
Economy & Efficiency Commission Meeting Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION

THURSDAY, October 4, 2001
ROOM 830, KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION

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I. CALL TO ORDER OF COMMISSION MEETING

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

II. APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER'S ABSENCES

Chairman Philibosian asked for a motion to approve absences.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Clayton Anderson
Isaac Diaz Barcelona
Hope J. Boonshaft
Annie E. Cho
John Crowley
David W. Farrar
Jaclyn Tilley Hill
Chun Lee
William J. Petak
Robert H. Philibosian
Julia Sylva
G. Thomas Thompson

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

Joanne Baltierrez
Fred Balderrama
Jonathan Fuhrman
Tony Lucente
Royal F. Oakes
Roman Padilla
H. Randall Stoke

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 September 6, 2001 MINUTES

Chairman Philibosian asked if there were any corrections or amendments to the minutes or presentation. Hearing none the following motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The minutes of the September 6, 2001 Commission meeting be approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF September 6, 2001 PRESENTATION

Chairman Philibosian asked if there were any corrections or amendments to the presentation. Hearing none the following motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The presentation of the September 6, 2001 Commission meeting be approved.

V. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Thompson introduced his son, Matthew Christian.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Staniforth mentioned that as a result of the events of September 11th the E & E Commission ID Cards should be kept on the commissioner's person for E & E Meetings. The previous ID Cards have expired; the new expiration date is December 2002. When each commissioner receives their new ID cards, their old ID's will be collected.

Recently situations regarding press contact with commissioners have arisen; the operations manual discusses the procedures for contacting the press as follows: if the press contacts a commissioner, the commissioner should contact the Chairman who will then determines the action to be taken and/or who will speak for the Commission.

A Nominating Committee needs to be appointed during the December meeting. The normal procedure is: each of the five supervisorial district has four appointees, who convene and select one commissioner from the group to be a member of the Nominating Committee; which makes five members on the Nominating Committee. That Committee selects a Chairperson, they then convene in December and make a recommendation for a person to be elected as a Chair. This recommendation is reported in January and the elections are held during the January meeting. The Chairperson would take office at the beginning of the next meeting. Commissioner Sylva asked about the term limit for a Chairperson? Mr. Staniforth responded, "The bylaws provide for a three year term limit"; the present Chairman will have served for two years.

VII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Philibosian congratulated two commissioners who have been reappointed by the Board of Supervisors: Commissioners Thompson and Crowley. Former Commissioner Mike Jimenez has been appointed to the County Capital Asset Leasing Corporation. The speaker for November will be Carlos Jackson and for December, a panel consisting of the Contract Cities Association.

The Chairs of the Quality and Productivity Commission and the Economy and Efficiency Commission, among others, have been named by the Board of Supervisors, to the ad hoc hearing body to provide recommendations on the future governance of the Department of Health Services.

Chairman Philibosian would like Mr. Staniforth to distribute the County Digest to the Commissioners on a monthly basis so that the Commissioners are aware of the county employees activities.

Commissioner H. Randall Stoke has resigned from the E & E Commission, he will be receiving a scroll which will be presented at a future Board meeting.

X. PRESENTATION (a)

[Ms. Alisa Katz, Chief Deputy](#)
[Third District, Los Angeles County](#)

[Topic: The Status of the Third District](#)

[Ms. Carrie Sutkin, Field Director](#)

[First District, Los Angeles County](#)

[Topic: The Status of the First District](#)

Chairman Philibosian introduced Third District Chief Deputy Alisa Katz who discussed the nature of the third district's health and transportation issues; and First District Field Director, Carrie Sutkin who discussed the first district's need for unification of census statistics Los Angeles County Departments and a need for a Civic Center in East Los Angeles.

VIII. LIAISON REPORTS

Local Government Services Commission

Local Government Services Commission Commissioner Andes stated that two items were discussed at the meeting of October 2, 2001: (1) a study regarding the overlap of services in many of the districts which is both inefficient and expensive, and (2) the mission of the LGS Commission: to examine and assess the services provided by Los Angeles County and at least one other city of jurisdiction in the county with the goal of recommending responsible and cost effective service delivery to the people.

Quality and Productivity Commission

Commissioner Anderson distributed a copy of the Strategic Plan to each E & E Commissioner. He felt the contents and timetable would be of interest. Since the terrorist incident of September 11, 2001, the Q & P Commission has rapidly produced and distributed posters to all county facilities as a unification effort. The Internal Services Department (ISD) received a \$500,000 grant to place in each county department an electrical metering system, which includes software, for tracking and cost reduction purposes.

Chairman Philibosian asked if Commissioner Anderson or Commissioner Hill (Chair, Q&P Commission) would comment on the Annual Awards Luncheon. Commissioner Hill thanked the E&E Commission for their participation last year and stated that the event is to be held on Wednesday, October 24, 2001 at 11:30 a.m. at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. Parking at the Music Center Parking Lot is complementary. A table would be made available again this year for the E&E Commission. The event is an opportunity to demonstrate how the County is improving the life of its 10M residents. Commissioner Hill added that there is an Energy Saver's Club that has been created. Approximately 5,000 employees have enrolled to reduce energy expenditures in Los Angeles County Offices.

IX. OLD BUSINESS - TASK FORCE REPORTS

Emancipation Services Task Force (Finance)

Commissioner Thompson stated that the task force has not met. Mr. Staniforth has forwarded the report by Dr. Sharon Watson in the CAO's office to the Emancipation Services Task Force. Chairman Philibosian said that task force could combine Dr. Watson's report with that of the Task Force consultants report. With additional input from the E & E Commission a report could be completed in the proper format to provide the findings and recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. Commissioner Thompson suggested that Commissioner Hill get a copy of Dr. Watson's report from Mr. Staniforth, the Executive Director.

Grand Jury

Commissioner Hill reported that she recently received a comment on the Review of the Effectiveness of the Los Angeles County Grand Jury from the Bill Bell, Editor/Publisher of the Whittier Daily News. Commissioner Hill noted that the review was significant and would take time to "trickle" down. The Grand Jury Task Force is going to return to its previous premise of addressing recommendations made by previous Grand Juries. There will be a meeting and a report on the direction the Grand Jury Task Force. Chairman Philibosian noted that as soon as Mr. Simmons is formally appointed commissioner then it will be the Chair's intention to ask him to join the Grand Jury Task Force.

Organization & Accountability Task Force

Commissioner Oakes was not present. Mr. Staniforth remarked that Mr. Oakes was looking at the Workman's Compensation issues that Chairman Philibosian suggested be reviewed at last month's commission meeting. The Department of Human Resources was asked to provide an updated report to the E & E Commission. Chairman Philibosian asked that a report be ready for next month's meeting.

Economic Development Task Force (Policy)

Commissioner Sylva stated that she there had been no task force meeting since the last E & E Commission meeting. Commissioner Sylva has been working with the Executive Director to set up speakers for the November and December meetings, and she did have an opportunity to read the report of County Budget and Economic Growth Task Force issued in 1993, and she has asked Mr. Staniforth to distribute the report to the Economic Development and Organization and Accountability Task Forces. There should be some follow up on some of the recommendations that were made.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

None

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion from the floor, Chairman Philibosian adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted.



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