

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
ETHICS COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 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 (3:08 PM)

At 3:08 PM, Chair Morales called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (3:08 PM)

Commissioners Raúl Añorve, Luke Fiedler, J. P. Shotwell, Susan Wise, Barbara

Present: Pollack and Margo Morales

Commissioners Lani De Benedictis

Excused:

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; Vanessa Hall, City Clerk Specialist.

REGULAR AGENDA (3:08 PM)

1. [23-064EC](#) Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Ethics Commission Regular Meeting on Wednesday, August 9, 2023.

Chair Morales spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Chair Morales spoke.

A motion was made by Chair Morales, seconded by Vice Chair Pollack, to approve recommendation as amended, to reflect that Commissioner Shotwell's absence was excused. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Raúl Añorve, Luke Fiedler, J. P. Shotwell, Susan Wise, Barbara Pollack and Margo Morales

Excused: 1 - Lani De Benedictis

2. [23-065EC](#)

Recommendation to discuss amendments to the Conflict of Interest Code regarding the Police Oversight Commission and the Commission for Women and Girls; and if necessary, provide feedback.

Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst, spoke; and presented the staff report.

Chair Morales spoke.

Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Morales and Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst.

Commissioner Añorve spoke.

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

Yes: 6 - Raúl Añorve, Luke Fiedler, J. P. Shotwell, Susan Wise, Barbara Pollack and Margo Morales

Excused: 1 - Lani De Benedictis

3. [23-070EC](#)

Recommendation to receive and file an update on the end of the Fair Political Practices Commission AB 1234 Local Ethics Training, and the City of Long Beach replacement training program for AB 1234 compliance.

Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst, spoke; and presented the staff report.

Commissioner Wise spoke.

Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Wise and Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Wise spoke.

Vice Chair Pollack spoke.

Heather Van Wijk, Ethics Officer, spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Assistant to the City Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Chair Morales spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Chair Pollack spoke.

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

A motion was made by Vice Chair Pollack, seconded by Commissioner Shotwell, to approve recommendation, as amended, that the Chair and Vice Chair prepare a letter to the City Council to be transmitted to the City Council expressing concern regarding the Fair Political Practices Commission termination of funding for AB 1234 training and to recommend the City Council request the state legislature allocate appropriate funds for AB 1234 training in 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Raúl Añorve, Luke Fiedler, J. P. Shotwell, Susan Wise, Barbara Pollack and Margo Morales

Excused: 1 - Lani De Benedictis

4. [23-036EC](#)

Recommendation to receive and file a presentation providing an update for the City of Long Beach Public Records Act Program.

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

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

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

Commissioner Wise spoke.

April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

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

Vice Chair Pollack spoke.

April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Wise spoke.

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

Chair Morales spoke.

April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Vice Chair Pollack spoke.

April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Chair Morales spoke.

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

Commissioner Añorve spoke.

April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

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

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Laura Sellmer spoke; and submitted a handout.

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

Yes: 6 - Raúl Añorve, Luke Fiedler, J. P. Shotwell, Susan Wise, Barbara Pollack and Margo Morales

Excused: 1 - Lani De Benedictis

5. [23-066EC](#)

Recommendation to receive and file a report from the Ad Hoc Committee on the Lobbyist Ordinance on plans for the public meeting and implementation of a survey tool.

Chair Morales spoke; and presented a report.

Commissioner Añorve spoke.

Chair Morales spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Morales and Commissioner Añorve.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Vice Chair Pollack spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Pollack and Commissioner

Shotwell.

Chair Morales spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Morales and Commissioner Shotwell.

Commissioner Añorve spoke.

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, Luke Fiedler, J. P. Shotwell, Susan Wise, Barbara Pollack and Margo Morales

Excused: 1 - Lani De Benedictis

6. [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.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Chair Morales spoke.

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

Commissioner Wise spoke.

Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst, spoke.

Chair Morales spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Morales and Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Wise spoke.

Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst, spoke.

A dialogue ensued among Commissioner Wise, Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, and Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst.

Vice Chair Pollack spoke.

Chair Morales spoke.

Commissioner Wise spoke.

Chair Morales spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Wise spoke.

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

Chair Morales spoke.

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

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Chair Morales spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Morales and Commissioner Shotwell.

Commissioner Wise 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 Chair Morales, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Raúl Añorve, Luke Fiedler, J. P. Shotwell, Susan Wise, Barbara Pollack and Margo Morales

Excused: 1 - Lani De Benedictis

7. [23-068EC](#)

Recommendation to receive and file a monthly update from the Ethics Officer.

Chair Morales spoke.

April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Assistant to the City Manager, spoke.

Jorge Godinez, Special Project Officer, Public Works, spoke.

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

Chair Morales spoke.

Heather Van Wijk, Ethics Officer, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Morales and Heather Van Wijk, Ethics Officer.

Vice Chair Pollack spoke.

April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Heather Van Wijk, Ethics Officer, spoke.

Chair Morales spoke.

Heather Van Wijk, Ethics Officer, spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Shotwell and Heather Van Wijk,

Ethics Officer.

April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Chair Morales spoke.

Heather Van Wijk, Ethics Officer, spoke.

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

Yes: 6 - Raúl Añorve, Luke Fiedler, J. P. Shotwell, Susan Wise, Barbara Pollack and Margo Morales

Excused: 1 - Lani De Benedictis

8. [23-069EC](#)

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 presented a report.

Julian Cernuda, Assistant to the City Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Shotwell and Julian Cernuda, Assistant to the City Manager.

Chair Morales spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Commissioner Wise spoke.

Laura Sellmer spoke.

Chair Morales spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wise, seconded by Commissioner Shotwell, to approve recommendation, as amended, to revise the name of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Development of Corollary Ethics Policies to the Ad Hoc Committee on Updated Policies. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Raúl Añorve, Luke Fiedler, J. P. Shotwell, Susan Wise, Barbara Pollack and Margo Morales

Excused: 1 - Lani De Benedictis

9. [23-071EC](#) eComments and emails received for the Ethics Commission meeting of Wednesday, September 13, 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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