

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
ETHICS COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2021
TELECONFERENCE, 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

**ETHICS COMMISSION MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE
ORDER N-29-20 ISSUED BY GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM**

CALL TO ORDER (3:04 PM)

At 3:04 PM, Chair Wise called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (3:04 PM)

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

Also present: Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager; Julian Cernuda, Special Projects Officer; Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney; Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst.

REGULAR AGENDA (3:05 PM)

1. 21-025EC Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Ethics Commission Special Meeting on Tuesday, March 30, 2021.
2. 21-026EC Recommendation to receive and file a report on Long Beach Municipal Code Enforcement Alternatives.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke; and presented the staff report.

Chair Wise spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Wise and Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Morales and Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Wise and Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Shotwell and Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney.

Commissioner Fiedler spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Fiedler and Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney.

Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Wise and Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

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

3. 21-027EC

Recommendation to receive and file a report on a draft Ethics Commission Communications Policy; and if appropriate, request City Attorney to prepare a resolution to adopt the Policy.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke; and presented the staff report.

Julian Cernuda, Special Projects Officer, spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Pollack and Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Wise and Commissioner Shotwell.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Wise and Commissioner Pollack.

Chair Wise spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensues between Chair Wise and Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Wise and Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Special Projects Officer, spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Special Projects Officer, spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst, spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Shotwell and Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Morales and Commissioner Shotwell.

Chair Wise spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Wise and Commissioner Shotwell.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Wise and Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Wise and Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Wise and Vice Chair Morales.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Morales and Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney.

Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Morales, seconded by Commissioner Pollack, to approve recommendation, as amended, to request City Attorney prepare a resolution to adopt the Ethics Commission Communications Policy, as amended. 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. 21-030EC Recommendation to adopt the Ethics Commission Mission Statement.

Chair Wise spoke.

Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst, spoke.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Morales, seconded by Commissioner Pollack, 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

5. 21-028EC Recommendation to conduct a final review; adopt the Ethics Commission Code of Conduct and Ethics, including the Values Statement; and forward to City Manager, Human Resources, and other appropriate departments for review.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Commissioner Maniquis spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Special Projects Officer, spoke.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Wise and Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Morales, seconded by Commissioner De Benedictis, 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

6. 21-031EC Recommendation to receive and file a discussion on the Action Plan draft.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Special Projects Officer, spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Wise and Commissioner Pollack.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shotwell, seconded by Commissioner Pollack, 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. 21-029EC Recommendation to restructure the Ad Hoc SubCommittees to prioritize work on Action Plan work stream and deliverables.

Chair Wise spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

Commissioner Fiedler spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Commissioner Maniquis spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Commissioner Maniquis spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Special Projects Officer, spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Special Projects Officer, spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Special Projects Officer, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Pollack and Julian Cernuda, Special Projects Officer.

Chair Wise spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst, spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst, spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Shotwell and Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager.

Julian Cernuda, Special Projects Officer, spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Special Projects Officer, spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Commissioner Fiedler spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Commissioner Fiedler spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Commissioner Maniquis spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Wise and Commissioner Maniquis.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Wise and Commissioner Pollack.

Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Commissioner Maniquis spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pollack, seconded by Commissioner Shotwell, to approve recommendation, as amended, to dissolve the three previously established Policy and Problems, Values, and Code of Ethics and Ethics Definition Ad Hoc SubCommittees; and, establish three new Ad Hoc Committees as follows: Ad Hoc Committee One (Ethics Office Structure and Lobbying Requirements) whose members are Vice Chair Morales and Commissioner Maniquis; Ad Hoc Committee Two (Ethics Resources and Engagement and Outreach) whose members are Chair Wise, Commissioner De Benedictis, and Commissioner Shotwell; and, Ad Hoc Committee Three (Intake and Investigations and Oversight of the City Ethics Program) whose members are Commissioner Fiedler and Commissioner Pollack. 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

PUBLIC COMMENT (4:52 PM)

Chair Wise spoke.

Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst, spoke.

ETHICS COMMISSION STAFF COMMENTS (4:53 PM)

Julian Cernuda, Special Projects Officer, spoke.

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS (4:53 PM)

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Wise and Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager.

ADJOURNMENT (4:58 PM)

At 4:58 PM, there being no objection, Chair Wise declared the meeting adjourned.

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