

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
ETHICS COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 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 (3:10 PM)

At 3:10 PM, Chair Morales called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (3:10 PM)

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

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

REGULAR AGENDA (3:10 PM)

1. 23-008EC Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Ethics Commission Regular Meeting on Wednesday, January 11, 2023.

Commissioner Wise spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

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

Chair Morales spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Wise spoke; and made a motion.

Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst, spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney and Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst.

Chair Morales spoke.

Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst, spoke.

Vice Chair Pollack spoke.

Commissioner Fiedler spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Wise spoke.

Chair Morales spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wise, seconded by Commissioner Shotwell, to approve motion to reflect the point when motions are made during the discussion in the minutes.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 1 - Margo Morales

A motion was made by Commissioner Wise, seconded by Commissioner De Benedictis, to approve recommendation, as amended, to modify the minutes to reflect the point when the motions were made. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Abstain: 1 - Luke Fiedler

2. 23-009EC

Recommendation to receive and file a presentation on the December 20, 2022 memorandum titled "Senate Bill 1439 - Campaign Contributions to City Elected and Appointed Officers"; and request a report back from City staff on plans to implement a process regarding the same.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke; and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Commissioner Wise spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

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

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

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

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

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

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

3. 22-043EC Recommendation to discuss amendments proposed to the Lobbyists Ordinance (Long Beach Municipal Code Chapter 2.08) by the Ad Hoc Committee on the Lobbyist Ordinance; and if necessary, provide a recommendation to the City Council regarding the same and dissolve the Lobbyist Ordinance Ad Hoc Committee.

Vice Chair Pollack spoke; and presented a report.

Commissioner Wise spoke.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

Commissioner Añorve spoke.

Vice Chair Pollack spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Pollack and Commissioner Añorve.

Chair Morales spoke.

Commissioner Añorve spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Morales and Commissioner Añorve.

Commissioner Fiedler spoke.

Chair Morales spoke.

Commissioner Wise spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Vice Chair Pollack spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Pollack and Commissioner Shotwell.

Commissioner Añorve spoke.

Chair Morales spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued among Chair Morales, Commissioner Añorve, and Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney.

Julian Cernuda, Assistant to the City Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Wise spoke.

Chair Morales spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Morales and Commissioner Shotwell.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Chair Morales spoke; and made a motion.

A motion was made by Chair Morales, seconded by Commissioner De Benedictis, to approve recommendation, as amended, that the item be continued to the Ethics Commission meeting of Wednesday, March 8, 2023; request the four non-Ad Hoc members review the document and submit comments to staff by the end of February; and request staff to seek input from stakeholders, including, but not limited to lobbyists, advocate groups, and the community via a press release and/or any other options available with the goal to get the feedback to the Commission by the March meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

4. 22-090EC

Recommendation to receive and file a report on an Overview of the Powers and Authorities of Local California Ethics Commissions.

Julian Cernuda, Assistant to the City Manager, spoke; and presented the staff report.

Commissioner Wise spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Wise, seconded by Commissioner De Benedictis, 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

5. 23-011EC Recommendation to receive and file a report from the Ad Hoc Committees; and, if necessary, take appropriate action to dissolve or create Ad Hoc Committees.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke; and presented a report.

A motion was made by Commissioner De Benedictis, seconded by Commissioner Shotwell, 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

6. 23-010EC Recommendation to receive and file a monthly update from the Ethics Officer.

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

Chair Morales spoke.

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

7. 23-012EC eComments and emails received for the Ethics Commission meeting of Wednesday, February 8, 2023.

This EC-Agenda Item was received and filed.

PUBLIC COMMENT (4:49 PM)

There was no public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (4:49 PM)

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT (4:49 PM)

At 4:49 PM, there being no objection, Chair Morales declared the meeting adjourned.

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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

SPECIAL MEETING (RETREAT)

CALL TO ORDER (11:13 AM)

At 11:13 AM, Chair Morales called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (11:13 AM)

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

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.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION (11:13 AM)

Chair Morales spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Assistant to the City Manager, spoke.

