

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
EQUITY AND HUMAN
RELATIONS COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2023
1321 E. ANAHEIM STREET
MACARTHUR PARK
COMMUNITY THEATER, 6:00 PM**

Alyssa Gutierrez, Chair
Amy Eriksen, Vice Chair
Cory Allen, Commissioner
Dr. Sharifa Batts, Commissioner
Robbie Butler, Commissioner
Trace Camacho, Commissioner
Christopher Covington, Commissioner



M. Lissette Flores, Commissioner
Jessica Gillette, Commissioner
Dr. Eduardo Lara, Commissioner
Keyona Montgomery, Commissioner
Zoe Nicholson, Commissioner
Jon Schultz, Commissioner

FINISHED AGENDA & DRAFT MINUTES

The Equity and Human Relations Commission minutes are prepared and ordered to correspond to the Agenda. Agenda Items can be taken out of order during the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER (6:02 PM)

At 6:02 PM, Chair Gutierrez called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (6:02 PM)

Commissioners Cory Allen, Sharifa Batts, Trace Camacho, Christopher

Present: Covington, Lissette Flores, Jessica Gillette, Keyona
Montgomery, Eduardo Lara, Zoe Nicholson, Jon Schultz, Amy
Eriksen and Alyssa Gutierrez

Commissioners Robbie Butler

Absent:

Also Present: Tony Viramontes, Equity and Community Engagement Program Specialist,
City Manager Department; Alanah Grant, Equity Officer, City Manager Department; Teresa
Chandler, Deputy City Manager; Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney; Alyssa Campos,
City Clerk Specialist.

REGULAR AGENDA (6:12 PM)

1. [23-020HR](#) Recommendation to approve minutes for the Equity and Human Relations Commission Meeting of Wednesday, May 3, 2023.

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

Yes: 11 - Sharifa Batts, Trace Camacho, Christopher Covington, Lissette Flores, Jessica Gillette, Keyona Montgomery, Eduardo Lara, Zoe Nicholson, Jon Schultz, Amy Eriksen and Alyssa Gutierrez

Absent: 2 - Cory Allen and Robbie Butler

2. [23-021HR](#) Recommendation to hold an election for the position of Chair and Vice Chair of the Equity and Human Relations Commission.

Chair Gutierrez spoke.

Vice Chair Eriksen spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Chair Gutierrez spoke.

Commissioner Schultz spoke.

Commissioner Flores spoke.

Chair Gutierrez spoke.

Commissioner Lara spoke.

Commissioner Allen joined the meeting.

Johanna spoke.

Jamilet spoke.

Erik Garcia spoke.

Vice Chair Eriksen spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Eriksen and Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney.

Jamilet spoke.

Commissioner Batts spoke.

Vice Chair Eriksen spoke.

Commissioner Flores spoke.

Commissioner Allen spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Allen and Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney.

Commissioner Nicholson spoke.

Vice Chair Eriksen spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Chair Gutierrez spoke.

Vice Chair Eriksen spoke.

Commissioner Batts spoke.

Commissioner Schultz spoke.

Commissioner Lara spoke.

Chair Gutierrez spoke.

Commissioner Flores spoke.

Commissioner Covington spoke.

Commissioner Allen spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Schultz spoke.

Vice Chair Eriksen spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Lara spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Chair Gutierrez spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Gutierrez and Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney.

Commissioner Batts spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Batts and Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney.

Chair Gutierrez spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Chair Eriksen spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Chair Gutierrez spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Gutierrez and Taylor Anderson, Deputy

City Attorney.

Commissioner Allen spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Allen and Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney.

Commissioner Schultz spoke.

Chair Gutierrez spoke.

Commissioner Lara spoke.

Vice Chair Eriksen spoke.

Commissioner Lara spoke.

Commissioner Covington spoke.

Johanna spoke.

Erik Garcia spoke.

Jamilet spoke.

Commissioner Batts spoke.

Commissioner Lara spoke.

Vice Chair Eriksen spoke.

Chair Gutierrez spoke.

Commissioner Covington spoke.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Eriksen, seconded by Commissioner Batts, to approve recommendation, as amended, to have two co-chairs, instead of Chair and Vice Chair of the Equity and Human Relations Commission. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Sharifa Batts, Christopher Covington, Lissette Flores, Jessica Gillette, Zoe Nicholson, Jon Schultz and Amy Eriksen

No: 2 - Cory Allen and Keyona Montgomery

Abstain: 3 - Trace Camacho, Eduardo Lara and Alyssa Gutierrez

Absent: 1 - Robbie Butler

A motion was made by Commissioner Schultz to elect Commissioner Lara for Chair of the Equity and Human Relations Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 11 - Cory Allen, Sharifa Batts, Trace Camacho, Christopher Covington, Lissette Flores, Jessica Gillette, Keyona Montgomery, Eduardo Lara, Jon Schultz, Amy Eriksen and Alyssa Gutierrez

Abstain: 1 - Zoe Nicholson

Absent: 1 - Robbie Butler

A motion was made by Vice Chair Eriksen to elect Commissioner Covington for Vice Chair of the Equity and Human Relations Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 12 - Cory Allen, Sharifa Batts, Trace Camacho, Christopher Covington, Lissette Flores, Jessica Gillette, Keyona Montgomery, Eduardo Lara, Zoe Nicholson, Jon Schultz, Amy Eriksen and Alyssa Gutierrez

Absent: 1 - Robbie Butler

3. [23-016HR](#)

Recommendation to discuss future meeting locations for the Equity and Human Relations Commission.

