



**DOWNTOWN
LONG BEACH
ALLIANCE**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, February 15, 2022
8 AM**

The virtual portion of this meeting is being held pursuant to Assembly Bill 361.

In-Person

Studio One Eleven Conference Room
245 E Third St
Long Beach, CA 90802
OR

Join Zoom Meeting

**Meeting ID: 868 2919 1474
Passcode: 989883**

Voting Present: Monica Garrett, John Tully, Alan Burks, Rhonda Love, Cheryl Roberts, Mike Gold, Sam Pierzina, Sheva Hosseinzadeh, Denise Carter, Loara Cadavona, Amy Chambers, Ashley Chiddick, Isidro Panuco, Michael Vitug

Voting Absent: Laurie Gray, Graham Gill, Jimmy Spicer, Sean Rawson, Eric Lopez, Shane Young

Non-Voting Present: Council District 1, Council District 2, Griselda Suarez, Cameron Andrews, Jane Gould, Don Darnauer,

Non-Voting Absent: Jeremy Harris, Scott Apel, Diane Arnold

DLBA Staff: Austin Metoyer, Jeremy Ancalade, Kelsey Mader, Amanda Barrera, Asia Morris, Stephanie El Tawil, Juan Torres, Stephanie Gonzalez, Justine Nevarez

Guests: Christopher Koontz, Development Services; Karl Wiegelman, Development Services, Alcira Dominguez, Economic Development; Jason Ruiz, Long Beach Post

1. CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS – Denise Carter
[Meeting presentation](#). Called to order at 8:06 AM.

2. SECRETARY REPORT: [Minutes from December 8, 2022, Meeting](#)

3. FINANCIAL REPORT: [Year-To-Date Financials through December 2022](#)

ACTION: Approve Consent Calendar Items

MOTION: 1st: Gold; 2nd’: Pierzina

VOTE: None opposed. No abstentions. Garrett, Cadavona, and Chambers not present for vote. Motion passes.

4. TIME CERTAIN 8:15 AM

Update from City of Long Beach Development Services
Christopher Koontz, Director of Development Services

- Koontz provided a brief overview of the City’s Development Services Department, explaining that its general focus is on what can be built where, and how it can be done safely.
- Pierzina and Koontz discussed the affordable housing program and the first-time homebuyer program.
- Koontz added that Development Services is spending more time in the City and Downtown to see what is going on and where attention is needed.
- Burks and Koontz discussed the shift back to preservation work in regard to cultural heritage and history.
- Hosseinzadeh and Koontz discussed some of the changes being made to the new Downtown Plan. Walkability and retail are important, but ultimately flexibility is key for Downtown Long Beach.

5. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Debra Fixen

A. Governance Committee Report – Denise Carter

- Governance will meet later this month for its regularly scheduled meeting. Until then, one Board and two committee vacancies remain.
- i. Board Seat Vacancies
 - Advisory (1)
- ii. Committee Vacancies:
 - Public Safety (2)

6. PRESIDENT & CEO REPORT – Austin Metoyer

- Lynn Ward, Chief of Staff for Councilwoman Zendejas, provided updates for Council District I. Currently there are ongoing projects with Public Works, Development Services, and the Long Beach Police Department.
- Ward discussed some of the recent burglaries in the First Council District, particularly those in the East Village neighborhood. To help address this there will be increased police bicyclist presence as well as a mobile camera utilized by the Police Department.
- A. CPI & District Rate Adjustment
 - Metoyer reminded the Board of their responsibility to review and approve an annual district rate assessment adjustment for both the Property-Based Improvement District (PBID) and Downtown Parking & Business Improvement Area (DPBIA). DLBA uses the annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) to help determine what the increase will be.
- B. Assembly Bill 2449 (AB 2449)
 - Mader presented the new information on Assembly Bill 2449 which outlines requirements for in-person and virtual attendance at public meetings.
 - Over the last three years, the state of California has been operating under a State of Emergency as declared by Governor Newsom. With many of the difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in the past, public meetings no longer need to be held virtually solely for safety concerns.
 - As of March 1, 2023, all DLBA Board and committee meetings will return to 100% in person.
 - Because of this return to in-person meetings, a survey was sent to the entire Board to make sure it is meeting at the optimal time for as many people as possible. The new official meeting time will be announced as soon as all responses are received.
- C. DLBA Office Relocation Update
 - Metoyer review three different options for the relocation of DLBA's offices. This move will accommodate a growth in staffing for both DLBA and Block by Block, centralizing vehicle parking, and maximizing storage needs for both teams. DLBA will remain accessible to the community and Clean and Safe will maintain street level access.
- D. Misc. Updates

7. OLD BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

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

10. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 9:10 AM.

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING:

April 19, 2023

8AM

Location: Studio One Eleven

Mission: Cultivate, preserve and promote a healthy, safe and prosperous Downtown for all.

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