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MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION  
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

January 10, 2024

Present:

Donald Dear, Chair

Kathryn Barger  
Margaret Finlay  
Lindsey Horvath  
Robert Lewis  
Gerard McCallum  
John Mirisch  
Francine Oschin (Remote, Government Code § 54953(f)(2))

Micah Ali, Alternate (Remote, Government Code §54953(b))  
Anthony Bell, Alternate  
Wendy Celaya, Alternate

Paul Novak, Executive Officer  
Tiffani Shin, Legal Counsel

Absent:

John Lee

Michael Davitt, Alternate  
Hilda Solis, Alternate

Vacant:

City of Los Angeles, Alternate Member

## 1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. as both an in-person and virtual meeting.

The following item was called up for consideration:

- a. Commissioners request to participate remotely pursuant to Government Code § 54953(f)(2):

The Commission took the following action:

- Approved Commissioner Oschin's request to participate remotely at today's meeting for just cause.

MOTION: Barger                      SECOND: McCallum                      APPROVED: 6-0-1  
AYES: Barger, Finlay, Lewis, McCallum, Mirisch, Dear  
NOES: None.  
ABSTAIN: Oschin  
ABSENT: Horvath, Lee

The Executive Officer (EO) indicated that Commissioner Ali was participating in the meeting remotely, pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(b) at a location fully accessible to the public and equipped with a speaker phone such that any comments or testimony could be given by anyone present at that location, including by any members of the public. Commissioner Ali confirmed verbally that he could hear the Commission meeting well, and further confirmed that there were no members of the public there with him at the teleconference location.

## 2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Dear.

## 3 DISCLOSURE OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION(S)

The EO read an announcement, asking if any Commissioners had received a campaign contribution that would require disclosure or any other issue requiring recusal from any item on today's agenda (None).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The EO announced that the original agenda for today's meeting was posted on the LAFCO website on Tuesday, December 12, 2023; and posted at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration on Tuesday, December 12, 2023; in accordance with State law.

The EO indicated that the revised agenda was posted on the LAFCO website on Wednesday,

January 3, 2024; and posted at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration on Wednesday, January 3, 2024; and at the Compton Unified School District located at 501 Santa Fe Avenue, Compton, California, 90221, on Thursday January 4, 2024; in accordance with State law.

[Commissioner Horvath arrived at 9:08 a.m.]

#### 4 SWEARING-IN OF SPEAKER(S)

The EO swore-in two (2) members of the audience who planned to testify, remotely.

#### WELCOMING NEW COMMISSIONERS

Chair Dear introduced new Commissioner Lindsey Horvath, Los Angeles County Supervisor representing the Third District. Commissioner Horvath's term expires in May of 2026. Chair Dear also welcomed new Commissioner Wendy Celaya as the Alternate Public Member. Commissioner Celaya's term will expire in May of 2024.

#### 5 PUBLIC COMMENT

(None).

#### 6 CONSENT ITEM(S)

The Commission took the following action:

- a. Approved Minutes of November 8, 2023.

MOTION: Finlay                      SECOND: Barger                      APPROVED: 7-0-1  
AYES: Barger, Finlay, Lewis, McCallum, Mirisch, Oschin, Dear  
NOES: None.  
ABSTAIN: Horvath  
ABSENT: Lee

The Commission took the following actions:

- b. Approved Operating Account Check Register for the month of November 2023.
- c. Received and filed update on Pending Proposals.
- d. Legislative Update.

(None).

- e. Received and filed the Executive Officer's Written Report.

MOTION: Finlay                      SECOND: Barger                      APPROVED: 8-0-0  
AYES:            Barger, Finlay, Horvath, Lewis, McCallum, Mirisch, Oschin, Dear  
NOES:            None.  
ABSTAIN:       None.  
ABSENT:        Lee

The Commission took the following action:

- f. Information Item(s) – Government Code § 56751 (city proposal).
  - i. Annexation No. 2023-19 to the City of Industry (Amendment to the City of Industry Sphere of Influence).

MOTION: Lewis                      SECOND: Barger                      APPROVED: 8-0-0  
AYES:            Barger, Finlay, Horvath, Lewis, McCallum, Mirisch, Oschin, Dear  
NOES:            None.  
ABSTAIN:       None.  
ABSENT:        Lee

The Commission took the following actions:

- g. Received and filed Information Item(s) – Government Code § 56857 (district proposal).
  - i. Annexation No. 2023-14 to the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley.
- h. Miscellaneous Communications.
  - i. Letter of December 4, 2023 from Executive Officer Paul Novak to Rosio Perez of TRPF 80 South Lake Avenue LP concerning LAFCO’s decision to remain in its current office space through February, 2027.
  - ii. Letter of November 8, 2023 from Commission Chair Don Dear to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in support of the Draft Los Angeles County Water Plan.

MOTION: Finlay                      SECOND: Barger                      APPROVED: 8-0-0  
AYES:            Barger, Finlay, Horvath, Lewis, McCallum, Mirisch, Oschin, Dear  
NOES:            None.  
ABSTAIN:       None.  
ABSENT:        Lee

7 PUBLIC HEARING(S)

(None).

8 PROTEST HEARING(S)

(None).

9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called up for consideration:

- a. Independent Auditor's Report for Fiscal Year 2022-23.

Shannon Ayala of Davis Farr presented audit finding to the Commission. Ms. Ayala concluded that it was a clean audit which identified no errors, deficiencies, nor concerns relative to the financial statements for Fiscal Year 2022-23.

The Commission took the following action:

- Received and filed the enclosed Independent Auditor's Report, audited financial statements, and associated documents for Fiscal Year 2022-23, ending June 30, 2023.

MOTION: Finlay                      SECOND: McCallum                      APPROVED: 8-0-0  
AYES: Barger, Finlay, Horvath, Lewis, McCallum, Mirisch, Oschin, Dear  
NOES: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Lee

9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called up for consideration:

- b. Procurement and Reporting Policy Annual Report for 2023.

Adriana Romo (Deputy Executive Officer) summarized the staff report on this item.

The Commission took the following action:

- Received and filed the Procurement and Reporting Policy Annual Report for 2023.

MOTION: Barger                      SECOND: Horvath                      APPROVED: 8-0-0  
AYES: Barger, Finlay, Horvath, Lewis, McCallum, Mirisch, Oschin, Dear  
NOES: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Lee

#### 10 REQUESTED POSITION(S) ON LEGISLATION

(None).

#### 11 COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

(None).

#### 12 EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The EO noted that with recent appointments, the Commission is now up to fourteen (14) Commissioners, consisting of nine (9) voting members and five (5) alternate members. LAFCO staff indicated that they continue to communicate with representatives of Los Angeles City Council President Paul Krekorian, requesting that he appoint an alternate City member.

The EO indicated that the election to appoint a special district voting member has commenced and will conclude in late April. This position, currently held by Commission Chair Don Dear, is for a four-year term starting May of 2024.

The Commission took the following action:

- Received and filed the Executive Officer's Verbal Report.

The Commission made the following motion:

MOTION: McCallum                      SECOND: Lewis                      APPROVED: 8-0-0  
AYES: Barger, Finlay, Horvath, Lewis, McCallum, Mirisch, Oschin, Dear  
NOES: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Lee

13 PUBLIC COMMENT

(None). Commissioner Ali again confirmed there were no members of the public present at his location.

14 FUTURE MEETINGS

February 14, 2024

March 13, 2024

April 10, 2024

15 ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dear adjourned the in-person and virtual meeting at 9:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul Novak, AICP  
Executive Officer