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## **Economy & Efficiency Commission**

# **Meeting Minutes**

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### **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION**

THURSDAY, February 6, 2003  
ROOM 140, 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 OF COMMISSION MEETING**

With the presence of a quorum of commissioners, Vice Chair Lucente called the Commission meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

#### **II. APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER'S ABSENCES**

Vice Chair Lucente asked for a motion to approve absences.

#### **COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Clayton Anderson  
Fred Balderrama  
Isaac Diaz Barcelona  
Annie E. Cho  
Jaclyn Tilley Hill  
Ronald K. Ikejiri  
Chun Lee  
John L. Lewis  
Tony Lucente  
Royal F. Oakes  
Roman Padilla  
Robert H. Philiposian  
Julia Sylva  
G. Thomas Thompson  
Tony Tortorice

#### **COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED**

Joanne Baltierrez  
Hope J. Boonschaft

John Crowley  
Jonathan Fuhrman  
William J. Petak

### **COMMISSIONERS NOT REQUESTING AN EXCUSE**

None

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

### **III. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 6, 2003 MINUTES**

Vice Chair Lucente 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 January 9, 2003 Commission meeting be approved.

### **IV. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 6, 2003 PRESENTATION**

Vice Chair Lucente 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 January 9, 2002 Commission meeting be approved.

### **V. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Thompson introduced Mr. Ron Armstad, a close personal friend and business partner.

Mr. Staniforth introduced his new assistant, Ms. Karen Hall.

Commissioner Barcelona introduced his brother, Mr. Art Diaz, a manager at Boeing, who is interested in local government

### **VI. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

At this point Chairman Philibosian arrived and assumed the meeting.

Chairman Philibosian congratulated Commissioner Hill on her unanimous approval by the Board of Supervisors for reappointment to the Quality and Productivity Commission.

### **VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Staniforth explained that the email system erroneously re-sent a notice of a request for availability for meeting dates.

### **VIII. LIAISON REPORTS**

#### **Local Government Services Commission**

No liaison was present from the Local Government Services Commission.

#### **Quality and Productivity Commission**

Commissioner Hill stated that the Commission is reorganizing its committees and planning another event. The Commission is very much involved in the County-wide communications efforts with a new poster campaign and a focus on recognition that begins this week. The Productivity Investment Fund (PIF) continues to be very active. It will be impacted by the budget cuts so the Commission is encouraging loans rather than grants as a means to recirculate the monies and thereby not permanently reducing the fund as grants do. Four proposals are under review.

### **IX. OLD BUSINESS - TASK FORCE REPORTS**

#### **Emancipation Services Task Force**

Commissioner Thompson reported that there had not been a meeting but members of the group are interested in working closely with the Sheriff's Department Transportation Task Force

Commissioner Thompson requested Mr. Staniforth distribute to entire Commission the mandated quarterly report from Dr. Sharon Watson. It is an in depth look at the emancipation living program.

Chairman Philibosian asked if Commissioner Thompson was aware of new Director for the Department of Children and Family Services. Commissioner Thompson responded that he was and would like to invite the new Director as a guest speaker after he had an opportunity to become settled in the Department. Chairman Philibosian agreed that was an excellent idea and asked Mr. Staniforth to make the arrangements.

### **Grand Jury**

Commissioner Hill expressed the need to refocus and call a task force meeting. Commissioner Hill will rely heavily on Commissioner Lewis' experience to revisit issues that will bring the group back on point. Commissioner Lewis stated that he is meeting with the current Grand Jury foreperson next week and will update at the next Commission meeting.

### **Organization & Accountability Task Force**

Commissioner Oakes stated that as soon as the task force secures a meeting with Rocky Armfield, the new deputy CAO for Risk Management they will be under way. Commissioner Oakes provided an update on workman's compensation issues. The cost of workman's compensation in Los Angeles city and county increased 20% in the last year. An increase in benefits contributes to the cost but the failure to attack fraud is a significant factor. Remedies for this situation could be an increase in investigation and prosecution of fraud; improve workplace safety; better screening of employees and to hire a Risk Management specialist. The MTA is a success story to be studied as they utilized many of these tactics.

Chairman Philibosian concurred that adapting proven solutions is preferable.

Commissioner Thompson wondered if there isn't some correlation between employees notified of poor performance and subsequent filing of workman's compensation claim. Commissioner Oakes agreed and also commented that implementing good solutions is augmented by announcing the intent to enforce, thus deterring the fraud.

Commissioner Hill asked how Commissioner Oakes's findings compare to the statistics of workman's compensation claims in the private sector? Commissioner Oakes stated that he didn't have that information and it is definitely worth researching.

Chairman Philibosian interjected that next month's speaker, Mr. Howard Fine, is not only a journalist and an observer of local government, but also frequently writes on the issue of workman's compensation.

### **Economic Development**

Commissioner Sylva offered that in an effort to be more effective in confronting the issues of economic development, each member of the task force will take a specific topic that relates to their background/expertise and present individual mission statements at the next commission meeting. Commissioner Sylva distributed a draft agenda for an Economic Development Co-Ordination Summit sponsored by the County of Los Angeles on Feb 12 at the Public Works headquarters in Alhambra.

### **Sheriff's Transportation Task Force**

Commissioner Anderson reported that in advance of the first meeting the task force wants to gather information from other jurisdictions that have dealt with this problem to determine what's available to the task force. Commissioner Anderson wants to better define the ultimate mission of the task force and anticipates a task force meeting in the next 2 weeks.

### **Vote on Proposed Revision to Commission Bylaws**

In response to January's notice to amend the commission bylaws, Commissioner Thompson made the motion that the Commission's Bylaws be amended to allow the Commission to revise the term limit provision. and Commissioner Lee seconded.

Chairman Philibosian, asked if there was any discussion on the issue before the Commission Hearing none, the question was called. A vote was taken on the motion: That the Bylaws be revised to enable the Commission to change its term limit provision. The vote was unanimous in favor of the revision.

Chairman Philibosian stated that the Commission must now proceed to an election at the March meeting. The Nomination Committee must meet to continue the nomination process. Any one on the Commission with the exception of Commissioner Lewis, due to term restrictions, is eligible to run for Chairman.

## **X. PRESENTATION (a)**

Chairman Philibosian introduced Lee Harrington, President, Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation.

[Mr. Lee Harrington, President](#)  
[Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation](#)  
[Topic: The State of Los Angeles County Economy](#)

Mr. Harrington and Mr. Greg Freeman, (a senior analyst with LAEDC), presented forecasts of growth in population and trade over the next 20 years, the impact of this growth on our quality of life and the policy challenges facing local leadership in light of this growth.

#### **XI. NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Hill requested that the Commission invite Stan Wisniewski, Director of Beaches and Harbors, to be guest speaker at a future meeting.

Chairman Philibosian asked Mr. Staniforth to schedule that for the May meeting or as soon as Mr. Wisniewski is available.

Chairman Philibosian remarked that Joan Ouderkirk, the Director of Internal Services and a County employee for 35 years is retiring in April.

#### **XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. No members of the public commented.

#### **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully Submitted.



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Executive Director

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