Tony Viramontes, Equity and Community Engagement Program Specialist, City Manager Department, spoke; and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Chair Gutierrez spoke.

Tony Viramontes, Equity and Community Engagement Program Specialist, City Manager Department, spoke.

Erik Garcia spoke.

Johanna spoke.

Jamilet spoke.

Vice Chair Eriksen spoke.

Commissioner Lara spoke.

Commissioner Allen spoke.

Tony Viramontes, Equity and Community Engagement Program Specialist, City Manager Department, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Allen and Tony Viramontes, Equity and Community Engagement Program Specialist, City Manager Department.

Commissioner Covington spoke.

Tony Viramontes, Equity and Community Engagement Program Specialist, City Manager Department, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Covington and Tony Viramontes, Equity and Community Engagement Program Specialist, City Manager Department.

Commissioner Schultz spoke.

Erik Maitland, Communications Specialist, Technology and Innovation, spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, and Erik Maitland, Communications Specialist, Technology and Innovation, spoke.

Commissioner Schultz spoke.

Erik Maitland, Communications Specialist, Technology and Innovation, spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Schultz spoke.

Erik Maitland, Communications Specialist, Technology and Innovation, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Schultz and Erik Maitland, Communications Specialist, Technology and Innovation.

Commissioner Gillette spoke.

Commissioner Camacho spoke.

Vice Chair Eriksen spoke.

Chair Gutierrez spoke.

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

Yes: 12 - Cory Allen, Sharifa Batts, Trace Camacho, Christopher Covington, Lissette Flores, Jessica Gillette, Keyona Montgomery, Eduardo Lara, Zoe Nicholson, Jon Schultz, Amy Eriksen and Alyssa Gutierrez

Absent: 1 - Robbie Butler

4. [23-022HR](#) Recommendation to discuss City Manger's process to send Equity and Human Relations Commission recommendations to City Council; and, if appropriate, take any necessary related actions regarding the same.

Alanah Grant, Equity Officer, City Manager Department, spoke; and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Jamilet spoke.

Eric Garcia spoke.

Johanna spoke.

Chair Gutierrez spoke.

Alanah Grant, Equity Officer, City Manager Department, spoke.

Chair Gutierrez spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Gutierrez and Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney.

Vice Chair Eriksen spoke.

Alanah Grant, Equity Officer, City Manager Department, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Eriksen and Alanah Grant, Equity Officer, City Manager Department.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Chair Eriksen spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Eriksen and Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney.

Chair Gutierrez spoke.

Alanah Grant, Equity Officer, City Manager Department, spoke.

Commissioner Camacho spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Camacho and Alanah Grant, Equity Officer, City Manager Department.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Camacho spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Camacho and Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney.

Commissioner Lara spoke.

Commissioner Nicholson spoke.

Commissioner Allen spoke.

Alanah Grant, Equity Officer, City Manager Department, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Allen and Alanah Grant, Equity Officer, City Manager Department.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Chair Gutierrez spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Gutierrez and Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney.

Commissioner Covington spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Chair Gutierrez spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Gutierrez and Taylor Anderson, Deputy

City Attorney.

Commissioner Allen spoke.

Vice Chair Eriksen spoke.

Chair Gutierrez spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Lara spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Lara and Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney.

Vice Chair Eriksen spoke.

Commissioner Allen spoke.

Chair Gutierrez spoke.

Vice Chair Eriksen spoke.

Commissioner Camacho spoke.

Chair Gutierrez spoke.

Johanna spoke.

A motion was made by Chair Gutierrez, seconded by Vice Chair Eriksen, to approve recommendation, as amended, to include in the Equity and Human Relations bylaws that staff transmits all Equity and Human Relations Commission recommendations to City Manager, a request that the recommendation is sent to City Council unaltered and within 30 days of the meeting in which the Commission made the recommendation; and that the Commission will work towards advocating for an amendment to Chapter 2.18 of the Long Beach Municipal Code to codify this request for all commissions in the City. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 12 - Cory Allen, Sharifa Batts, Trace Camacho, Christopher Covington, Lissette Flores, Jessica Gillette, Keyona Montgomery, Eduardo Lara, Zoe Nicholson, Jon Schultz, Amy Eriksen and Alyssa Gutierrez

Absent: 1 - Robbie Butler

5. [23-023HR](#) Recommendation to receive and file a report from current Ad Hoc Committees; discuss anticipated Ad Hoc Committees for upcoming projects; and, if appropriate, take action to dissolve or create Ad Hoc Committees.

This HR-Agenda Item was laid over.

6. [23-019HR](#) Recommendation to receive and file a monthly update from the Office of Equity.

This HR-Agenda Item was laid over.

PUBLIC COMMENT (6:03 PM)

There was no public comment.

CHAIR REMARKS (6:03 PM)

Chair Gutierrez provided opening remarks.

Commissioner Batts joined the meeting.

Vice Chair Eriksen provided opening remarks.

COMMISSIONER REMARKS (8:26 PM)

Chair Gutierrez spoke.

Alanah Grant, Equity Officer, City Manager Department, spoke.

Vice Chair Eriksen spoke.

ADJOURNMENT (8:27 PM)

At 8:27 PM, there being no objection, Chair Gutierrez adjourned the meeting.

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