

**ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
September 10, 2015**

ROOM 525, KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 West Temple St., Los Angeles, CA 90012

Editorial Note: Agenda sections may be taken out of order at the discretion of the chair. Any reordering of sections is reflected in the presentation of these minutes.

I. CALL TO ORDER

With the presence of a quorum of Commissioners, Chairman Barcelona called the Commission meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER'S ABSENCES

The following was the attendance for the meeting:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Isaac Diaz Barcelona
Fred P. Balderrama
Thomas De Simone
Becca Doten
Ronald K. Ikejiri
Kyo Paul Jhin
Matthew L. Kinley
Chun Y. Lee
Edward Munoz
Adam Murray
Freda Hinsche Otto
Fred Piltz
Benjamin Reznik
Steven Ward

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

Robert Cole
Jonathan S. Fuhrman
Arne Kalm
Jeffrey Monical
Roman Padilla
William Petak
Robert H. Philibosian

COMMISSIONERS NOT REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

None

III. APPROVAL OF JULY 9, 2015 MINUTES

Chairman Barcelona asked if there were any objections or changes to the minutes of the July 9, 2015 Commission meeting. Hearing no changes, the motion was then Moved, Seconded, and Adopted. The minutes of the July 9, 2015 Commission meeting were approved.

IV. NEW COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Barcelona introduced newest Commissioner; Matthew L. Kinley, who on the recommendation of Supervisor Don Knabe, was unanimously appointed by the Board to the Los Angeles County Citizens' Economy and Efficiency Commission for a term of office expiring September 1, 2017.

Commissioner Kinley stated he is a local attorney and partner with the law firm of Tredway, Lumsdaine & Doyle since 1989 and served as Managing Partner from 2006 to 2011. He also stated that he is from Long Beach, California and has served as Chair of the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce.

V. REPORTS

A. DISCIPLINARY PROCESS: INVESTIGATIVE AND HEARING PHASES

Executive Director, Edward Eng reported that he and Commissioner Fuhrman met with the County's Equity Oversight Panel (CEOP). In summary, he stated that CEOP staff will be providing the task force with updated data so that the task force can add it to the report and revise it one last time. However, he stated that it has been two in half weeks since the meeting and he has yet to receive any revised data.

B. VIDEO ARRAIGNMENT COMMITTEE

Executive Director, Edward Eng stated that there is nothing new to report.

C. COUNTYWIDE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Executive Director, Edward Eng stated that he attended the meeting and there was a very thorough report by the new Executive Officer of the Los Angeles Superior Court. He stated that of interest to this Commission was the Court's new Case Management System, which he said will open up a lot of opportunities for partnering agencies to interface with this new system. He stated that the new system will also help with the Video Arraignment Project. Executive Director stated that he is in the process of inviting the new Executive Officer, Ms. Sherri Carter to be a guest speaker in preparation for video Arraignment re-launch so the task force can get a better understanding of what the issues were the first time.

VI. PRESENTATION

No Presentation

VII. NEW BUSINESS: COMPARATIVE FEES STUDY

Executive Director Edward Eng stated that he sent an email out to the Commission regarding a 2-part motion by Supervisor Kuehl during the County's budget deliberation process on June 22, 2015. He stated that in part 1 of the motion, the CEO was directed to produce a report within 60 days that included descriptive statistics on countywide fees that have not been adjusted in five or longer. He stated that the CEO's report was also emailed to the Commission.

Executive Director Eng stated that the 2nd part of the motion directed the Economy & Efficiency Commission to provide a report to the Board within 120 days, that relative to the departments identified in the CEO's report, an analysis of fees and charges which compare the types of fees, fee levels, services provided and cost recovery at Los Angeles County with those at other peer counties in California.

Executive Director Eng stated that based on the CEO's report, the top six departments based on dollar value that have not been modified in the last five years, represent 90% of the total revenue. He stated that he wants to accomplish 3 things at today's meeting: (1) Establish a task force (2) Clarify the scope of the motion (3) Proceed to design the methodology for completing the report.

Executive Director Eng stated that he met with the CEO's office to review their analysis and that the CEO's office is willing to support the Commission in gathering any data needed including reaching out to peer counties to get the information that the E&E Commission will need to complete its report. Mr. Eng stated that although the CEO is willing to give the Commission a hand in gathering data, the analysis portion has to come from the Commission. He stated that the analysis might get a little complicated because the Commission may need to look at the CPI trends within the last 5 to 10 years and its impact on fees and services. He stated that the thing the Commission will also have to consider the assignment deadline of October 22, 2015.

Commissioner Piltz stated that with Supervisor Kuehl wanting the Commission to look at other counties in comparison, if anyone knows whether other counties are in the same boat regarding adjusting or not adjusting fees. Mr. Eng stated that all he knows is that some smaller cities are currently doing fees studies similar to what Supervisor Kuehl is requesting this Commission to do. He also stated that the CEO does have relationships with the other counties but the Commission would have to let them know exactly what we need and want.

Commissioner Piltz stated that it could turn out that after looking at Orange County, Riverside County, Ventura County or whatever counties we choose to compare Los Angeles County to, that they haven't adjusted their fees since 2008/2009. In that scenario, what would the Commission do then, would the Commission just submit the report and stated that the other counties haven't done it? Mr. Eng responded yes we would just report what the findings are. He stated that most of the counties and cities that have not done it is because of the most recent Great Recession. Commissioner Murray stated that the question doesn't just ask if they have raised the fees but also what level are they at. He stated that there may be an analysis as to what level each county is at.

Commissioner Balderrama stated that under State law, counties are limited to fees of recovery cost. He stated that counties are not supposed to make money on the fees so wouldn't it be all based on the cost structure whether the fees are current enough to be

within the cost recovery of what each departments overhead and cost is. He stated that he is very confused on why LA County is comparing themselves to other counties on this. Commissioner Murray replied that Supervisor Kuehl motion suggest that we aren't fully capturing the cost. Commissioner Balderrama stated that he gets that part but it is definitely irrelevant to what other counties are doing. He stated that LA County Departments need to adjust their fees to recapture the cost and that it is irrelevant whether other counties do or don't do it that way.

Commissioner Ward stated that Supervisor Kuehl is just asking the E&E Commission to compare the CEO's findings with peer counties.

Chairman Barcelona stated that he would like to put a task force together to study the scope of the Supervisor's motion and appointed Commissioner Becca Doten to Chair this task force. Through subsequent appointments and volunteers, the task force is made up of: Commissioner Reznik, Commissioner De Simone, Commissioner Jihn, Commissioner Kinley, Commissioner Ikejiri, and Commissioner Munoz. Chairman Barcelona stated that the Commission will leave it up to the task force to clarify of what the Supervisor wants and report back to the Commission next month.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IX. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

X. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

XI. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Administrative Assistant, Aisha Pittmon stated that she sent out an email regarding the upcoming new Commissioner Orientation Workshop, scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 2015 at 1:00 pm at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration in Room 372. She requested that Commissioners RSVP to her no later September 17, 2015.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Barcelona at 10:54 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Executive Director, Edward Eng