

Barbara A. Pollack, Chair
Chief Coleman, Vice Chair
Raul Añorve, Commissioner
Lani De Benedictis, Commissioner



Margo Morales, Commissioner
J. P. Shotwell, Commissioner
Susan Wise, Commissioner

FINISHED AGENDA & DRAFT MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

At 2:11 PM, Chair Pollack called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Añorve, De Benedictis, Morales, Shotwell, Wise, Coleman, Pollack

Also present: Tyler Bonanno-Curley, Deputy City Manager, Heather Van Wijk, Ethics Officer, Jorge Godinez, Assistant to the City Manager, Anita Lakhani, Deputy City Attorney, Phillip McGowan, City Clerk Specialist.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. 25-54937 Recommendation to approve the minutes for the Ethics Commission meeting of Wednesday, March 12, 2025.

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

Yes: 6 De Benedictis, Morales, Shotwell, Wise, Coleman, Pollack
No: 0 None
Recused: 0 None
Abstain: 0 None
Absent: 1 Añorve

2. 25-54938 Recommendation to receive and file a presentation, and if necessary, provide feedback and approve the customized Framework for Ethical Decision Making for the City of Long Beach provided by Markkula Center for Applied Ethics.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shotwell, seconded by Commissioner Morales, to approve recommendation, as amended, to receive and file a presentation, provide feedback on the Framework for the Ethical Decision

Making for the City of Long Beach, provided by Markkula Center for Applied Ethics. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 Añorve, De Benedictis, Morales, Shotwell, Wise, Coleman, Pollack
No: 0 None
Recused: 0 None
Abstain: 0 None
Absent: 0 None

Chair Pollack spoke.

John Pelissero, Director of Government Ethics, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, spoke.

Ann Skeet, Senior Director of Leadership Ethics, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, spoke; and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Ann Skeet, Senior Director of Leadership Ethics, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, spoke; and continued the PowerPoint presentation.

John Pelissero, Director of Government Ethics, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, spoke.

A dialogue ensued among Commissioner Shotwell, Ann Skeet, Senior Director of Leadership Ethics, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, and John Pelissero, Director of Government Ethics, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics.

Chair Pollack spoke.

Ann Skeet, Senior Director of Leadership Ethics, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, spoke; and continued the PowerPoint presentation.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Ann Skeet, Senior Director of Leadership Ethics, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, spoke.

John Pelissero, Director of Government Ethics, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, spoke.

Ann Skeet, Senior Director of Leadership Ethics, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, spoke; and continued the PowerPoint presentation.

Chair Pollack spoke.

Ann Skeet, Senior Director of Leadership Ethics, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, spoke.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner De Benedictis and Ann Skeet, Senior Director of Leadership Ethics, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics.

Commissioner Wise spoke.

Ann Skeet, Senior Director of Leadership Ethics, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, spoke.

John Pelissero, Director of Government Ethics, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, spoke.

Ann Skeet, Senior Director of Leadership Ethics, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, spoke; and continued the PowerPoint presentation.

Vice Chair Coleman spoke.

Commissioner Morales spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Ann Skeet, Senior Director of Leadership Ethics, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Morales and Ann Skeet, Senior Director of Leadership Ethics, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics.

Heather Van Wijk, Ethics Officer, spoke.

Ann Skeet, Senior Director of Leadership Ethics, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, spoke; and continued the PowerPoint presentation.

Commissioner Añorve joined the meeting.

Jorge Godinez, Assistant to the City Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Shotwell and Jorge Godinez, Assistant

to the City Manager.

Chair Pollack spoke.

Heather Van Wijk, Ethics Officer, spoke.

Commissioner Wise spoke.

A dialogue ensued among Chair Pollack, Commissioner Wise and Heather Van Wijk, Ethics Officer.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

Ann Skeet, Senior Director of Leadership Ethics, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, spoke.

Commissioner Wise spoke.

Heather Van Wijk, Ethics Officer, spoke.

John Pelissero, Director of Government Ethics, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Ann Skeet, Senior Director of Leadership Ethics, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, spoke; and continued the PowerPoint presentation.

Commissioner Añorve spoke.

Ann Skeet, Senior Director of Leadership Ethics, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

John Pelissero, Director of Government Ethics, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, spoke; and continued the PowerPoint presentation.

Commissioner Morales spoke.

Chair Pollack spoke.

A dialogue ensued among Chair Pollack, Commissioner Morales, and John Pelissero, Director of Government Ethics, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics.

Commissioner Wise spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Ann Skeet, Senior Director of Leadership Ethics, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, spoke.

