

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
ETHICS COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2021
411 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD
CIVIC CHAMBERS, 3:00 PM**

Susan Wise, Chair
Margo Morales, Vice Chair
Lani De Benedictis, Commissioner
Luke Fiedler, Commissioner



Kimmy Maniquis, Commissioner
Barbara A. Pollack, Commissioner
J. P. Shotwell, Commissioner

FINISHED AGENDA & MINUTES

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

CALL TO ORDER (3:08 PM)

At 3:08 PM, Chair Wise called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (3:08 PM)

Commissioners Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, Barbara Pollack, J. P.

Present: Shotwell, Margo Morales and Susan Wise

Commissioners Kimmy Maniquis

Absent:

Also present: Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager; Julian Cernuda, Special Projects Officer; Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney; Pablo Rubio, Sr. City Clerk Analyst; Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst.

Chair Wise provided opening remarks.

REGULAR AGENDA (3:09 PM)

1. [21-054EC](#) Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Ethics Commission Regular Meeting on Wednesday, July 14, 2021.

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

Yes: 6 - Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, Barbara Pollack, J. P. Shotwell, Margo Morales and Susan Wise

Absent: 1 - Kimmy Maniquis

2. [21-055EC](#)

Recommendation to approve changes to the Code of Conduct and Ethics; and if appropriate, forward the document to the City's labor organizations.

Julian Cernuda, Special Projects Officer, spoke; and presented the staff report.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Special Projects Officer, spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

A dialogue ensued among Vice Chair Morales, Commissioner Shotwell, Commissioner De Benedictis, and Commissioner Pollack.

Chair Wise spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Special Projects Officer, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Shotwell and Julian Cernuda, Special Projects Officer.

Chair Wise spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Morales and Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Commissioner Fiedler spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Commissioner Fiedler spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Special Projects Officer, spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Morales and Commissioner Shotwell.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Special Projects Officer, spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pollack, seconded by Commissioner De Benedictis, to approve recommendation, as amended, to approve changes to the Code of Conduct and Ethics, as amended with corrections read into the record; and forward the document to the City's labor organizations. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, Barbara Pollack, J. P. Shotwell, Margo Morales and Susan Wise

Absent: 1 - Kimmy Maniquis

3. [21-056EC](#)

Recommendation to consider, and if appropriate, adopt a revised policy governing campaign contributions by Ethics Commissioners; and receive and file a report on peer cities' policy benchmarking.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke; and presented the staff report.

Chair Wise spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Shotwell and Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Wise and Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Morales, seconded by Commissioner De Benedictis, to approve recommendation and adopt Resolution No. E.C. 01-2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, Barbara Pollack, J. P. Shotwell, Margo Morales and Susan Wise

Absent: 1 - Kimmy Maniquis

Enactment No: E.C. 01-2021

4. [21-049EC](#)

Recommendation to receive and file a presentation on an overview of the 2022 City of Long Beach Election; and provide recommendations on the City's Election Beginner's Guide and Campaign Ethics Guide.

Allison Bunma, Assistant City Clerk, spoke; and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst, spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Allison Bunma, Assistant City Clerk, spoke.

Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst, spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Morales and Commissioner Pollack.

Allison Bunma, Assistant City Clerk, spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst, spoke.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst, spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Wise and Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Pollack and Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst.

Chair Wise spoke.

Allison Bunma, Assistant City Clerk, spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Special Projects Officer, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Wise and Julian Cernuda, Special Projects Officer.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Allison Bunma, Assistant City Clerk, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Morales and Julian Cernuda, Special Projects Officer.

Phillip McGowan, City Clerk Specialist, spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst, spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst, spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Allison Bunma, Assistant City Clerk, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Wise, Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, and Allison Bunma, Assistant City Clerk.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Allison Bunma, Assistant City Clerk, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Morales and Allison Bunma, Assistant City Clerk.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Phillip McGowan, City Clerk Specialist, spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Allison Bunma, Assistant City Clerk, spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue among Vice Chair Morales, Allison Bunma, Assistant City Clerk, and Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney.

Phillip McGowan, City Clerk Specialist, spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Wise and Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney.

Phillip McGowan, City Clerk Specialist, spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Wise and Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Allison Bunma, Assistant City Clerk, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Wise and Allison Bunma, Assistant City Clerk.

A motion was made by Commissioner De Benedictis, seconded by Commissioner Fiedler, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, Barbara Pollack, J. P. Shotwell, Margo Morales and Susan Wise

Absent: 1 - Kimmy Maniquis

5. [21-037EC](#)

Recommendation to receive and file a presentation on the Action Plan deliverables timeline and the process for Ad Hoc Committee communications with staff; and if appropriate, to adopt such a process.

Julian Cernuda, Special Projects Officer, spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Pollack and Julian Cernuda, Special Projects Officer.

Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Special Projects Officer, spoke; and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke; and continued the PowerPoint presentation.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Special Projects Officer, spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Special Projects Officer, spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Shotwell and Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager.

Chair Wise spoke.

Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Wise and Rebecca Garner,

Administrative Deputy City Manager.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Morales, seconded by Commissioner Pollack, to receive and file. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, Barbara Pollack, J. P. Shotwell, Margo Morales and Susan Wise

Absent: 1 - Kimmy Maniquis

6. [21-052EC](#)

Recommendation to receive and file reports from the Ad Hoc Committees.

Commissioner Fiedler spoke; and presented a report.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Pollack and Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner De Benedictis and Commissioner Pollack.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Morales and Commissioner

Shotwell.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Wise and Commissioner Pollack.

Commissioner Fiedler spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke; and presented a report.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

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

Yes: 6 - Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, Barbara Pollack, J. P. Shotwell, Margo Morales and Susan Wise

7. [21-057EC](#)

Recommendation to receive and file an update on the Ethics Commission Intern recruitment process.

Chair Wise spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Special Projects Officer, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Wise and Julian Cernuda, Special Projects Officer.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

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

Yes: 6 - Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, Barbara Pollack, J. P. Shotwell, Margo Morales and Susan Wise

Absent: 1 - Kimmy Maniquis

8. [21-058EC](#)

Recommendation to receive and file a report on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Budget process.

Chair Wise spoke.

Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Morales spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Special Projects Officer, spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Rebecca Garner, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Morales and Commissioner Shotwell.

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

Yes: 6 - Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, Barbara Pollack, J. P. Shotwell, Margo Morales and Susan Wise

Absent: 1 - Kimmy Maniquis

9. [21-059EC](#) eComments and emails received for the Ethics Commission meeting of Wednesday, August 11, 2021.

This EC-Agenda Item was received and filed.

PUBLIC COMMENT (6:04 PM)

No members of the public addressed the Commission.

ETHICS COMMISSION STAFF COMMENTS (6:04 PM)

Julian Cernuda, Special Projects Officer, spoke.

REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS (6:04 PM)

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

ADJOURNMENT (6:05 PM)

At 6:05 PM, there being no objection, Chair Wise declared the meeting adjourned.

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