

Economic Development Director, John Keisler, spoke

Commission Chair Larkins spoke

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

Yes: 9 - Becky Blair, Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Leah Goold-Haws, Blair Cohn, Austin Metoyer, John Thomas, Jessica Schumer and Walter Larkins

4. [20-049ED](#) Recommendation to receive and file a report from the Business Development Officer Seyed Jalali regarding the status of small business loans, grants, and the equitable distribution plan for the City revolving loan fund.

Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Economic Development Officer, Jalali, provided a presentation
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Economic Development Officer, Jalali, spoke
Economic Development Project Manager Romero, spoke
Commission Vice-Chair Schumer spoke
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Commission Vice-Chair Schumer spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commissioner Duena spoke
Economic Development Project Manager Romero, spoke
Dialogue ensued between Economic Development Project Manager Romero and Commissioner Duena
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commissioner Metoyer spoke
Economic Development Project Manager Romero, spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke

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

Yes: 9 - Becky Blair, Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Leah Goold-Haws, Blair Cohn, Austin Metoyer, John Thomas, Jessica Schumer and Walter Larkins

5. [20-050ED](#) Recommendation to receive and file an update from Economic Development Commission Chair Walter Larkins regarding the Long Beach Quarterly Economic Forum held on August 20, 2020.

Attachments: [Economic-Outlook-August-2020-LBQEF.pdf](#)

Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commissioner Thomas spoke
Economic Development Director, John Keisler, spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke

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

Yes: 9 - Becky Blair, Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Leah Goold-Haws, Blair Cohn, Austin Metoyer, John Thomas, Jessica Schumer and Walter Larkins

6. [20-044ED](#) Recommendation to conduct, receive, and file a Study Session to identify Commission Champions and recommend a workplan for each of the Economic Transition and CARES Act Grant initiatives adopted by the City Council.

Attachments: [TFF re CARES Act Programs w Attachments.pdf](#)

Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Economic Development Director, John Keisler, spoke
Commission Chair Larkins provided a presentation
Commission Secretary Mossler read a letter from Michelle Byerly, Executive Director
The Nonprofit Partnership

Commission Secretary Mossler read a letter from Julie Bartolotto, Executive Director Historical Society of Long Beach

Commission Chair Larkins spoke

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

Yes: 9 - Becky Blair, Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Leah Goold-Haws, Blair Cohn, Austin Metoyer, John Thomas, Jessica Schumer and Walter Larkins

7. [20-051ED](#) Recommendation to receive and file a report from Business Development Manager Johnny Vallejo regarding the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2021 (FY 21) Budget for the City of Long Beach.

Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Business Operations Bureau Manager, Vallejo provided a presentation
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commissioner Duena spoke
Business Operations Bureau Manager, Vallejo, spoke
Economic Development Director, John Keisler, spoke
Commissioner Duena spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commission Vice-Chair Schumer spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke

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

Yes: 9 - Becky Blair, Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Leah Goold-Haws, Blair Cohn, Austin Metoyer, John Thomas, Jessica Schumer and Walter Larkins

8. [20-052ED](#) Recommendation to receive and file a presentation from Chair Shaffer and Commissioner Vinzant from the Technology and Innovation Commission regarding the Analysis and Recommendations for Advancing Digital Inclusion in Long Beach Summary Report.

Attachments: [EDC Presentation - 9.14.20.pdf](#)

Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Economic and Digital Inclusion Program Manager Kauma, spoke
Technology and Innovation Commission Chair Dr. Gwen Shaffer spoke
Technology and Innovation Commission Commissioner Vinzant spoke
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Technology and Innovation Commission Commissioner Vinzant spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Economic and Digital Inclusion Program Manager Kauma, spoke
Technology and Innovation Commission Commissioner Vinzant spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Technology and Innovation Commission Chair Dr. Gwen Shaffer spoke
Economic and Digital Inclusion Program Manager Kauma, spoke
Commissioner Thomas spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commission Vice-Chair Schumer spoke
Economic and Digital Inclusion Program Manager Kauma, spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Technology and Innovation Commission Chair Dr. Gwen Shaffer spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke

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

Yes: 8 - Becky Blair, Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Leah Goold-Haws, Blair Cohn, John Thomas, Jessica Schumer and Walter Larkins

Absent: 1 - Austin Metoyer

9. [20-053ED](#) Recommendation to receive and file Commissioner recommendations for future agenda items

Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commissioner Cohn spoke
Commissioner Duena spoke
Commission Vice-Chair Schumer spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke

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

Yes: 8 - Becky Blair, Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Leah Goold-Haws, Blair Cohn, John Thomas, Jessica Schumer and Walter Larkins

Absent: 1 - Austin Metoyer

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Members of the public are invited to address the Board on items of interest to the public within the Agency Board jurisdiction. Each speaker will be limited to two minutes unless that time is extended by the Chair.

COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Next regular meeting: October 12, 2020 4:00 PM.

I, Bob Mossler, Project Analyst, Economic Development Department certify that the agenda was posted not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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