John Pelissero, Director of Government Ethics, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, spoke; and continued the PowerPoint presentation.

Commissioner Morales spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

John Pelissero, Director of Government Ethics, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, spoke.

Ann Skeet, Senior Director of Leadership Ethics, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, spoke; and continued the PowerPoint presentation.

Commissioner Morales spoke.

Chair Pollack spoke.

Heather Van Wijk, Ethics Officer, spoke.

A dialogue ensued among Chair Pollack, Commissioner Morales and Heather Van Wijk, Ethics Officer.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Vice Chair Coleman spoke.

Unidentified person spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Chair Pollack spoke.

3. 25-54939 Recommendation to create an Ad Hoc on Public Service Announcements during election cycle.

A motion was made by Commissioner Morales, seconded by Commissioner Wise, to approve recommendation, as amended, to refer Public Service announcements to the Office of Ethics and Transparency staff and request a

report back to the Ethics Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 Añorve, De Benedictis, Morales, Shotwell, Wise, Coleman, Pollack
No: 0 None
Recused: 0 None
Abstain: 0 None
Absent: 0 None

Chair Pollack spoke.

Commissioner Morales spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Pollack and Commissioner Morales.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

Vice Chair Coleman spoke.

Commissioner Morales spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Coleman and Commissioner Morales.

Anita Lakhani, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Añorve spoke.

Chair Pollack spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Pollack and Commissioner Añorve.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

Commissioner Morales spoke.

Heather Van Wijk, Ethics Officer, spoke.

A dialogue ensued among Commissioner Morales, Commissioner De Benedictis, and Heather Van Wijk, Ethics Officer.

Chair Pollack spoke.

Heather Van Wijk, Ethics Officer, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Pollack and Heather Van Wijk, Ethics Officer.

Anita Lakhani, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner Morales spoke.

Commissioner Wise spoke.

4. 25-54940 Recommendation to receive and file the final report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Commission Responsibilities.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shotwell, seconded by Commissioner Morales, to approve recommendation, as amended, that the item be continued to next month. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 Añorve, De Benedictis, Morales, Shotwell, Wise, Coleman, Pollack
No: 0 None
Recused: 0 None
Abstain: 0 None
Absent: 0 None

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Chair Pollack spoke.

Commissioner Morales spoke.

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

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

Vice Chair Coleman spoke.

Commissioner Añorve spoke.

Commissioner Morales spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Añorve and Commissioner Morales.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Commissioner Añorve spoke.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Añorve, Commissioner De Benedictis, and Commissioner Shotwell.

Commissioner Morales spoke.

Commissioner Añorve spoke.

Commissioner Wise spoke.

Chair Pollack spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

A dialogue ensued among Chair Pollack, Commissioner Shotwell, and Commissioner Wise.

Commissioner Morales spoke.

Commissioner Wise spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Chair Pollack spoke.

Vice Chair Coleman spoke.

Commissioner De Benedictis spoke.

Chair Pollack spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Pollack and Commissioner De Benedictis.

Commissioner Añorve spoke.

Commissioner Morales spoke.

Commissioner Shotwell spoke.

Chair Pollack spoke.

Commissioner Wise spoke.

5. 25-54941 Recommendation to discuss anticipated Ad Hoc Committees for upcoming projects; and, if appropriate, take action to dissolve, create or reauthorize Ad Hoc Committees.

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

Yes: 7 Añorve, De Benedictis, Morales, Shotwell, Wise, Coleman, Pollack
No: 0 None
Recused: 0 None
Abstain: 0 None
Absent: 0 None

6. 25-54942 Recommendation to receive and file a monthly update from the Ethics Officer.

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

Yes: 7 Añorve, De Benedictis, Morales, Shotwell, Wise, Coleman, Pollack
No: 0 None
Recused: 0 None
Abstain: 0 None
Absent: 0 None

Heather Van Wijk, Ethics Officer, spoke; and provided a staff report.

Commissioner Morales spoke.

Phillip McGowan, City Clerk Specialist, spoke.

Heather Van Wijk, Ethics Officer, spoke.

Commissioner Wise spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Wise and Heather Van Wijk, Ethics Officer.

7. 25-54943 Recommendation to discuss potential agenda items for future Commission meetings.

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

Yes: 7 Añorve, De Benedictis, Morales, Shotwell, Wise, Coleman, Pollack
No: 0 None

Recused: 0 None
Abstain: 0 None
Absent: 0 None

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no Online Public Comments and non-agenda public comment emails received.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Pollack spoke.

Heather Van Wijk, Ethics Officer, spoke.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:51 PM, there being no objection, Chair Pollack declared the meeting adjourned.

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