

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
ETHICS COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023
411 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD
CIVIC CHAMBERS, 3:00 PM**

Margo Morales, Chair
Barbara A. Pollack, Vice Chair
Raul Añorve, Commissioner
Lani De Benedictis, Commissioner



Luke Fiedler, Commissioner
J. P. Shotwell, Commissioner
Susan Wise, Commissioner

FINISHED AGENDA & DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (3:05 PM)

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

ROLL CALL (3:05 PM)

Commissioners Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, J. P. Shotwell, Susan Wise,

Present: Barbara Pollack and Margo Morales

Commissioners Raúl Añorve

Absent:

Also present: April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager; Julian Cernuda, Assistant to the City Manager; Heather Van Wijk, Ethics Officer; Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney; Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst.

Chair Morales made opening remarks.

REGULAR AGENDA (3:05 PM)

1. 23-032EC Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Ethics Commission Regular Meeting on Wednesday, April 12, 2023.

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

Yes: 5 - Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, Susan Wise, Barbara Pollack and Margo Morales

Absent: 2 - Raúl Añorve and J. P. Shotwell

2. 23-033EC Recommendation to discuss a recommendation to the City Manager regarding the Draft Vendor Code of Conduct by the Ad Hoc Committee; and, if appropriate, take any necessary related actions to said recommendation.

A motion was made by Commissioner De Benedictis, seconded by Commissioner Wise, that the item be continued to the Ethics Commission meeting of Wednesday, June 13, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, Susan Wise, Barbara Pollack and Margo Morales

Absent: 2 - Raúl Añorve and J. P. Shotwell

3. 23-034EC Recommendation to discuss the progress report from the Ad Hoc Committee on the Lobbyist Ordinance recommendation.

Commissioner Shotwell joined the meeting.

Chair Morales spoke.

Vice Chair Pollack spoke; and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Chair Morales spoke.

April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Fiedler spoke.

Commissioner Wise spoke.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

Leanna Noble spoke.

Karen Reside spoke.

Van Bui spoke.

Nubia Flores spoke.

Romeo Hebron spoke.

Michelle Byerly spoke.

Hollis Stewart spoke.

Joselle spoke.

Parisa Vinzant spoke.

Catherine Miles spoke.

Marlene Montañez spoke.

Ariana Kennedy spoke.

Christina Kreachbaum spoke.

James Suazo spoke.

Zamaria spoke.

Caitlin Bellis spoke.

Jamilet spoke.

Erik spoke.

Mayra Fernanda spoke.

Unidentified person spoke.

Gray Mankey spoke.

Gregory Johnson spoke.

Carla spoke.

Joanna Diaz spoke.

Mary Duong spoke.

Christina Hall spoke.

Violet Brown spoke.

Jayson Mercado spoke.

Andre Donado spoke.

Commissioner Wise spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Chair Morales spoke.

Commissioner Fiedler spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

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

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Commissioner Fiedler spoke.

Commissioner Wise spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Fiedler and Commissioner Wise.

Chair Morales spoke; and made a motion.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Chair Morales spoke.

A dialogue ensued among Chair Morales, Commissioner Shotwell, and April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager.

A motion was made by Chair Morales, seconded by Commissioner De Benedictis, to approve recommendation, as amended, to [1] receive and file the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Lobbyist Ordinance; [2] direct the Chair and the Vice Chair to work with staff on the development of a community meeting process with one or more meetings; [3] designate the Ad Hoc Committee on the Lobbyist Ordinance members, Commissioner Wise, Vice Chair Pollack, and Chair Morales attend the community meetings with staff; [4] request each member of the Commission submit questions they want to present to the community for contemplation in advance of those meetings within the next 10 days; and [5] request City staff to conduct an equity analysis, if possible in advance of the community meeting, and determine if the analysis should be referred to the Equity and Human Relations Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, J. P. Shotwell, Susan Wise, Barbara Pollack and Margo Morales

Absent: 1 - Raúl Añorve

4. 23-035EC Recommendation to receive and file departmental feedback on the draft Investigations Protocol.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fiedler, seconded by Commissioner Wise, that the item be continued to the Ethics Commission meeting of Wednesday, June 13, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, J. P. Shotwell, Susan Wise, Barbara Pollack and Margo Morales

Absent: 1 - Raúl Añorve

5. 23-036EC Recommendation to receive and file a presentation on the status of the City of Long Beach Public Records Act (PRA) program.

April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke; and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Chair Morales spoke.

April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Morales and April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager.

Vice Chair Pollack spoke.

April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Pollack and April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager.

Julian Cernuda, Assistant to the City Manager, spoke.

April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Wise spoke.

April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Wise and April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager.

Chair Morales spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Morales and Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney.

Commissioner Wise spoke.

Chair Morales spoke.

April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued among Chair Morales, Commissioner Wise, and April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager.

Commissioner Wise spoke; and made a motion.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

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

April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Chair Morales spoke.

Parisa Vinzant spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wise, seconded by Commissioner De Benedictis, to approve recommendation, as amended, that the item be continued to the Ethics Commission meeting of Wednesday, June 13, 2023 and request staff to come back with a report on the public records requests that includes data on turnover time, requests that have been there for more than 24 days, what steps have been taken to reduce the outstanding public records request, and recommendations from staff on how the Commission can positively impact the improvement of turnaround time for public record requests. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, J. P. Shotwell, Susan Wise, Barbara Pollack and Margo Morales

Absent: 1 - Raúl Añorve

6. 23-037EC Recommendation to receive and file an update on the Ethics Commission Action Plan.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shotwell, seconded by Commissioner Wise, that the item be continued to the Ethics Commission meeting of Wednesday, June 13, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, J. P. Shotwell, Susan Wise, Barbara Pollack and Margo Morales

Absent: 1 - Raúl Añorve

7. 23-038EC Recommendation to receive and file a monthly update from the Ethics Officer.

Heather Van Wijk, Ethics Officer, spoke; and presented the staff report.

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

Yes: 6 - Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, J. P. Shotwell, Susan Wise, Barbara Pollack and Margo Morales

Absent: 1 - Raúl Añorve

8. 23-039EC Recommendation to receive and file a report from the Ad Hoc Committees; discuss anticipated Ad Hoc Committees for upcoming projects; and, if appropriate, take action to dissolve or create Ad Hoc Committees.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke; and provided a report.

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

Yes: 6 - Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, J. P. Shotwell, Susan Wise, Barbara Pollack and Margo Morales

Absent: 1 - Raúl Añorve

9. 23-040EC eComments and emails received for the Ethics Commission meeting of Wednesday, May 10, 2023.

This EC-Agenda Item was received and filed.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5:24 PM)

Parisa Vinzant spoke.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (5:27 PM)

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT (5:27 PM)

At 5:27 PM, there being no objection, Chair Morales declared the meeting adjourned.

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