Heather Van Wijk, Ethics Officer, spoke.

Chair Morales spoke.

Commissioner Fiedler spoke.

Commissioner Añorve spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Teresa Gomez, Human Dignity Program Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Wise spoke.

Vice Chair Pollack spoke.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Assistant to the City Manager, spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst, spoke.

Heather Van Wijk, Ethics Officer, spoke.

Chair Morales spoke.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

Vice Chair Pollack spoke.

Commissioner Añorve spoke.

Commissioner Fiedler spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Commissioner Wise spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst, spoke.

Commissioner Fiedler spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Chair Morales spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Assistant to the City Manager, spoke.

1. 23-013EC Recommendation to discuss the Values Statement and Commission accomplishments.

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

Commissioner Wise spoke.

Chair Morales spoke.

Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst, spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Assistant to the City Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Vice Chair Pollack spoke.

Commissioner Fiedler spoke.

Commissioner Wise spoke.

Commissioner Añorve spoke.

Chair Morales spoke.

Commissioner Fiedler spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Morales and Commissioner Fiedler.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

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

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

2. 23-014EC Recommendation to discuss upcoming and annual Commission agenda items.

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

Vice Chair Pollack spoke.

Commissioner Wise spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Vice Chair Pollack spoke.

Chair Morales spoke.

A dialogue ensued among Chair Morales, Vice Chair Pollack, and Commissioner Shotwell.

Julian Cernuda, Assistant to the City Manager, spoke.

Chair Morales spoke.

Vice Chair Pollack spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Heather Van Wijk, Ethics Officer, spoke.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Chair Morales spoke.

Commissioner Añorve spoke.

Chair Morales spoke.

Commissioner Wise spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Assistant to the City Manager, spoke.

Vice Chair Pollack spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Chair Morales spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Assistant to the City Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued among Chair Morales, Commissioner Shotwell, and Julian Cernuda, Assistant to the City Manager.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Chair Pollack spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Pollack, Commissioner Shotwell, and Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney.

Chair Morales spoke.

Vice Chair Pollack spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Wise spoke.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Wise and Commissioner De Benedictis.

Chair Morales spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Vice Chair Pollack spoke.

Chair Morales spoke.

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

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

3. 23-015EC Recommendation to discuss the Action Plan deliverables prioritization.

Heather Van Wijk, Ethics Officer, spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Assistant to the City Manager, spoke.

A discussion ensued among the Commission.

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

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

4. 23-016EC Recommendation to discuss the Commission's plan to provide feedback on the Ethics Guide for Long Beach City Officials and Employees.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Chair Pollack spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Pollack, Commissioner Shotwell, and Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney.

Julian Cernuda, Assistant to the City Manager, spoke.

Vice Chair Pollack spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

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

Commissioner Wise spoke.

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

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

Commissioner Wise spoke.

Vice Chair Pollack spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Chair Morales spoke.

A dialogue ensued among Chair Morales, Vice Chair Pollack, Commissioner Wise, and Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney.

April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

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

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

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

5. 23-017EC Recommendation to discuss opportunities for the Commission to provide policy recommendations regarding local elections.

Chair Morales spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Chair Pollack spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Pollack, Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, and Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst.

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

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

6. 23-018EC Recommendation to discuss anticipated 2023 Ad Hoc Committees.

Chair Morales spoke.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Assistant City Manager, spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Chair Morales spoke.

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

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

Chair Morales declared a recess at 1:40 PM.

Chair Morales called the meeting back to order at 1:50 PM.

7. 23-019EC Recommendation to receive and file an update from the Ethics Officer.

Heather Van Wijk, Ethics Officer, spoke.

Commissioner Wise spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Assistant to the City Manager, spoke.

April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Chair Morales spoke.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT (1:52 PM)

There was no public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (1:52 PM)

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT (1:52 PM)

At 1:52 PM, there being no objection, Chair Morales declared the meeting adjourned.

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