

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
ETHICS COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 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 & 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: Barbara Pollack and Margo Morales

Commissioners Susan Wise

Excused:

Also present: April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager; Jorge Godinez, 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 (3:10 PM)

1. [23-072EC](#) Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Ethics Commission Regular Meeting on Wednesday, September 13, 2023.

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

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

Excused: 1 - Susan Wise

2. [23-073EC](#)

Recommendation to discuss and approve the application and selection process for the upcoming commission vacancy, including timing, interview questions, and the interview process.

Chair Morales spoke.

Commissioner Fiedler spoke.

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

Chair Morales spoke.

Commissioner Añorve spoke.

Heather Van Wijk, Ethics Officer, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Añorve and Heather Van Wijk, Ethics Officer.

Chair Morales spoke.

Heather Van Wijk, Ethics Officer, spoke.

Vice Chair Pollack spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

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

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

Excused: 1 - Susan Wise

3. [23-067EC](#)

Recommendation to discuss the Ethics Commission role, if any, in

reviewing the campaign disclosure statements to report alleged violations for enforcement during the 2024 election cycle.

Chair Morales spoke.

Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst, spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shotwell, seconded by Commissioner De Benedictis, to approve recommendation, as amended, to create an Ad Hoc Committee to review campaign finance documents during the 2024 election cycle. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Excused: 1 - Susan Wise

4. [23-074EC](#) Recommendation to authorize the Chair and Vice Chair to send a thank you letter to the Mayor and City Council for their support in securing FY24 one-time funds for the Ethics Commission's strategic plan.

Chair Morales spoke.

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

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

Excused: 1 - Susan Wise

5. [23-075EC](#) Recommendation to receive and file a monthly update from the Ethics Officer.

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

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Heather Van Wijk, Ethics Officer, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Shotwell and Heather Van Wijk, Ethics Officer.

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

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

Excused: 1 - Susan Wise

6. [23-076EC](#)

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.

Chair Morales spoke; and presented a report.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke; and presented a report.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Chair Pollack spoke.

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

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

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

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

Excused: 1 - Susan Wise

7. [23-077EC](#) eComments and emails received for the Ethics Commission meeting of Wednesday, October 11, 2023.

This EC-Agenda Item was received and filed.

PUBLIC COMMENT (4:59 PM)

There was no public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (4:59 PM)

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT (5:00 PM)

At 5:00 PM, there being no objection, Chair Morales declared the meeting adjourned.

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