
Economy & Efficiency Commission Meeting Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION

THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2000
ROOM 830, KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION

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IV. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Philibosian introduced his guest, Mr. Greg Shamo. Mr. Shamo is starting his third year at USC Law School and is a summer associate at Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton. He has an interest in government and its functions. At age twenty-one, while an undergraduate at Purdue University, he was elected to the City Council in West Lafayette, Indiana. Mr. Shamo is here to see how Los Angeles County government works.

I. CALL TO ORDER OF COMMISSION MEETING

With the presence of a quorum of commissioners Chairman Philibosian called the Commission meeting to order at 10:35 a.m

II. APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER'S ABSENCES

Chairman Philibosian asked for a motion to approve absences.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Fred Balderrama
Hope J. Boonshaft
David W. Farrar
Jaclyn Tilley Hill
Jeanne L. Kennedy
Chun Lee
Tony Lucente
Roman Padilla
Robert H. Philibosian
Marc A. Seidner
H. Randall Stoke
Julia Sylva

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

David Abel
John Crowley
Jonathan Fuhrman
Michael Jimenez
Royal F. Oakes
William J. Petak
G. Thomas Thompson
Tony Tortorice

COMMISSIONERS NOT REQUESTING AN EXCUSE

None

It was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: **The Commission members requesting an excuse, be excused.**

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Philibosian asked if there were any corrections or amendments to the minutes. Hearing none, the following motion was Moved, Seconded and Adopted: The minutes of the June 1, 2000 Commission meeting be approved.

IV. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont.)

Mr. Staniforth announced that the Commission has a new staff member, Jennifer Gill. Ms. Gill introduced herself by saying that she has recently worked with a number of Temporary Agencies. In the past she has worked in Administrative, Production and Camera positions, as well as serving two tours in the U.S. Peace Corps in Africa.

Commissioner Hill introduced Commissioner Wayne Rew, who is the new liaison from the Quality and Productivity Commission. Commissioner Rew mentioned that he is a resident of the City of La Mirada. He stated that he recently retired from Cerritos College after 31 years as a Counselor/Dean and Vice-President of Students. Commissioner Rew mentioned that he retired in March of 1999 as Mayor and Councilman for the City of La Mirada. Commissioner Rew had also been appointed by Supervisor Schabarum many years ago to represent the then first district on the JSAG (the Justice System Advisory Group) Committee. He worked for the County for a short time in opening Los Pedrinos Juvenile Hall.

Commissioner Kennedy introduced her successor in September, Mr. Clayton Anderson, the immediate past foreperson of the 1999-2000 Los Angeles County Grand Jury. Commissioner Kennedy stated that he is the former Chief of the Bureau of Investigation for the District Attorney's Office.

Chairman Philibosian stated that he was pleased to have Mr. Anderson on the Commission, as he has known him for the past 30 years. When Chairman Philibosian began as a Deputy District Attorney, Mr. Anderson was a DA Investigator; and when he became District Attorney, Mr. Anderson was Chief of the Bureau of Investigations. Mr. Anderson was a consultant to the State Bar of California, and was given the responsibility of revamping its disciplinary system. He paved the way for reforms in the State Bar System. He was also the former Chief Investigator within the disciplinary system.

Chairman Philibosian stated that Mr. Anderson would join us in September. He asked Commissioner Kennedy if she would attend Commission meetings to help on some projects. He felt that she could contribute a tremendous amount of experience, commitment and dedication to the Commission's efforts. Commissioner Kennedy has agreed to attend, as her schedule permits.

V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

After soliciting input from the Commissioners present to determine who would be attending the August meeting, the Chairperson determined that the Commission meeting would go dark in August. The task force chairs should schedule meetings during the month. The next meeting of the Commission will be held September 7, 2000.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Staniforth pointed out there have been a large number of articles dealing with Facilities Management and Probation in the Commissioner's weekly distribution. At the request of the Chairman, Mr. Staniforth contacted the Chief Probation Officer, Mr. Shumsky to see if there was an opportunity to for the Commission to assist the department. Mr. Shumsky answered that the Commission should review the report on the Department coming out in the next few weeks

to consider what contributions could be made. He suggested then having a meeting to determine how the Commission can best contribute.

