

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

**MONDAY, MAY 9, 2022
411 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD
10TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, 4:00 PM**

Walter Larkins, Chair
Vivian Shimoyama, Vice Chair
Becky Blair, Commissioner
Blair Cohn, Commissioner
Milton Duena, Commissioner



Austin Metoyer, Commissioner
Griselda Suarez, Commissioner
John Thomas, Commissioner
Brenda Wunsch, Commissioner

**SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE PURSUANT TO AB 361
(GOV. CODE § 54953(e)(1)-(2))**

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Commissioners Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Griselda Suarez, John Thomas,

Present: Brenda Wunsch, Vivian Shimoyama and Walter Larkins

Commissioners Becky Blair and Austin Metoyer

Absent:

REGULAR MEETING - 4:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

REGULAR AGENDA

1. [22-037ED](#) Recommendation to approve the minutes for the meeting held April 18, 2022

Attachments: [Minutes418.pdf](#)

Commission Chair Larkins spoke

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

Yes: 7 - Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Griselda Suarez, John Thomas, Brenda Wunsch, Vivian Shimoyama and Walter Larkins

Absent: 2 - Becky Blair and Austin Metoyer

2. [22-038ED](#)

Recommendation to receive and file an update regarding Economic Development Department communications and outreach regarding economic support programs for the month of April 2022.

Attachments: [Monthly Communications Recap - April 2022.pdf](#)

Commission Chair Larkins spoke

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

Yes: 7 - Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Griselda Suarez, John Thomas, Brenda Wunsch, Vivian Shimoyama and Walter Larkins

Absent: 2 - Becky Blair and Austin Metoyer

3. [22-039ED](#)

Recommendation to receive and file a presentation from the Development Services Department's Ombudsman regarding how businesses and entrepreneurs are accessing and navigating the City's resources to start, manage and grow their business.

Commission Chair Larkins spoke

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

Yes: 7 - Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Griselda Suarez, John Thomas, Brenda Wunsch, Vivian Shimoyama and Walter Larkins

Absent: 2 - Becky Blair and Austin Metoyer

4. [22-040ED](#) Recommendation to conduct, receive, and file a study session with the Economic Development Commission and community leaders regarding recommended Implementation Plan activities and strategies for approval of Blueprint 2.0.

Attachments: [20220509 Blueprint 2.0 DRAFT.pdf](#)

Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Economic Development Deputy Director, Nick Schultz, spoke
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Dialogue ensued between Commission Vice-Chair Shimoyama and
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Commission Chair Larkins spoke

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

Yes: 5 - Blair Cohn, John Thomas, Brenda Wunsch, Vivian Shimoyama and Walter Larkins

No: 2 - Milton Duena and Griselda Suarez

Absent: 2 - Becky Blair and Austin Metoyer

5. [22-041ED](#) Recommendation to receive and file Commissioner recommendations for future agenda items, speakers, and presentations.

Commission Chair Larkins spoke

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

Yes: 7 - Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Griselda Suarez, John Thomas, Brenda Wunsch, Vivian Shimoyama and Walter Larkins

Absent: 2 - Becky Blair and Austin Metoyer

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.

Economic Development Department's Ombudsman Bounds spoke

Commission Chair Larkins spoke

COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Next regular meeting: June 13, 2022 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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