



**DOWNTOWN
LONG BEACH
ALLIANCE**

2019-20 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 3, 2019

8 AM

Studio One Eleven

235 East Third Street Long Beach, CA 90802

Voting Present: Laurie gray, Alan Pullman, Debra Fixen, Alan Burks, Graham Gill, Debra Johnson, Sam Pierzina, Ryan Altoon, Johanna Cunningham, Silvano Merlo, Sheva Hosseinzadeh, Bob Kelton, Allison Kripp, Tony Shooshani, Loara Cadavona, Denise Carter, Pat Welch

Voting Absent: Jeremy Schott, John Keisler

Non-Voting Present: Griselda Suarez, Cameron Andrews, Alishia Holmes-Watson, Scot Apel, Patty Wirth

Non-Voting Absent: Jeremy Harris Diane Arnold, Don Darnauer, Nick Edwards, Councilmember Pearce

DLBA Staff: Kraig Kojian, Broc Coward, Austin Metoyer, Christine Haddeman, Steve Be Cotte, Mo Mills, Nalysia Tea, Cherisse evans, Mariah Hoffman, Monica Morrill

Guests: Amy Webber-City Attorney's Office, Abram Yap- LBPD, Seyed Jalali – City of Long Beach

1. CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS – Silvano Merlo, Chair
Meeting Presentation: Meeting called to order at 8:15 AM.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 2 and 3)

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are to be considered routine by the Board and will all be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless the Chair, Board Members or the President and CEO request specific items be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar for separate action.

2. SECRETARY REPORT: [Minutes from August 21, 2019 Meeting](#)
3. FINANCIAL REPORT: [Year-To-Date Financials through August 31, 2019](#)

ACTION: Approve Consent Calendar Items

MOTION: 1st: Cunningham. 2nd: Shooshani.

VOTE: None opposed, no abstentions. Motion carries.

REGULAR AGENDA (Items 4 - 9)

4. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT- Merlo
 - A. Outgoing Remarks – Tony Shooshani – Past Chair
 - B. Incoming Remarks – Merlo
 - C. **Presentation** - Form 700, Conflict of Interest, Brown Act, & Public Information Act – Amy Webber, Deputy City Attorney
 - D. President & CEO Annual Evaluation
 - Merlo reported that the Executive Committee has performed the President and CEO annual evaluation and it is available for anyone that would like to review.
 - E. Elect 2019-20 Executive Committee
 - i. **ACTION:** Approve by acclamation Alan Pullman to serve as Chair-elect for one-year term, expiring September 30, 2020.
MOTION: 1ST: Shooshani. 2nd: Altoon.
VOTE: None opposed, no abstentions. Motion carries.

- ii. **ACTION: Approve by acclamation Ryan Altoon, Loara Cadavona, Debra Fixen, Debra Johnson, Allison Kripp to serve on the DLBA Executive Committee for one-year term, expiring September 30, 2020.**

MOTION: 1st: Lemmis. 2nd: Cunningham.

VOTE: None opposed, no abstentions. Motion carries.

F. Board Seat Vacancy

- i. First Council District Residential Representative (Voting Director, appointment)
 - Kojian mentioned that this seat will be filled by appointment by the Executive Committee.
- ii. LBCC designee (Non-voting Advisor)
 - The President of the college would appoint a designee to fill this seat. Action item (5A) recommends the amendment of the designation to LBCC.

5. PRESIDENT AND CEO REPORT – Kraig Kojian

- This seat has been vacant for 4-5 years. At this time, the college has been unable to assign a designee. There have been changes in leadership and conflicts in schedules. Rather than keep the seat vacant, by eliminating the designation to LBCC, the Executive Committee can appoint an advisor to fill the seat. This does not exclude LBCC from filling the seat but opens it up to other entities or individuals who are willing to serve.
- A. **ACTION ITEM: Amend Bylaw Section 8.5, section (f) to dissolve the dedicated advisor appointment for Long Beach City College, creating an opening for a sixth Advisor seat to be selected by the Executive Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.**
MOTION: 1ST: Pullman. 2nd: Altoon.
VOTE: None opposed, no abstentions. Motion carries.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- Kojian provided an update from the Executive Committee Special meeting which was called to consider a proposal presented by Beacon Economics, to conduct a peer review of the Keyser Marston Associates (KMA) report, commissioned by the City on inclusionary housing. The Beacon report should be delivered in the next 30 days, the results will be reviewed at the next Executive Committee meeting on November 7. City staff has agreed to delay their review of the KMA report so that it may also consider Beacon Economics findings before bringing this back to Planning Commission. With the results of their study, Beacon will also formulate recommendations for a feasible inclusionary housing policy.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- Merlo announced the upcoming 4th Annual Under the Toque event, which has raised approximately \$250,000 in the past for Mental Health America (MHA).
- LBPD ramping up for the Democratic Convention in November.
- Kripp announced the 20th anniversary of the Multi-Service Center. All are invited to attend take a tour of the facility.
- Shooshani announced at the Monday Night Market on the Promenade will offer yoga sessions.
- Evans mentioned that the DLBA Board election process has re-opened for the 2020-21 Board of Directors. Applications can be found on the DLBA website.
- Suarez mentioned October Arts Month: State of the Arts and Unfiltered Photo Contest.
- Carter and Kripp discussed the highlights of the Social Service Symposium they attended in Minneapolis.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS (three minutes on all non-agenda items)

9. ADJOURNMENT –

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 AM.

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING:

December TBD - to be scheduled in conjunction with annual Holiday Reception

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