

**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
ETHICS COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 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**

The Ethics Commission minutes are prepared and ordered to correspond to the Agenda. Agenda Items can be taken out of order during the meeting. The Agenda Items were discussed in the following order: Agenda Item Nos. 1, 4, 3, 5, 2 – 7, and voted on in the agendized order.

**CALL TO ORDER (3:02 PM)**

At 3:02 PM, Chair Wise called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL (3:02 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.

Chair Wise made opening remarks.

**REGULAR AGENDA (3:04 PM)**

1. 21-032EC Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Ethics Commission Regular Meeting on Wednesday, April 14, 2021.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Pollack and Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Pollack, seconded by Commissioner Maniquis, to approve recommendation, as amended, to correct the Minutes to include the vote for Agenda Item No. 1. 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. 21-033EC Recommendation to adopt resolution establishing an Ethics Commission Communications Policy.

Chair Wise spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Wise and Vice Chair Morales.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Wise and Commissioner Shotwell.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

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

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Wise and Vice Chair Morales.

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Morales, seconded by Commissioner Shotwell, to approve recommendation, as amended, to request staff to modify the Ethics Communication Policy to clarify that the Ethics Commission Chair and Vice Chair may have advocacy meetings and discussions with Elected Officials regarding budget and financial resources of the Commission and/or adopted Commission policies and procedures, and bring back for adoption at a future meeting. 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. 21-035EC Recommendation to receive and file a report on the FY22 Budget.

Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Special Projects Officer, spoke; and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Chair Wise spoke.

Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Special Projects Officer, spoke; and continued the PowerPoint presentation.

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Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

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

Chair Wise spoke.

Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

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

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.

Chair Wise spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Commissioner Maniquis spoke.

Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

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

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Morales, seconded by Commissioner De Benedictis, to approve recommendation, as amended, to authorize the Chair and Vice Chair to draft a memo to the City Manager, Mayor, and Budget Oversight Committee Chair, stating that there is a need for additional staffing resources to meet the adopted FY21 and FY22 Action Plan deliverables, and make the Chair and Vice Chair available to meet with them if further discussion on the Commission's progress is needed. 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. 21-036EC**

Recommendation to receive and file reports from the Ad Hoc Committees.

Commissioner Maniquis spoke; and presented a report.

Chair Wise spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Commissioner Maniquis spoke.

A dialogue ensued among Chair Wise, Vice Chair Morales, and Commissioner Maniquis.

Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst, spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Morales and Commissioner Shotwell.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke; and presented a report.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Fiedler spoke; and presented a report.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

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

Chair Wise spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

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

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, 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

5. 21-037EC Recommendation to receive and file a discussion on the process for Ad Hoc Committee communications with staff; and if appropriate, to adopt such a process.

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

Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke; and continued the staff report.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

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

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

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

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Wise and Commissioner Pollack.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.



Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst, spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

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 a report to come back at the Regular Meeting of June 9, 2021, on the process for Ad Hoc Committee communications with staff; and until the June 9, 2021 meeting, Commissioners may continue to email questions to staff. 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. 21-038EC Recommendation to receive and file a discussion on the process for Commission members to place items on the Ethics Commission agenda, including possible recurrent reports on ongoing matters.

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

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

**Yes:** 6 - Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, Kimmy Maniquis, Barbara Pollack, Margo Morales and Susan Wise

**Abstain:** 1 - J. P. Shotwell

7. 21-034EC Recommendation to receive and file an update on the City of Long Beach Statement of Economic Interest Form 700 filers.

Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst, spoke; and presented the staff report.

Chair Wise spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

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Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Pollack, 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

8. 21-040EC eComments and emails received for the Ethics Commission meeting of Wednesday, May 12, 2021.

**This EC-Agenda Item was received and filed.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT (5:35 PM)**

No members of the public addressed the Commission.

**ETHICS COMMISSION STAFF COMMENTS (5:36 PM)**

Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst, spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Special Projects Officer, spoke.

**REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS (5:37 PM)**

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

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

Chair Wise spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Wise and Vice Chair Morales.

Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

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

**ADJOURNMENT (5:47 PM)**

At 5:47 PM, there being no objection, Chair Wise declared the meeting adjourned.

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