

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION MINUTES**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021
411 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD
10TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, 4:00 PM**

Walter Larkins, Chair
Jessica Schumer, Vice Chair
Becky Blair, Commissioner
Blair Cohn, Commissioner
Milton Duena, Commissioner



Leah Goold-Haws, Commissioner
Austin Metoyer, Commissioner
John Shen, Commissioner
Vivian Shimoyama, Commissioner
John Thomas, Commissioner
Brenda Wunsch, Commissioner

Via Teleconference

SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER N-25-20 ISSUED BY GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM

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Commissioners Becky Blair, Blair Cohn, Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Leah
Present: Goold-Haws, Blair Cohn, Blair Cohn, Austin Metoyer, John Shen, Vivian Shimoyama, John Thomas, Brenda Wunsch, Jessica Schumer and Walter Larkins

REGULAR MEETING - 4:00 PM

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ROLL CALL

DIRECTORS REPORT

REGULAR AGENDA

[21-007ED](#)

Recommendation to approve the minutes for the meeting held January 11, 2021.

Attachments: [EDC MINUTES 1-11-2021.pdf](#)

Commission Chair Larkins spoke

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

Yes: 11 - Becky Blair, Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Leah Goold-Haws, Blair Cohn, Austin Metoyer, John Shen, John Thomas, Brenda Wunsch, Jessica Schumer and Walter Larkins

Absent: 1 - Vivian Shimoyama

[21-008ED](#)

Recommendation to receive and file an update regarding Economic Development Department communications and outreach regarding economic support programs for the month of January 2021.

Attachments: [20210201 Economic Recovery Strategy ROUNDTABLES](#)

Commission Chair Larkins spoke

Economic Development Director, John Keisler, spoke

Commission Chair Larkins spoke

Commission Vice-Chair Schumer spoke

Rebecca F. Kauma, Economic and Digital Inclusion Program Manager, spoke

Commission Chair Larkins spoke

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

Yes: 11 - Becky Blair, Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Leah Goold-Haws, Blair Cohn, Austin Metoyer, John Shen, John Thomas, Brenda Wunsch, Jessica Schumer and Walter Larkins

Absent: 1 - Vivian Shimoyama

[21-009ED](#)

Recommendation to conduct, receive, and file a study session with the Economic Development & Finance Committee Chair, Stacy Mungo regarding the Economic Recovery Strategy approved by the Long Beach City Council on December 15, 2021.

Attachments: [20210201 Economic Recovery Strategy ROUNDTABLES](#)
[City of Long Beach Economic Recovery Strategy Roundt](#)

Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Councilwoman Stacy Mungo, spoke
Economic Development Director, John Keisler, spoke
Councilwoman Stacy Mungo, spoke
Commission Vice-Chair Schumer spoke
Councilwoman Stacy Mungo, spoke
Commissioner Wunsch spoke
Councilwoman Stacy Mungo, spoke
Commissioner Thomas spoke
Councilwoman Stacy Mungo, spoke
Commissioner Shimoyama spoke
Councilwoman Stacy Mungo, spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commission Vice-Chair Schumer spoke
Commissioner Shen spoke
Councilwoman Stacy Mungo, spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commissioner Shimoyama spoke
Councilwoman Stacy Mungo, spoke
Commissioner Cohn spoke
Kraig Kojian DLBA president and CEO, spoke
Councilwoman Stacy Mungo, spoke
Commissioner Duena spoke
Councilwoman Stacy Mungo, spoke
Commission Vice-Chair Schumer spoke
Commissioner Wunsch spoke
Commission Vice-Chair Schumer spoke
Councilwoman Stacy Mungo, spoke
Commission Vice-Chair Schumer spoke
Councilwoman Stacy Mungo, spoke
Commissioner Thomas spoke
Councilwoman Stacy Mungo, spoke

Commissioner Wunsch spoke
Councilwoman Stacy Mungo, spoke
Commissioner Shimoyama spoke
Councilwoman Stacy Mungo, spoke
Commissioner Goold-Haws spoke
Councilwoman Stacy Mungo, spoke
Commissioner Metoyer spoke
Councilwoman Stacy Mungo, spoke
Commissioner Shen spoke
Councilwoman Stacy Mungo, spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Councilwoman Stacy Mungo, spoke
Commission Vice-Chair Schumer spoke
Councilwoman Stacy Mungo, spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke

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

Yes: 12 - Becky Blair, Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Leah Goold-Haws, Blair Cohn, Austin Metoyer, John Shen, Vivian Shimoyama, John Thomas, Brenda Wunsch, Jessica Schumer and Walter Larkins

[21-010ED](#)

Recommendation to conduct, receive, and file a study session with local business leaders regarding the Economic Leadership & Cooperation Focus Area of the Blueprint for Economic Development and the challenges, opportunities, and recommended strategies to promote business attraction, retention, and resilience in the City of Long Beach.

Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Economic Development Director, John Keisler, spoke
Commissioner Thomas spoke
Commissioner Blair spoke
Commissioner Thomas spoke
Commissioner Blair spoke
Commissioner Thomas spoke
Christine Bos LB Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Manager, spoke
Commissioner Thomas spoke
Kraig Kojian DLBA president and CEO, spoke

Commissioner Thomas spoke
Commissioner Blair spoke
Commissioner Thomas spoke
Commissioner Blair spoke
Dialogue ensued between Commissioner Thomas and Commissioner Blair
Christine Bos LB Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Manager spoke
Commissioner Thomas spoke
Kraig Kojian DLBA president and CEO, spoke
Commissioner Thomas spoke
Commissioner Blair spoke
Christine Bos LB Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Manager spoke
Commissioner Thomas spoke
Kraig Kojian DLBA president and CEO, spoke
Commissioner Thomas spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commissioner Shen spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commission Vice-Chair Schumer spoke
Commissioner Metoyer spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commission Vice-Chair Schumer spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commissioner Blair spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke

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

Yes: 12 - Becky Blair, Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Leah Goold-Haws, Blair Cohn, Austin Metoyer, John Shen, Vivian Shimoyama, John Thomas, Brenda Wunsch, Jessica Schumer and Walter Larkins

[21-011ED](#)

Recommendation to receive and file a report from the Business Development Officer Eric Romero regarding the status of small business support programs including loans, grants, and the equitable distribution plan for the City revolving loan fund; and, CARES Act Grant program status.

Economic Development Director, John Keisler, spoke
Eric Romero, Economic Development Officer, spoke

Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commissioner Thomas spoke

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

Yes: 11 - Becky Blair, Milton Duena, Leah Goold-Haws, Blair Cohn, Austin Metoyer, John Shen, Vivian Shimoyama, John Thomas, Brenda Wunsch, Jessica Schumer and Walter Larkins

Absent: 1 - Blair Cohn

[21-012ED](#)

Recommendation to receive and file Commissioner recommendations for future agenda items, speakers, and presentations.

Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commission Vice-Chair Schumer spoke
Economic Development Director, John Keisler, spoke
Commission Vice-Chair Schumer spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke

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

Yes: 11 - Becky Blair, Milton Duena, Leah Goold-Haws, Blair Cohn, Austin Metoyer, John Shen, Vivian Shimoyama, John Thomas, Brenda Wunsch, Jessica Schumer and Walter Larkins

Absent: 1 - Blair Cohn

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Members of the public are invited to address the Board on items of interest to the public within the Agency Board jurisdiction. Each speaker will be limited to two minutes unless that time is extended by the Chair.

COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

I, Bob Mossler, Project Analyst, Economic Development Department certify that the agenda was posted not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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