

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

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2023
411 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD
10TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, 4:00 PM**

Walter Larkins, Chair
Vivian Shimoyama, Vice Chair
Blair Cohn, Commissioner
Milton Duena, Commissioner
Austin Metoyer, Commissioner



Nima Novin, Commissioner
Jayro Sandoval, Commissioner
Robert Smith, Commissioner
Griselda Suarez, Commissioner
John Thomas, Commissioner
Brenda Wunsch, Commissioner

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AB361 (GOV CODE SECTION 54953(e)(1)-(2))**

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REGULAR MEETING - 4:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Austin Metoyer, Nima Novin, Jayro

Present: Sandoval, Robert Smith, Griselda Suarez, John Thomas, Brenda Wunsch, Vivian Shimoyama and Walter Larkins

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

REGULAR AGENDA

1. 23-006ED Recommendation to approve the minutes for the meeting held on January 9, 2023.

Attachments: [Minutes01092023.pdf](#)

Commission Chair Larkins spoke

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

Yes: 11 - Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Austin Metoyer, Nima Novin, Jayro Sandoval, Robert Smith, Griselda Suarez, John Thomas, Brenda Wunsch, Vivian Shimoyama and Walter Larkins

2. 23-007ED Recommendation to receive and file an update regarding Economic Development Department communications and outreach regarding economic support programs for the month of January 2023.

Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Economic Development Deputy Director, Nick Schultz, spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Economic Development Deputy Director, Nick Schultz, spoke
Commissioner Suarez spoke
Economic Development Deputy Director, Nick Schultz, spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke

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

Yes: 11 - Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Austin Metoyer, Nima Novin, Jayro Sandoval, Robert Smith, Griselda Suarez, John Thomas, Brenda Wunsch, Vivian Shimoyama and Walter Larkins

3. 23-008ED Recommendation to receive and file a presentation from Paul Duncan, Homeless Services Bureau Manager for Health and Human Services Department on Built To Zero.

Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Economic Development Deputy Director, Nick Schultz, spoke
Paul Duncan, Homeless Services Bureau Manager for Health and Human Services, provided a presentation
Economic Development Deputy Director, Nick Schultz, spoke
Commissioner Thomas spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Economic Development Deputy Director, Nick Schultz, spoke
Paul Duncan, Homeless Services Bureau Manager for Health and Human Services, spoke
Commissioner Smith spoke
Paul Duncan, Homeless Services Bureau Manager for Health and Human Services, spoke
Commission Vice-Chair Shimoyama spoke
Paul Duncan, Homeless Services Bureau Manager for Health and Human Services, spoke
Commissioner Wunsch spoke
Paul Duncan, Homeless Services Bureau Manager for Health and Human Services, spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Discussion ensued between Economic Development Deputy Director, Nick Schultz, and Commission Chair Larkins
Commission Chair Larkins spoke

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

Yes: 9 - Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Austin Metoyer, Nima Novin, Griselda Suarez, John Thomas, Brenda Wunsch, Vivian Shimoyama and Walter Larkins

Absent: 2 - Jayro Sandoval and Robert Smith

4. 23-009ED Recommendation to receive and file a presentation from Lucius Martin, Acting Business Development Officer for Economic Development Department, on the Visual Improvement Program (VIP) Grant.

Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Lucius Martin, Acting Business Development Officer for Economic Development, provided a presentation
Courtney Chatterson, LBRA Program Manager, provided a presentation
Lucius Martin, Acting Business Development Officer for Economic Development, spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commissioner Cohn spoke
Commissioner Suarez spoke
Courtney Chatterson, LBRA Program Manager, spoke
Commission Vice-Chair Shimoyama spoke
Lucius Martin, Acting Business Development Officer for Economic Development, spoke
Commissioner Sandoval spoke
Courtney Chatterson, LBRA Program Manager, spoke
Economic Development Deputy Director, Nick Schultz, spoke
Commissioner Sandoval spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commissioner Sandoval spoke
Commission Vice-Chair Shimoyama spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commissioner Wunsch spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Lucius Martin, Acting Business Development Officer for Economic Development, spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke

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

Yes: 10 - Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Austin Metoyer, Nima Novin, Jayro Sandoval, Griselda Suarez, John Thomas, Brenda Wunsch, Vivian Shimoyama and Walter Larkins

Absent: 1 - Robert Smith

5. 23-010ED Recommendation to receive and file Commissioner recommendations for future agenda items, speakers, and presentations.

Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Economic Development Deputy Director, Nick Schultz, spoke
Commissioner Cohn spoke
Commissioner Suarez spoke
Economic Development Deputy Director, Nick Schultz, spoke
Commissioner Thomas spoke
Economic Development Deputy Director, Nick Schultz, spoke

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

Yes: 10 - Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Austin Metoyer, Nima Novin, Jayro Sandoval, Griselda Suarez, John Thomas, Brenda Wunsch, Vivian Shimoyama and Walter Larkins

Absent: 1 - Robert Smith

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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