Mr. Staniforth stated that the Auditor is issuing a report on the Children's Services Emancipation Program in the next week or two. The Commission will be reviewing how it can assist in developing some of the recommendations in the report.

Mr. Staniforth is working on upgrading the Commission website. The home page is being designed to facilitate site navigation. This will make the site easier to utilize. Chairman Philibosian mentioned that Vice Chair Lucente would also be involved in the website development. If anyone else is interested, they should contact Mr. Staniforth.

Mr. Staniforth mentioned that maintenance work would be done in the Conference Room of the E.E.C. Office. In addition, he noted that the project involving the conversion of Commission documents into a Word format is continuing.

VII. LIAISON REPORTS

Chairman Philibosian asked Local Government Services Liaison Commissioner Andes if there was anything to report. Commissioner Andes replied that the Local Government Services Commission was dark this month, but he will provide a report at the next meeting. Chairman Philibosian asked Q & P Liaison Commissioner Rew if he had anything to report. Being new to this assignment, he deferred to Commissioner Hill in her role as the chair of the Q & P Commission. Commissioner Hill reported that the departmental visits are currently the highest priority, because quality and productivity directly interacts, supports, encourages and brings innovative, creative projects.

At the present time the Quality and Productivity Awards Program has resulted in 130 suggested applications from employees for awards. The event will be the largest ever for the Q & P Commission and will be held at the Music Center on Wednesday, October 25, 2000. The event will honor the top ten projects in the County. Commissioner Stoke asked how much the tickets to the event would cost. Commissioner Hill replied that the amount had not been determined.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Grand Jury

Chairman Philibosian asked Commissioner Hill to give the Grand Jury Task Force Report. Commissioner Hill stated that the Commission is aware of the historical changes that have occurred for the first time in L. A. County. A separate Grand Jury has been empanelled for civil oversight. The Superior Court has embraced this panel and wants to make a stronger outreach to the community. She said that a diversified panel is of major importance.

The original project direction of the task force was to review the civil function of the Grand Jury. The scope of the project is anticipated to consider recommendations made over the past three years (1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99). The Task Force currently has a project proposal and she will be meeting with the task force to affirm this project approach.

Commissioner Hill stated that Commissioner Kennedy has information on the Welfare Fraud and Juvenile Hall Projects. Commissioner Kennedy said that there have been reports from the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) that they are working on a pilot program of home visits. The 1999 - 2000 Grand Jury, recommended that these visits continue. Commissioner Kennedy believes the department will be returning to the Board at the conclusion of this project with the recommendation that the home visits be expanded. The Juvenile Halls still require work. The Task Force will continue to be looking at both of these items. The Task Force will have a meeting in August in order to make a decision on the direction it wishes to take. Commissioner Kennedy asked Commissioner Boonshaft to give her input to the Task Force. Commissioner Boonshaft responded that she agreed to have a meeting in August.

Chairman Philibosian asked that Mr. Anderson receive notice of the August task force meeting. The Chairman appointed Mr. Anderson as a member of the Grand Jury Task Force to replace Commissioner Kennedy upon the completion of her appointment. Although Mr. Anderson doesn't take office until September, Mr. Philibosian asked that he attend the meeting.

VIII. PRESENTATION (a)

[Mr. David Janssen, Chief Administrative Office \(CAO\)](#)
[Topic: Briefing on the Los Angeles County Budget](#)

Chairman Philibosian introduced Mr. Janssen, the Chief Administrative Officer of the County of Los Angeles, to present a briefing on the Los Angeles County Budget. Mr. Janssen discussed the overall Budget, the Health Department, and the 1115 Waiver. He also mentioned budgetary issues relating to the Los Angeles County Employee Retirement Association (LACERA), the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), redevelopment taxation, and infrastructure maintenance.

X. NEW BUSINESS

None

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion from the floor, Chairman Philibosian adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted.



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