

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

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2019
333 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 5:30 PM**

Suely Saro, Chair
Desmond Fletcher, Vice 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

FINISHED AGENDA & MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (5:34 PM)

At 5:34 PM, Chair Saro called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (5:34 PM)

Commissioners Leonard Adams Jr., Dana Buchanan, Christian Cooper, Veronica
Present: Garcia, Richard Lindemann, Dianne McNinch, Maria Norvell,
Desmond Fletcher and Suely Saro

Commissioners Joni Ricks-Oddie
Absent:

Also present: Anitra Dempsey, Executive Director; Lloyd Cox, Commander, Long Beach Police Department; Monica Kilaita, Deputy City Attorney; Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney; Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Specialist.

Chair Saro announced Agenda Item No. 3 was withdrawn.

CONSENT CALENDAR (5:35 PM)

Passed the Consent Calendar

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

Yes: 7 - Dana Buchanan, Christian Cooper, Veronica Garcia, Dianne McNinch, Maria Norvell, Desmond Fletcher and Suely Saro

Abstain: 1 - Leonard Adams Jr.

Absent: 2 - Richard Lindemann and Joni Ricks-Oddie

1. [19-006CP](#) 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> |
|-----------------|--|
| 18-049 | Unbecoming Conduct |
| 18-021 | Failure to Care for Property & Unbecoming Conduct |
| 18-045 | Use of Force |
| 18-036 | Misuse of Authority |
| 18-037 | Unbecoming Conduct |
| 18-138 | Profanity |
| 18-015 | Unbecoming Conduct |
| 18-032 | Unbecoming Conduct & Failure to Take Report |

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

REGULAR AGENDA (5:36 PM)

2. [19-007CP](#) Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Citizen Police Complaint Commission Regular Meeting of Thursday, January 10, 2019.

Commissioner Norvell spoke.

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

Yes: 8 - Leonard Adams Jr., Dana Buchanan, Christian Cooper, Veronica Garcia, Dianne McNinch, Maria Norvell, Desmond Fletcher and Suely Saro

Absent: 2 - Richard Lindemann and Joni Ricks-Oddie

3. [19-008CP](#)

WITHDRAWN

~~Recommendation to receive and file City Manager's Report.~~

This CP-Agenda Item was withdrawn.

4. [19-009CP](#)

Recommendation to receive and file a presentation on Senate Bill 1421.

Anitra Dempsey, Executive Director, spoke; and introduced Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Commissioner Cooper spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Cooper and Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney.

Monica Kilaita, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Anitra Dempsey, Executive Director, spoke.

Commissioner Cooper spoke.

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

Commissioner Garcia spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Buchannan spoke.

Vice Chair Fletcher spoke.

Monica Kilaita, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Cooper spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Cooper and Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney.

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

Yes: 8 - Leonard Adams Jr., Dana Buchanan, Christian Cooper, Veronica Garcia, Dianne McNinch, Maria Norvell, Desmond Fletcher and Suely Saro

Absent: 2 - Richard Lindemann and Joni Ricks-Oddie

5. [19-010CP](#) Recommendation to receive and file a report on Community Engagement.

Chair Saro spoke.

Vice Chair Fletcher spoke.

Commissioner Cooper spoke.

Chair Saro spoke.

Commissioner Norvell spoke.

Chair Saro spoke.

Commissioner Cooper spoke.

Vice Chair Fletcher spoke.

Commissioner McNinch spoke.

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

Yes: 8 - Leonard Adams Jr., Dana Buchanan, Christian Cooper, Veronica Garcia, Dianne McNinch, Maria Norvell, Desmond Fletcher and Suely Saro

Absent: 2 - Richard Lindemann and Joni Ricks-Oddie

PUBLIC COMMENT (6:07 PM)

No members of the public addressed the commission.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (6:07 PM)

Commissioner Lindemann joined the meeting.

