

**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2023  
LONG BEACH UTILITIES DEPARTMENT  
1800 EAST WARDLOW ROAD  
BOARD ROOM, 9:00 AM**

Gloria Cordero, President  
Naomi Rainey, Vice President  
Gina Maguire, Secretary



Frank Martinez, Commissioner  
Robert Shannon, Commissioner

Christopher J. Garner, General Manager

Richard Anthony, Principal Deputy City  
Attorney

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**FINISHED AGENDA AND DRAFT MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Cordero called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Edward Farrell led the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners** Frank Martinez, Robert Shannon, Gina Maguire, Naomi Rainey  
**Present:** and Gloria Cordero

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments from the public.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Cordero asked Commissioner Martinez to provide information on the upcoming Urban Water Institute Conference.

## GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Chris Garner presented the General Manager's report.

Edward Farrell provided an overview of the Gas Services Bureau.

Keith Lilley, Deputy Director of LA County Public Works provided an overview of the recent stormwater capture.

Morgan Venter provided an overview of the earthquake tabletop exercise.

## REGULAR AGENDA

1. 23-022UT Recommendation to approve February 2, 2023 and February 9, 2023 Board meeting minutes.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Shannon, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Frank Martinez, Robert Shannon, Gina Maguire, Naomi Rainey and Gloria Cordero

2. 23-023UT Recommendation to authorize the General Manager to implement a one-time enhancement to the City of Long Beach's (City) ongoing Utility Payment Assistance programs to include a one-time Residential Gas Assistance Credit of \$100, per account, as long as funds remain available, applicable in cases where the account holder certifies under penalty of perjury that they are experiencing financial hardship and given normal expenses need assistance paying their gas utility bill.

Diana Tang presented the report.  
President Cordero spoke.  
Commissioner Shannon spoke.  
Member of the public spoke.  
Diana Tang spoke.  
Commissioner Martinez spoke.  
Richard Anthony spoke.  
Maribel Nieves spoke.  
Tony Foster spoke.  
Chris Garner spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Shannon, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Frank Martinez, Robert Shannon, Gina Maguire, Naomi Rainey and Gloria Cordero

3. 23-024UT Recommendation to adopt Resolution UT-1473 authorizing the General Manager to enter into a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Quadient Leasing USA, Inc., under the purchase conditions specified in the existing NASPO (National Association of State Procurement Officials) Cooperative Purchasing Contract No. 7-22-70-50-04 (CA) for the lease of mail postage equipment and purchase of related supplies and materials for a total amount not to exceed \$20,000 for a five-year period.

Anatole Falagan presented the report.

**A motion was made by Vice President Rainey, seconded by Secretary Maguire, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Frank Martinez, Robert Shannon, Gina Maguire, Naomi Rainey and Gloria Cordero

4. 23-025UT      Receive verbal report of the February 13, 2023 Metropolitan Water District Board Meeting.

President Cordero presented the report.

#### **CONSIDER STANDING COMMITTEE REFERRALS**

There were no Standing Committee referrals.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

President Cordero introduced our new security guard, Marcus.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

President Cordero adjourned the meeting at 10:07am.

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