

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

**MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023
411 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD
10TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, 4:00 PM**

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



Nima Novin, Commissioner
Jayro Sandoval, Commissioner
Robert Smith, Commissioner
Griselda Suarez, Commissioner
John Thomas, Commissioner
Brenda Wunsch, Commissioner

REGULAR MEETING - 4:00 P.M.

Commissioners Blair Cohn, Austin Metoyer, Nima Novin, Jayro Sandoval,
Present: Robert Smith, Griselda Suarez, Vivian Shimoyama and Walter
Larkins
Commissioners Milton Duena, John Thomas and Brenda Wunsch
Absent:

ROLL CALL

REGULAR AGENDA

[23-015ED](#) Recommendation to approve the minutes for the meeting held on
March 13, 2023.

Attachments: [Minutes 3132023.pdf](#)

Commission Vice-Chair Shimoyama spoke

**A motion was made by to approve recommendation. The
motion carried by the following vote:**

Yes: 6 - Blair Cohn, Austin Metoyer, Nima Novin, Robert Smith,
Griselda Suarez and Vivian Shimoyama

Absent: 5 - Milton Duena, Jayro Sandoval, John Thomas, Brenda
Wunsch and Walter Larkins

[23-016ED](#) Recommendation to receive and file an update regarding Economic
Development Department communications and outreach regarding

economic support programs for the month of March 2023.

Commission Vice-Chair Shimoyama spoke
Economic Development Deputy Director, Nick Schultz, spoke

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

Yes: 6 - Blair Cohn, Austin Metoyer, Nima Novin, Robert Smith, Griselda Suarez and Vivian Shimoyama

Absent: 5 - Milton Duena, Jayro Sandoval, John Thomas, Brenda Wunsch and Walter Larkins

23-017ED

Recommendation to receive and file a presentation from Alanah Grant, Equity Officer for the City of Long Beach's Office of Equity, on the City's implementation of racial equity and inclusion initiatives

Commissioner Metoyer spoke
Commission Vice-Chair Shimoyama spoke
Alanah Grant, Equity Officer for the City of Long Beach's Office of Equity, provided a presentation
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commissioner Sandoval spoke
Commissioner Suarez spoke
Alanah Grant, Equity Officer for the City of Long Beach's Office of Equity, spoke
Dialogue ensued between, Commissioner Metoyer and Alanah Grant, Equity Officer for the City of Long Beach's Office of Equity
Commissioner Novin spoke
Alanah Grant, Equity Officer for the City of Long Beach's Office of Equity, spoke
Commission Vice-Chair Shimoyama spoke
Alanah Grant, Equity Officer for the City of Long Beach's Office of Equity, spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Alanah Grant, Equity Officer for the City of Long Beach's Office of Equity, spoke
Economic Development Deputy Director, Nick Schultz, spoke
Commission Vice-Chair Shimoyama spoke
Alanah Grant, Equity Officer for the City of Long Beach's Office of Equity, spoke

Commission Vice-Chair Shimoyama spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke

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

Yes: 8 - Blair Cohn, Austin Metoyer, Nima Novin, Jayro Sandoval, Robert Smith, Griselda Suarez, Vivian Shimoyama and Walter Larkins

Absent: 3 - Milton Duena, John Thomas and Brenda Wunsch

[23-018ED](#)

Recommendation to receive and file a presentation from Courtney Chatterson Acting Business Development Officer, Economic Development on the work accomplished and potential follow-up related to the North Pine St plan.

Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Courtney Chatterson , Acting Business Development Officer, Economic Development spoke
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Commissioner Metoyer spoke
Commissioner Sandoval spoke
Courtney Chatterson , Acting Business Development Officer, Economic Development spoke
Commission Vice-Chair Shimoyama spoke
Courtney Chatterson , Acting Business Development Officer, Economic Development spoke
Commissioner Suarez spoke
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Commission Vice-Chair Shimoyama spoke
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Courtney Chatterson, Acting Business Development Officer, Economic Development spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commissioner Sandoval spoke
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Commissioner Sandoval spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commissioner Suarez spoke

Courtney Chatterson , Acting Business Development Officer, Economic Development spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
DLBA associate Cameron spoke
Courtney Chatterson , Acting Business Development Officer, Economic Development spoke
Commissioner Sandoval spoke
Economic Development Deputy Director, Nick Schultz, spoke
Commission Vice-Chair Shimoyama spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Courtney Chatterson , Acting Business Development Officer, Economic Development spoke

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

Yes: 8 - Blair Cohn, Austin Metoyer, Nima Novin, Jayro Sandoval, Robert Smith, Griselda Suarez, Vivian Shimoyama and Walter Larkins

Absent: 3 - Milton Duena, John Thomas and Brenda Wunsch

[23-019ED](#)

Recommendation to receive and file Commissioner recommendations for future agenda items, speakers, and presentations.

Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commissioner Metoyer spoke
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Commissioner Suarez spoke

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

Yes: 8 - Blair Cohn, Austin Metoyer, Nima Novin, Jayro Sandoval, Robert Smith, Griselda Suarez, Vivian Shimoyama and Walter Larkins

Absent: 3 - Milton Duena, John Thomas and Brenda Wunsch

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

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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