Anitra Dempsey, Executive Director, thanked Taylor Anderson and Monica Kilaita for their presentation on SB 1421; announced the new part-time investigator will begin at the end of the month; announced Special Investigator Patrick Weithers and his wife, Liz, welcomed their son, Luca, on February 2nd; congratulated Commissioner Adams on his article in the Long Beach Post; thanked the Commissioners for attending the South Division Commander's Community Forum; updated the Commissioners on some other meetings in the past month, including the State of the City, Youth Leadership Long Beach Forum, Forgotten Images for Black History Month, and a meeting with the Interfaith Community Organization; and announced they are still working on a date for the Annual Retreat.

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS (6:12 PM)

Vice Chair Fletcher spoke.

Commissioner Lindemann spoke.

Commissioner McNinch spoke.

Commissioner Adams Jr. spoke.

Anitra Dempsey, Executive Director, spoke.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (6:20 PM)

At 6:20 PM, there being no objection, Chair Saro recessed the meeting to Closed Session.

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION (10:52 PM)

At 10:52 PM, Chair Saro reconvened the meeting.

ROLL CALL (10:52 PM)

Commissioners Leonard Adams Jr., Dana Buchanan, Christian Cooper, Veronica

Present: Garcia, Richard Lindemann, Dianne McNinch, Maria Norvell,
Desmond Fletcher and Suely Saro

Commissioners Joni Ricks-Oddie

Absent:

6. [19-011CP](#) Recommendation to receive Commission's vote and refer findings to the City Manager.

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

[1] Case No. 18-018 Commissioners voted 9-0 on Allegation No. 1 - Failure to Investigate for Officer accused;

[2] Case No. 18-024 Commissioners voted 8-1 on Allegation Nos. 1 - Use of Force for First and Second Officers accused, 2 - Use of Force for Officer accused and 3 - Dishonesty for First, Second and Third Officers accused, 5-4 on Allegation No. 4 - Use of Force for First, Second and Third Officers accused, and 9-0 on Allegation No. 5 - Unbecoming Conduct for First, Second, Third and Fourth Officers accused;

[3] Case No. 18-055 Commissioners voted 9-0 on Allegation No. 1 - Use of Force for First and Second Officers accused;

[4] Case No. 18-050 Commissioners voted 9-0 on Allegation Nos. 1 - Racial Remark and 3 - Unbecoming Conduct and 5-4 on Allegation No. 2 - Unbecoming Conduct for Officer accused;

[5] Case No. 18-023 Commissioners voted 7-1-1 on Allegation No. 1 - Use of Force for First and Second Officers accused, and 7-2 on Allegation No. 2 - Use of Force for Officer accused;

[6] Case No. 18-016 Commissioners voted 9-0 on Allegation No. 1 - Failure to Investigate for Officer accused;

[7] Case No. 18-034 Commissioners voted 9-0 on Allegation Nos. 1 - Failure to Investigate, 2 - Unbecoming Conduct, 3 - Unbecoming Conduct, 4 - Dishonesty and 5- Failure to Book Evidence for Officer accused;

[8] Case No. 18-030 Commissioners voted 5-4 on Allegation No. 1 - Failure to Investigate and 9-0 on Allegation No. 2 - Unbecoming Conduct for First and Second Officers accused;

[9] Case No. 18-031 Commissioners voted 9-0 on Allegation No. 1 - Unbecoming Conduct and 8-1 on Allegation No. 2 for First and Second Officers accused;

[10] Case No. 18-022 Commissioners voted 9-0 on Allegation No. 1 - Unbecoming Conduct for Officer accused;

[11] Case No. 18-035 Commissioners voted 8-1 on Allegation No. 1 - Improper Arrest for First and Second Officers accused; and

[12] Case No. 18-056 Commissioners voted 9-0 on Allegation No. 1 - Unbecoming Conduct and 8-1 on Allegation No. 2 - Unbecoming Conduct for Officer accused.

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

Yes: 9 - Leonard Adams Jr., Dana Buchanan, Christian Cooper, Veronica Garcia, Richard Lindemann, Dianne McNinch, Maria Norvell, Desmond Fletcher and Suely Saro

Absent: 1 - Joni Ricks-Oddie

PUBLIC COMMENT (10:57 PM)

No members of the public addressed the commission.

ADJOURNMENT (10:57 PM)

At 10:57 PM, there being no objection, Chair Saro declared the meeting adjourned.

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