

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

**MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2021
411 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD
10TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, 4:00 PM**

Walter Larkins, Chair
Jessica Schumer, Vice Chair
Becky Blair, Commissioner
Blair Cohn, Commissioner
Milton Duena, Commissioner



Austin Metoyer, Commissioner
John Shen, Commissioner
Vivian Shimoyama, Commissioner
John Thomas, Commissioner
Brenda Wunsch, Commissioner

**IN-PERSON/VIRTUAL HYBRID CITY COUNCIL MEETING PURSUANT TO
EXECUTIVE ORDER N-08-21 ISSUED BY GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM**

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Commissioners Becky Blair, Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Austin Metoyer, John
Present: Shen, Vivian Shimoyama, John Thomas, Jessica Schumer and
Walter Larkins

Commissioners Brenda Wunsch

Absent:

REGULAR MEETING - 4:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

REGULAR AGENDA

1. 21-055ED Recommendation to approve the minutes for the meeting held July 12, 2021.

Attachments: [EDC Meeting Minutes 7-12-2021.pdf](#)

Commission Chair Larkins spoke

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

Yes: 9 - Becky Blair, Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Austin Metoyer, John Shen, Vivian Shimoyama, John Thomas, Jessica Schumer and Walter Larkins

Absent: 1 - Brenda Wunsch

2. 21-056ED Recommendation to receive and file an update regarding Economic Development Department communications and outreach regarding economic support programs for the month of July 2021.

Attachments: [20210809 EDC Monthly Communications Recap Memo.](#)

Commission Chair Larkins spoke

Economic Development Director, John Keisler, spoke

Commission Chair Larkins spoke

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

Yes: 9 - Becky Blair, Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Austin Metoyer, John Shen, Vivian Shimoyama, John Thomas, Jessica Schumer and Walter Larkins

Absent: 1 - Brenda Wunsch

3. 21-057ED Recommendation to receive and file a presentation from Professor & Chair of Economics and Director of the Officer of Economic Research at California State University Long Beach Dr. Seiji Steinmetz, regarding local workforce and key economic industry cluster data.

Commission Chair Larkins spoke

Commissioner Shimoyama spoke

Commissioner Duena spoke
Commissioner Shimoyama spoke
Dr. Seiji Steimetz, Professor & Chair of Economics, Director, Office of Economic Research, California State University, Long Beach provided a presentation
Commissioner Cohn spoke
Dr. Seiji Steimetz, Professor & Chair of Economics, Director, Office of Economic Research, California State University, Long Beach spoke
Nick Schultz, Executive Director-PGWIN Workforce Investment Board spoke
Dr. Seiji Steimetz, Professor & Chair of Economics, Director, Office of Economic Research, California State University, Long Beach spoke
Commissioner Cohn spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commissioner Thomas spoke
Dr. Seiji Steimetz, Professor & Chair of Economics, Director, Office of Economic Research, California State University, Long Beach spoke
Nick Schultz, Executive Director-PGWIN Workforce Investment Board spoke
Commissioner Cohn spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commissioner Shen spoke
Nick Schultz, Executive Director-PGWIN Workforce Investment Board spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commission Vice-Chair Schumer spoke
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Commission Chair Larkins spoke

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

Yes: 9 - Becky Blair, Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Austin Metoyer, John Shen, Vivian Shimoyama, John Thomas, Jessica Schumer and Walter Larkins

Absent: 1 - Brenda Wunsch

4. 21-058ED Recommendation to receive and file a presentation from ProLogis Vice President of Workforce Development and Community Relations Steven Hussain regarding the transportation, distribution and logistics sectoral employment initiative in partnership with the City of Long Beach and local workforce development agencies.

Commission Chair Larkins spoke
ProLogis Vice President of Workforce Development and Community Relations
Steven Hussain, provided a presentation
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Dialogue ensued between ProLogis Vice President of Workforce
Development and Community Relations Steven Hussain and Commission
Chair Larkins
Commissioner Shimoyama spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke

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

Yes: 9 - Becky Blair, Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Austin Metoyer, John
Shen, Vivian Shimoyama, John Thomas, Jessica Schumer
and Walter Larkins

Absent: 1 - Brenda Wunsch

5. 21-059ED Recommendation to receive and file a presentation from The Mayor's
Fund for Education Executive Director Karissa Selvester regarding
early education and childcare models to expand healthy and
sustainable workforce for both public and private employers.

The Mayor's Fund for Education Executive Director Karissa Selvester,
provided a presentation
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commissioner Duena spoke
The Mayor's Fund for Education Executive Director Karissa Selvester, spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commission Vice-Chair Schumer spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commissioner Shimoyama spoke
The Mayor's Fund for Education Executive Director Karissa Selvester, spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commissioner Thomas spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke

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

Yes: 9 - Becky Blair, Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Austin Metoyer, John Shen, Vivian Shimoyama, John Thomas, Jessica Schumer and Walter Larkins

Absent: 1 - Brenda Wunsch

6. 21-060ED Recommendation to receive and file a presentation from Living Cities Associate Director Elizabeth Reynoso regarding inclusive procurement and local preference programs that help to boost diverse employment opportunities in cities.

Commission Chair Larkins spoke

A motion was made by Vice Chair Schumer, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, to laid over. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Becky Blair, Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Austin Metoyer, John Shen, Vivian Shimoyama, John Thomas, Jessica Schumer and Walter Larkins

Absent: 1 - Brenda Wunsch

7. 21-061ED Recommendation to conduct, receive, and file a study session with local workforce experts and members of the public regarding challenges, opportunities, and recommended strategies to promote inclusive economic opportunities for workers in the City of Long Beach.

Commission Chair Larkins spoke

Commission Vice-Chair Schumer spoke

Commission Chair Larkins spoke

Dr. Seiji Steimetz, Professor & Chair of Economics, Director, Office of Economic Research, California State University, Long Beach spoke

Commission Vice-Chair Schumer spoke

Commission Chair Larkins spoke

Commissioner Shimoyama spoke

Commission Chair Larkins spoke

Commissioner Thomas spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Economic Development Director, John Keisler, spoke
Nick Schultz, Executive Director-PGWIN Workforce Investment Board spoke
Commission Vice-Chair Schumer spoke

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

Yes: 9 - Becky Blair, Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Austin Metoyer, John Shen, Vivian Shimoyama, John Thomas, Jessica Schumer and Walter Larkins

Absent: 1 - Brenda Wunsch

8. 21-062ED Recommendation to receive and file Commissioner recommendations for future agenda items, speakers, and presentations.

Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commission Vice-Chair Schumer spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke

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

Yes: 9 - Becky Blair, Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Austin Metoyer, John Shen, Vivian Shimoyama, John Thomas, Jessica Schumer and Walter Larkins

Absent: 1 - Brenda Wunsch

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: September 13, 2021 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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