

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
ETHICS COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2021
TELECONFERENCE, 3:00 PM**

Susan Wise, Chair
Margo Morales, Vice Chair
Lani De Benedictis, Commissioner
Luke Fiedler, Commissioner



Kimmy Maniquis, Commissioner
Barbara A. Pollack, Commissioner
J. P. Shotwell, Commissioner

FINISHED AGENDA & MINUTES

**ETHICS COMMISSION MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE
PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 ISSUED BY
GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM**

CALL TO ORDER (3:05 PM)

At 3:05 PM, Chair Wise called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (3:05 PM)

Commissioners Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, Kimmy Maniquis, Barbara
Present: Pollack, J. P. Shotwell, Margo Morales and Susan Wise

Also present: Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager; Julian Cernuda, Special Projects Officer; Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney; Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst.

Chair Wise made opening remarks.

REGULAR AGENDA (3:07 PM)

1. [21-015EC](#) Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Ethics Commission Regular Meeting on Wednesday, February 10, 2021.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pollack, seconded by Commissioner De Benedictis, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, Kimmy Maniquis, Barbara Pollack, Margo Morales and Susan Wise

Absent: 1 - J. P. Shotwell

2. [21-013EC](#)

Recommendation to receive and file a report on the City of Long Beach Advisory Boards, Commissions, and Committees meeting minutes.

Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst, spoke; and presented the staff report.

Commissioner Maniquis spoke.

Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst, spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst, spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pollack, seconded by Commissioner De Benedictis, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, Kimmy Maniquis, Barbara Pollack, J. P. Shotwell, Margo Morales and Susan Wise

3. [21-016EC](#)

Recommendation to conduct a study session to review the Values Statement, Code of Conduct and Ethics, and Action Plan drafts prepared by the Ad Hoc SubCommittees.

Chair Wise spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

A discussion ensued between Chair Wise and Commissioner Pollack.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Morales and Commissioner Pollack.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

A dialogue ensued among Chair Wise, Commissioner Pollack and Commissioner Shotwell.

Chair Wise spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

A dialogue ensued among Chair Wise, Commissioner Pollack and Commissioner Shotwell.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Wise and Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Commissioner Fiedler spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Wise and Commissioner De Benedictis.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Commissioner Fiedler spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Wise and Commissioner Pollack.

Commissioner Fiedler spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Morales and Commissioner De Benedictis.

Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

A dialogue ensued among Chair Wise, Vice Chair Morales, and Commissioner De Benedictis.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Commissioner Maniquis spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Wise and Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Pollack and Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Morales and Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

This EC-Agenda Item was received and filed.

4. [21-017EC](#)

Recommendation to take appropriate actions on the Values Statement, Code of Conduct and Ethics, and Action Plan drafts to forward the drafts, as amended, to the original Ad Hoc SubCommittees, or to the

next regular meeting of the Ethics Commission for adoption.

Chair Wise spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Wise and Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Morales, seconded by Commissioner Shotwell, to approve recommendation to take appropriate actions on the Values Statement, Code of Conduct and Ethics, and Action Plan drafts to forward the drafts, as amended, to the original Ad Hoc SubCommittees; and request staff to look into dates for a Special Meeting the week of March 22, 2021 or later. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, Kimmy Maniquis, Barbara Pollack, J. P. Shotwell, Margo Morales and Susan Wise

5. [21-018EC](#)

Recommendation to receive and file a report on the next steps in the legislative process for the Values Statement, Code of Conduct and Ethics, and Action Plan drafts.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke; and presented the staff report.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Pollack and Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Maniquis spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

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

Yes: 7 - Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, Kimmy Maniquis, Barbara Pollack, J. P. Shotwell, Margo Morales and Susan Wise

6. [21-019EC](#)

Recommendation to receive and file an update on the City of Long Beach Statement of Economic Interest Form 700 filers.

Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst, spoke; and presented the staff report.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Phillip McGowan, City Clerk Specialist, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Pollack and Phillip McGowan, City Clerk Specialist.

Chair Wise spoke.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

Phillip McGowan, City Clerk Specialist, spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Special Projects Officer, spoke.

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

Yes: 7 - Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, Kimmy Maniquis, Barbara Pollack, J. P. Shotwell, Margo Morales and Susan Wise

7. [21-020EC](#) eComments and emails received for the Ethics Commission meeting of Wednesday, March 10, 2021.

This EC-Agenda Item was received and filed.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5:14 PM)

No members of the public addressed the Commission.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst, spoke.

ETHICS COMMISSION STAFF COMMENTS (5:16 PM)

Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Special Projects Officer, spoke.

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS (5:17 PM)

Chair Wise spoke.

ADJOURNMENT (5:18 PM)

At 5:18 PM, there being no objection, Chair Wise declared the meeting adjourned.

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