

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
ETHICS COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2022
411 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD
CIVIC CHAMBERS, 3:00 PM**

Susan Wise, Chair
Margo Morales, Vice Chair
Lani De Benedictis, Commissioner
Luke Fiedler, Commissioner



Kimmy Maniquis, Commissioner
Barbara A. Pollack, Commissioner
J. P. Shotwell, Commissioner

FINISHED AGENDA & DRAFT MINUTES

The Ethics Commission minutes are prepared and ordered to correspond to the Agenda. Agenda Items can be taken out of order during the meeting. Please consult the video time stamps to determine the order in which business was addressed.

CALL TO ORDER (3:06 PM)

At 3:06 PM, Chair Wise called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (3:06 PM)

Commissioners Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, Kimmy Maniquis, Barbara
Present: Pollack, J. P. Shotwell, Margo Morales and Susan Wise

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.

Chair Wise made opening remarks.

REGULAR AGENDA (3:08 PM)

1. 22-022EC Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Ethics Commission Regular Meeting on Wednesday, March 9, 2022.

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

Yes: 7 - Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, Kimmy Maniquis, Barbara Pollack, J. P. Shotwell, Margo Morales and Susan Wise

2. 22-023EC

Recommendation to receive and file an update on the Ethics Commission Action Plan and Education Program.

Julian Cernuda, Assistant to the City Manager, spoke; and presented the staff report.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Assistant to the City Manager, spoke.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Assistant to the City Manager, spoke.

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

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Assistant to the City Manager, spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

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

Yes: 7 - Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, Kimmy Maniquis, Barbara Pollack, J. P. Shotwell, Margo Morales and Susan Wise

3. 22-024EC

Recommendation to receive and file a discussion on the process to request advice from the City Attorney regarding Ethics Commission policy recommendations to City Departments.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke; and presented the staff

report.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

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

Yes: 7 - Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, Kimmy Maniquis, Barbara Pollack, J. P. Shotwell, Margo Morales and Susan Wise

4. 22-025EC

Recommendation to conduct a study session to discuss the March 2, 2022 Investigation Report on Allegations Raised in Complaint regarding the City Auditor; and, if appropriate, make recommendations to the City Council, the City Manager, and/or any non-City Manager Departments regarding best practices of the City of Long Beach's accounting, internal controls, and business practices gathered from the Report.

Chair Wise spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued among Commissioner Pollack, April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager, and Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

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

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

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

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued among Commissioner Shotwell, Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, and April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

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

April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

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

Chair Wise spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

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

Chair Wise spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

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

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

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

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

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

Chair Wise spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Wise and Vice Chair Morales.

Commissioner Maniquis spoke.

Commissioner Fiedler spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

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

Chair Wise spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Morales, seconded by Commissioner Shotwell, to approve recommendation, as amended, to request City staff to prepare an overview of the City Manager policies on procurement and accounts payable; check with elected officials and the City Clerk whether they have their own policies; if they do have policies, prepare a report with a chart to analyze how it compares to the City Manager policies; and bring back the report within 60 days. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, Kimmy Maniquis, Barbara Pollack, J. P. Shotwell, Margo Morales and Susan Wise

5. 22-026EC Recommendation to receive and file a report from the Ad Hoc Committee; and, if necessary, take any action to dissolve or create Ad Hoc Committees.

Commissioner Pollack spoke; and presented a report.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Assistant to the City Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

A motion was made by Chair Wise, seconded by Commissioner De Benedictis, to approve recommendation, as amended, to continue the Ad Hoc Committee on the Lobbyist Ordinance for one additional month. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, Kimmy Maniquis, Barbara Pollack, J. P. Shotwell, Margo Morales and Susan Wise

6. 22-027EC Recommendation to receive and file the Ethics Commission Letter on recommendations for the Long Beach Independent Redistricting Commission selection process.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst, spoke.

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

Yes: 7 - Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, Kimmy Maniquis, Barbara Pollack, J. P. Shotwell, Margo Morales and Susan Wise

7. 22-028EC eComments and emails received for the Ethics Commission meeting of Wednesday, April 13, 2022.

This EC-Agenda Item was received and filed.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5:06 PM)

Amy Webber spoke.

22-029EC Erik Maitland spoke; and submitted a handout.

This Handout was received and filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (5:10 PM)

Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst, spoke.

April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Heather Van Wijk, Ethics Officer, spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Assistant to the City Manager, spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Amy Webber spoke.

ADJOURNMENT (5:20 PM)

At 5:19 PM, there being no objection, Chair Wise declared the meeting adjourned.

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