

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

**MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2023  
4811 AIRPORT PLAZA DR.  
ROSI PEDERSEN ROOM  
FIRST FLOOR, 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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**REGULAR MEETING - 4:00 P.M.**

**Commissioners** Blair Cohn, Austin Metoyer, Nima Novin, Jayro Sandoval,  
**Present:** Robert Smith, Griselda Suarez, John Thomas, Brenda Wunsch,  
Vivian Shimoyama and Walter Larkins

**Commissioners** Milton Duena  
**Absent:**

**ROLL CALL**

**DIRECTORS REPORT**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

1. [23-011ED](#) Recommendation to approve the minutes for the meeting held on February 13, 2023

**Attachments:** [Minutes 02132023.pdf](#)

Commission Chair Larkins spoke

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

**Yes:** 9 - Blair Cohn, Nima Novin, Jayro Sandoval, Robert Smith, Griselda Suarez, John Thomas, Brenda Wunsch, Vivian Shimoyama and Walter Larkins

**Abstain:** 1 - Austin Metoyer

**Absent:** 1 - Milton Duena

2. [23-012ED](#) Recommendation to receive and file an update regarding Economic Development Department communications and outreach regarding economic support programs for the month of February 2023

**Attachments:** [20230313 EDC Monthly Communications Recap Memo -](#)

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

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Milton Duena

3. [23-013ED](#) Recommendation to receive and file a presentation from Deputy City Manager, Katy Nomura on the development of the Street Vendor Initiative.

**Attachments:** [03132023 Economic Development Commission Meeting](#)

Commission Chair Larkins spoke  
Deputy City Manager Katy Nomura spoke  
Daniel Ramirez Acting Food Truck Coordinator, Public Management, spoke  
Commissioner Smith spoke  
Commission Chair Larkins spoke  
Daniel Ramirez Acting Food Truck Coordinator, Public Management, spoke  
Deputy City Manager Katy Nomura spoke  
Commission Chair Larkins spoke  
Economic Development Deputy Director, Nick Schultz, spoke

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Commission Chair Larkins spoke  
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Deputy City Attorney Monica Kilaita spoke  
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Commission Chair Larkins spoke  
Deputy City Manager Katy Nomura spoke  
Commissioner Wunsch spoke  
Commission Vice-Chair Shimoyama spoke  
Deputy City Manager Katy Nomura spoke  
Commissioner Smith spoke  
Deputy City Manager Katy Nomura spoke  
Daniel Ramirez Acting Food Truck Coordinator, Public Management, spoke  
Deputy City Manager Katy Nomura spoke  
Commissioner Cohn spoke  
Commissioner Metoyer spoke  
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Commissioner Smith spoke  
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Commission Chair Larkins spoke  
Commissioner Wunsch spoke  
Deputy City Manager Katy Nomura spoke  
Commissioner Sandoval spoke  
Deputy City Manager Katy Nomura spoke  
Commission Vice-Chair Shimoyama spoke  
Commissioner Thomas spoke  
Commissioner Suarez spoke  
Daniel Ramirez Acting Food Truck Coordinator, Public Management, spoke  
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Commission Chair Larkins spoke  
Commissioner Sandoval spoke  
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Commissioner Sandoval spoke  
Economic Development Deputy Director, Nick Schultz, spoke  
Commissioner Novin spoke  
Daniel Ramirez Acting Food Truck Coordinator, Public Management, spoke  
Commissioner Wunsch spoke  
Deputy City Manager Katy Nomura spoke  
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Commission Chair Larkins spoke  
Public comment-Ron Hodges CLB Restaurant owner spoke  
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Public Comment Abby. Worth  
Daniel Ramirez Acting Food Truck Coordinator, Public Management, spoke  
Ron Hodges CLB Restaurant owner spoke  
Commission Chair Larkins spoke  
Commissioner Cohn spoke  
Commissioner Sandoval spoke  
Commission Chair Larkins spoke  
Commissioner Smith spoke  
Commissioner Novin spoke  
Deputy City Manager Katy Nomura spoke  
Commission Chair Larkins spoke  
Ron Hodges CLB Restaurant owner spoke  
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Daniel Ramirez Acting Food Truck Coordinator, Public Management, spoke  
Commission Chair Larkins spoke

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

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

**Absent:** 2 - Milton Duena and Jayro Sandoval

4. [23-014ED](#)

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

Commission Chair Larkins spoke  
Commissioner Metoyer spoke  
Commissioner Suarez spoke  
Commissioner Metoyer spoke  
Commissioner Sandoval spoke  
Commission Chair Larkins spoke  
Commissioner Novin spoke  
Economic Development Deputy Director, Nick Schultz, spoke  
Commissioner Thomas spoke  
Commission Chair Larkins spoke

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

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

**Absent:** 2 - Milton Duena and Jayro Sandoval

**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

Next regular meeting: April 10, 4:00 PM.

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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