

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

**MONDAY, APRIL 12, 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



Leah Goold-Haws, Commissioner
Austin Metoyer, Commissioner
John Shen, Commissioner
Vivian Shimoyama, Commissioner
John Thomas, Commissioner
Brenda Wunsch, Commissioner

**SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE PURSUANT TO
EXECUTIVE ORDER N-25-20 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, Brenda Wunsch,
Jessica Schumer and Walter Larkins

Commissioners Leah Goold-Haws
Absent:

REGULAR MEETING - 4:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

REGULAR AGENDA

1. [21-019ED](#) Recommendation to approve the minutes for the meeting held March 8, 2021.

Attachments: [Minutes EDC 0308.pdf](#)

Commission Chair Larkins spoke

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

Yes: 10 - Becky Blair, Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Austin Metoyer, John Shen, Vivian Shimoyama, John Thomas, Brenda Wunsch, Jessica Schumer and Walter Larkins

Absent: 1 - Leah Goold-Haws

2. [21-022ED](#) Recommendation to receive and file a presentation from City of Long Beach [Deputy Director of Technology & Innovation Cason Lee](#) regarding the Citywide Fiber Network Infrastructure Initiative.

Commission Chair Larkins spoke

City of Long Beach Deputy Director of Technology & Innovation Cason Lee provided a presentation

Commission Chair Larkins spoke

Commissioner Cohn spoke

City of Long Beach Deputy Director of Technology & Innovation Cason Lee spoke

Commission Chair Larkins spoke

Commissioner Duena spoke

City of Long Beach Deputy Director of Technology & Innovation Cason Lee spoke

Commission Chair Larkins spoke

Commissioner Thomas spoke

City of Long Beach Deputy Director of Technology & Innovation Cason Lee 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: 10 - Becky Blair, Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Austin Metoyer, John Shen, Vivian Shimoyama, John Thomas, Brenda Wunsch, Jessica Schumer and Walter Larkins

Absent: 1 - Leah Goold-Haws

3. [21-023ED](#) Recommendation to receive and file a presentation from City of Long Beach Economic & Digital Inclusion Program Manager Rebecca Kauma regarding the Digital Inclusion Programs delivered as part of the CARES Act.

Commission Chair Larkins spoke
City of Long Beach Economic & Digital Inclusion Program Manager Rebecca Kauma provided a presentation
Commission Chair Larkins spoke

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

Yes: 10 - Becky Blair, Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Austin Metoyer, John Shen, Vivian Shimoyama, John Thomas, Brenda Wunsch, Jessica Schumer and Walter Larkins

Absent: 1 - Leah Goold-Haws

4. [21-026ED](#) Recommendation to receive and file a presentation from Larry Best Neighborhood Transformation Director at the California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF) regarding the 2021 Statewide Survey on Broadband Adoption.

Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Larry Best Neighborhood Transformation Director at the California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF), provided a presentation
Commission Chair Larkins spoke

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

Yes: 10 - Becky Blair, Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Austin Metoyer, John Shen, Vivian Shimoyama, John Thomas, Brenda Wunsch, Jessica Schumer and Walter Larkins

Absent: 1 - Leah Goold-Haws

5. [21-024ED](#)

Recommendation to conduct, receive, and file a study session with local business leaders and Internet Service Providers (ISP) regarding the Digital Inclusion Focus Area of the Blueprint for Economic Development and the challenges, opportunities, and recommended strategies to promote connectivity for all households, businesses, and workers in the City of Long Beach.

Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commission Vice-Chair Schumer spoke
Michael Flood, SVP &GM. Kajeet Education spoke
Commission Vice-Chair Schumer spoke
Jesus Roman VP Government Relations, Verizon, spoke
Commission Vice-Chair Schumer spoke
Alicia Berhow, Director Government Relations Charter Communications, spoke
Commission Vice-Chair Schumer spoke
Tyler Gentry, External Relations for T-Mobile spoke
Commission Vice-Chair Schumer spoke
Commissioner Thomas spoke
Commission Vice-Chair Schumer spoke
Commissioner Duena spoke
Commission Vice-Chair Schumer spoke
Jesus Roman VP Government Relations, Verizon, spoke
Commission Vice-Chair Schumer spoke
Tyler Gentry, External Relations for T-Mobile spoke
Commission Vice-Chair Schumer spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Brian Jackson, LBUSD, Administrator, Technology Support Services
Vanitha Chandrasekhar, LBUSD spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Chris Mitchell, Institute for Self Reliance spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke

Bill Allen, LAEDC spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Chris Cagle So Bay Regional Affairs Manager, spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Mark Guillen, Regional Manager Public Affairs, Crown Castle, spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commissioner Duena spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke

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

Yes: 10 - Becky Blair, Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Austin Metoyer, John Shen, Vivian Shimoyama, John Thomas, Brenda Wunsch, Jessica Schumer and Walter Larkins

Absent: 1 - Leah Goold-Haws

6. [21-021ED](#) Recommendation to receive and file an update regarding the Long Beach Recovery Act Strategy approved by the Long Beach City Council on March 16, 2021.

Commission Chair Larkins spoke

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

Yes: 10 - Becky Blair, Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Austin Metoyer, John Shen, Vivian Shimoyama, John Thomas, Brenda Wunsch, Jessica Schumer and Walter Larkins

Absent: 1 - Leah Goold-Haws

7. [21-020ED](#) Recommendation to receive and file an update regarding Economic Development Department communications and outreach regarding economic support programs for the month of March 2021

Attachments: [20210412 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 Metoyer, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 10 - Becky Blair, Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Austin Metoyer, John Shen, Vivian Shimoyama, John Thomas, Brenda Wunsch, Jessica Schumer and Walter Larkins

Absent: 1 - Leah Goold-Haws

8. [21-025ED](#) 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 Metoyer, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 10 - Becky Blair, Blair Cohn, Milton Duena, Austin Metoyer, John Shen, Vivian Shimoyama, John Thomas, Brenda Wunsch, Jessica Schumer and Walter Larkins

Absent: 1 - Leah Goold-Haws

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.

Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Jacob O'Donnell, Field Rep for Senator Lena Gonzalez, spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Tod Sword, Economic Development Consultant Southern California Edison spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke

COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Next regular meeting: May 10, 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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