

**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
ETHICS COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2022  
TELECONFERENCE, 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

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**FINISHED AGENDA & MINUTES**

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

**CALL TO ORDER (3:06 PM)**

At 3:06 PM, Chair Wise called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL (3:06 PM)**

**Commissioners** Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, Kimmy Maniquis, Barbara  
**Present:** Pollack, J. P. Shotwell, Margo Morales and Susan Wise

Also present: April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager; Julian Cernuda, Special Projects Officer; Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney; Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst.

Chair Wise provided opening remarks.

**REGULAR AGENDA (3:07 PM)**

1. [22-001EC](#) Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Ethics Commission Regular Meeting on Wednesday, December 8, 2021.

Chair Wise spoke.

Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst, spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Morales, seconded by Commissioner Pollack, to approve recommendation, as amended, to include a formal thank you to the Ethics Capstone Team for their efforts in producing a report in the Agenda Item No. 3 motion. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Lani De Benedictis, Barbara Pollack, J. P. Shotwell, Margo Morales and Susan Wise

**Abstain:** 2 - Luke Fiedler and Kimmy Maniquis

2. [22-002EC](#)

Recommendation to receive and file an update on the Action Plan.

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

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Special Projects Officer, spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

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

**Yes:** 7 - Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, Kimmy Maniquis, Barbara Pollack, J. P. Shotwell, Margo Morales and Susan Wise

3. [22-003EC](#)

Recommendation to receive and file an update on the Code of Conduct.

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

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

**Yes:** 7 - Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, Kimmy Maniquis, Barbara Pollack, J. P. Shotwell, Margo Morales and Susan Wise

4. [22-004EC](#)

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

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

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

A discussion ensued between Chair Wise and April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

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April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Commissioner Maniquis spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Wise and April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager.

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

**Yes:** 7 - Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, Kimmy Maniquis, Barbara Pollack, J. P. Shotwell, Margo Morales and Susan Wise

5. [21-080EC](#)

Recommendation to conduct a study session on the ethics education program report by the Ethics Capstone Team.

Chair Wise spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Special Projects Officer, spoke.

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

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Wise and Commissioner Pollack.

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Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

April Walker, Administrative City Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst, spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Wise and April Walker, Administrative Deputy City Manager.

**This EC-Agenda Item was received and filed.**

6. [22-005EC](#)

Recommendation to conduct a study session on next steps to implement recommendations from the Capstone Team Report.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

**This EC-Agenda Item was received and filed.**

7. [21-077EC](#)

Recommendation to receive and file a discussion on the Ad Hoc Committees structure; and take any necessary related action, including creating Ad Hoc Committees.

Chair Wise spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Special Projects Officer, spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Wise and Commissioner Pollack.

Julian Cernuda, Special Projects Officer, spoke.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Special Projects Officer, spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner De Benedictis and Commissioner Shotwell.

Chair Wise spoke.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Special Projects Officer, spoke.

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

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

Commissioner Fiedler spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst, spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Commissioner Maniquis spoke.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Special Projects Officer, spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

**A motion was made by Chair Wise, seconded by Commissioner Pollack, to approve recommendation, as amended, to establish two Ad Hoc Committees for one month to create reports on deliverables to add to the Action Plan based on the Ethics Capstone Team recommendations: [1] Communications and Outreach Ad Hoc Committee whose members are Commissioner Shotwell, Vice Chair Morales, and Commissioner Maniquis and [2] Education and Training Ad Hoc Committee whose members are Commissioner Fiedler, Commissioner De Benedictis, and Commissioner Pollack. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, Kimmy Maniquis, Barbara Pollack, J. P. Shotwell, Margo Morales and Susan Wise

8. [22-006EC](#)

Recommendation to request the Chair and Vice Chair to prepare an annual report with the assistance of City staff for transmission to City Elected Officials and the media on the Ethics Commission activities for 2021.



Chair Wise spoke.

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

**Yes:** 7 - Lani De Benedictis, Luke Fiedler, Kimmy Maniquis, Barbara Pollack, J. P. Shotwell, Margo Morales and Susan Wise

9. [22-007EC](#) eComments and emails received for the Ethics Commission meeting of Wednesday, January 12, 2022.

**This EC-Agenda Item was received and filed.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT (5:08 PM)**

No members of the public addressed the Commission.

Chair Wise spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst, spoke.

Commissioner Pollack spoke.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS (5:11 PM)**

Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst, spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Special Projects Officer, spoke.

Vice Chair Morales spoke.

Jonathan Nagayama, City Clerk Analyst, spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Julian Cernuda, Special Projects Officer, spoke.

Chair Wise spoke.

Taylor Anderson, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

**ADJOURNMENT (5:15 PM)**

At 5:15 PM, there being no objection, Chair Wise declared the meeting adjourned.

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