

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

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2019
411 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD
CIVIC CHAMBERS, 5:30 PM**

Desmond Fletcher, Chair
Christian Cooper, Vice Chair
James Ahumada, Commissioner
Leonard Adams Jr., Commissioner
Dana Buchanan, Commissioner
Veronica Garcia, Commissioner



Porter Gilberg, Commissioner
Dianne McNinch, Commissioner
Justin Morgan, Commissioner
Maria Norvell, Commissioner
Joni Ricks-Oddie, Commissioner

Patrick Weithers, Manager of the CPCC

FINISHED AGENDA & MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (5:32 PM)

At 5:32 PM, Chair Fletcher called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (5:32 PM)

Commissioners Leonard Adams Jr., James Ahumada, Dana Buchanan, Porter
Present: Gilberg, Dianne McNinch, Justin Morgan, Christian Cooper and
Desmond Fletcher

Commissioners Veronica Garcia, Maria Norvell and Joni Ricks-Oddie
Absent:

Also present: Patrick Weithers, Manager of the CPCC; Terrance Pham, Special Investigator;
Monica Kilaita, Deputy City Attorney; Sarah Green, Deputy City Attorney; Dina Zapalski,
Commander, Long Beach Police Department; Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Specialist;
Kyle Smith, City Clerk Specialist.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSIONER (5:33 PM)

Patrick Weithers, Manager of the CPCC, spoke.

Commissioner Ahumada spoke.

REGULAR AGENDA (5:34 PM)

1. [19-061CP](#) Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Citizen Police Complaint Commission Regular Meeting of Thursday, September 12, 2019.

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

Yes: 6 - Leonard Adams Jr., Dana Buchanan, Dianne McNinch, Justin Morgan, Christian Cooper and Desmond Fletcher

Abstain: 1 - James Ahumada

Absent: 4 - Veronica Garcia, Porter Gilberg, Maria Norvell and Joni Ricks-Oddie

2. [19-062CP](#) Recommendation to receive and file City Manager's Report.

Patrick Weithers, Manager of the CPCC, spoke; and introduced Terrance Pham, Special Investigator.

Terrance Pham, Special Investigator, presented the staff report.

Commissioner Gilberg spoke.

Patrick Weithers, Manager of the CPCC, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Gilberg and Patrick Weithers, Manager of the CPCC.

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

Yes: 7 - Leonard Adams Jr., Dana Buchanan, Porter Gilberg, Dianne McNinch, Justin Morgan, Christian Cooper and Desmond Fletcher

Abstain: 1 - James Ahumada

Absent: 3 - Veronica Garcia, Maria Norvell and Joni Ricks-Oddie

PUBLIC COMMENT (5:39 PM)

Rich Lindemann spoke.

Chair Fletcher spoke.

Rich Lindemann spoke.

MANAGER'S REPORT: (5:44 PM)

Patrick Weithers, Manager of the CPCC, reminded the Commissioners of the upcoming Annual Training on October 25, 2019; responded to Commissioners questions from the September 12, 2019 meeting; and announced that all documents provided to Commissioners will be made available online.

Chair Fletcher spoke.

Patrick Weithers, Manager of the CPCC, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Fletcher and Patrick Weithers, Manager of the CPCC.

Sarah Green, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS (5:47 PM)

Commissioner Gilberg spoke.

Patrick Weithers, Manager of the CPCC, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Gilberg and Patrick Weithers, Manager of the CPCC.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (5:48 PM)

At 5:48 PM, there being no objection, Chair Fletcher recessed the meeting to Closed Session.

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION (10:11 PM)

At 10:11 PM, Chair Fletcher reconvened the meeting.

ROLL CALL (10:11 PM)

Commissioners Leonard Adams Jr., James Ahumada, Dana Buchanan, Porter
Present: Gilberg, Dianne McNinch, Justin Morgan, Christian Cooper and
Desmond Fletcher

Commissioners Veronica Garcia, Maria Norvell and Joni Ricks-Oddie
Absent:

3. [19-063CP](#) Recommendation to receive Commission's vote and refer findings to the City Manager.

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

[1] Case No. 18-210 Commissioners voted 8-0 on Allegation No. 1 - Unbecoming Conduct for First, Second and Third Officers accused;

[2] Case No. 18-208 Commissioners voted 8-0 on Allegation No. 1 - Unbecoming Conduct and 2 - Unbecoming Conduct for Officer accused;

[3] Case No. 18-180 Commissioners voted 8-0 on Allegation No. 1 - Bias Based Policing and 2 - Unbecoming Conduct for Officer accused;

[4] Case No. 18-198 Commissioners voted 6-2 on Allegation No. 1 - Use of Force and 8-0 on Allegation No. 2 - Use of Force for Officer accused;

[5] Case No. 18-211 Commissioners voted 5-3 on Allegation No. 1 - Use of Force for Officer accused;

[6] Case No. 18-212 Commissioners voted 8-0 on Allegation Nos. 1 - Use of Force, 2 - Unbecoming Conduct, 3 - Profanity and 6 - Unbecoming Conduct for Officer accused, and 4 - Improper Arrest for First and Second Officers accused and 7-0-1 on Allegation No. 5 - Unbecoming Conduct for Officer accused;

[7] Case No. 18-207 Commissioners voted 8-0 on Allegation No. 1 - Unbecoming Conduct for Officer accused;

[8] Case No. 18-185 Commissioners voted 8-0 on Allegation Nos. 1 - Unbecoming Conduct and 2 - Unbecoming Conduct for First and Second Officers accused;

[9] Case No. 18-219 Commissioners voted 7-1 on Allegation Nos. 1 - Use of Force and 2 - Use of Force for Officer accused, and 6-2 on Allegation No. 3 - Personal Search for First and Second Officers accused;

[10] Case No. 18-205 Commissioners voted 8-0 on Allegation Nos. 1 - Improper Arrest, 2 - Unbecoming Conduct, and 3 - Use of Force for Officer accused;

[11] Case No. 18-216 Commissioners voted 8-0 on Allegation No. 1 - Use of Force for First and Second Officers accused;

[12] Case No. 18-206 Commissioners voted 6-2 on Allegation No. 1 - Personal Search for Officer accused, 8-0 on Allegation Nos. 2 - Vehicle Search, 4 - Use of Force for First and Second Officers accused, and 3 - Unbecoming Conduct for Officer accused; and

[13] Case No. 18-204 Commissioners voted 6-1-1 on Allegation No. 1 - Use of Force for Officer accused, 7-1 on Allegation Nos. 2 - Use of Force and 6 - Unbecoming Conduct for Officer accused, and 3 - Use of Force for First and Second Officers accused, and 8-0 on Allegation Nos. 4 - Unbecoming Conduct and 5 - Profanity for Officer accused.

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

Yes: 8 - Leonard Adams Jr., James Ahumada, Dana Buchanan, Porter Gilberg, Dianne McNinch, Justin Morgan, Christian Cooper and Desmond Fletcher

Absent: 3 - Veronica Garcia, Maria Norvell and Joni Ricks-Oddie

PUBLIC COMMENT: (10:18 PM)

No members of the public addressed the commission.

ADJOURNMENT (10:18 PM)

At 10:18 PM, there being no objection, Chair Fletcher declared the meeting adjourned.

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