

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

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 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 Gould-Haws, Commissioner
Austin Metoyer, Commissioner
John Shen, Commissioner
John Thomas, Commissioner
Brenda Wunsch, Commissioner

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

REGULAR MEETING - 4:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

REGULAR AGENDA

1. [20-068ED](#) Recommendation to approve the minutes for the meeting held October 12, 2020.

Attachments: [MeetingMinutes12 Oct EDC.pdf](#)

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: 9 - Becky Blair, Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Leah Goold-Haws, Blair Cohn, Austin Metoyer, Brenda Wunsch, Jessica Schumer and Walter Larkins

Absent: 1 - John Thomas

2. [20-069ED](#)

Recommendation to receive and file a presentation/discussion by two under-represented developers: Daryl Carter, President of Avanath Communities and Katheryn Perez, Associate Principle of ARUP; in addition, conduct a study session regarding the challenges, opportunities, and strategies to promote more equitable real estate development opportunities for women and people of color including capital access, opportunity zones, strategies for local government regulation, and key performance indicators to measure success.

Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Economic Development Deputy Director, Sergio Ramirez spoke
Katheryn Perez, Associate Principle of ARUP
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A motion was made by Commissioner Blair, seconded by Vice Chair Schumer, 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, Brenda Wunsch, Jessica Schumer and Walter Larkins

Absent: 1 - John Thomas

3. [20-070ED](#)

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

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

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

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

Absent: 2 - Austin Metoyer and John Thomas

4. [20-071ED](#) Recommendation to receive and file a report from the Business Development Officer Seyed Jalali regarding the status of small business support programs including loans, grants, and the equitable distribution plan for the City revolving loan fund; and, CARES Act Grant program status.

Commission Chair Larkins spoke
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Dave Shukla, LB Alliance clean Energy spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Economic Development Director, John Keisler, spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke

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

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

Absent: 2 - Austin Metoyer and John Thomas

5. [20-072ED](#) Recommendation to receive and file an update regarding Economic Development Department communications and outreach regarding economic support programs for the month of October 2020 and a report on the upcoming Quarterly Regional Economic Forum on November 19th.

Attachments: [20201109 EDC Monthly Communications Recap Memo.](#)

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

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

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

Absent: 2 - Austin Metoyer and John Thomas

6. [20-073ED](#) Recommendation to receive and file Commissioner recommendations for future agenda items.

Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commissioner Cohn spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke

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

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

Absent: 2 - Austin Metoyer and John Thomas

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

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: _____
ADJOURNMENT

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