



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUSINESS LICENSE  
COMMISSION**

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**Wednesday, March 8, 2017**

**9:00 AM**

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance. (17-1036)

**Vice President Sara Vasquez called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.  
followed by Pledge of Allegiance.**

AUDIO FOR ENTIRE MEETING. (17-1265)

**Attachments:** [AUDIO](#)

Present: Vice President Sara Vasquez, Commissioner Priscilla Cheng,  
Commissioner Rochelle A. Gonzalez and Commissioner  
Genevieve Morrill

Absent: President Renée Campbell

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER**

1. Welcome and introduction of new Commissioner. (17-1234)

**Vice President Sara Vasquez welcomed new Commissioner Rochelle A.  
Gonzalez of the Fourth District.**

**Commissioner Rochelle A. Gonzalez provided a short introduction of  
herself.**

2. Approval of Minutes from the meeting of March 1, 2017. (17-1037)

**On motion of Commissioner Priscilla Cheng, seconded by Commissioner  
Genevieve Morrill, and unanimously carried, the minutes of March 1, 2017  
were approved by the following vote:**

**Ayes: 2 - Commissioner Priscilla Cheng and Commissioner  
Genevieve Morrill**

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**Abstentions:** 2 - Vice President Sara Vasquez and Commissioner Rochelle A. Gonzalez

**Absent:** 1 - President Renée Campbell

**Attachments:** [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

3. Election of Secretary for the Business License Commission. (17-1221)

**This item was continued to the meeting of March 15, 2017 without discussion.**

## **II. PUBLIC HEARING**

4. Hearing on application for Water Taxi Operator, Business License ID# 143141, to issue a new license to Melvin J. Rutzick for The Duchess Yacht Charter Service, located at 14120 Tahiti Way, Marina Del Rey, CA 90292 in the Fourth District. (17-0921)

**Eric Barnes, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC), reported on the application for Water Taxi Operator to issue a new license to Melvin J. Rutzick for The Duchess Yacht Charter Service and noted the applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals. TTC had no objection to the issuance of a new license.**

**In response to questions posed by the Commission, Melvin J. Rutzick, President and Captain of The Duchess Yacht Charter Service, noted the business is an upscale private 63 foot vessel. He is licensed and mans the vessel with two crew members. The vessels steward is also licensed and all crew members are required to take drug tests. Services provided are harbor cruises, sunset cruises, bay cruises, whale watching cruises, burials at sea, fishing charters, and even special occasion cruises, like weddings, overnight cruises, and destination cruises to Catalina Island. Passengers bring their own wine and the charter provides plastic cups. The vessel has 250 gallon of fresh water which is utilized to provide fresh water to the passengers and maintain a clean environment.**

**After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Genevieve Morrill, seconded by Commissioner Priscilla Cheng, and unanimously carried, this item was approved by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 4 - Vice President Sara Vasquez, Commissioner Priscilla Cheng, Commissioner Rochelle A. Gonzalez and Commissioner Genevieve Morrill

**Absent:** 1 - President Renée Campbell

**Attachments:** [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

### **III. DISCUSSION**

5. Staff Report on Commission Calendar and Commissioner Comments. (17-1038)

**Staff member, Emma De Jesus reported that there are two items scheduled for March 15, 2017. Commissioner Priscilla Cheng will not be present on March 15, 2017 and Vice President Sara Vasquez will not be available for the on March 29, 2017 meeting.**

**The Commission agreed to cancel the meeting on March 22, 2017 meeting as there were no items scheduled for that day.**

**After discussion, by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.**

### **IV. MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Public Comment**

6. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (17-1039)

**No members of the public addressed the Commission.**

#### **Adjournment**

7. Adjournment for the meeting of March 8, 2017. (17-1040)

**On motion of Vice President Sara Vasquez, seconded by Commissioner Genevieve Morrill, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.**