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Economy & Efficiency Commission Meeting Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION

THURSDAY, March 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, Chairman Philibosian called the Commission meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER'S ABSENCES

Chairman Philibosian asked for a motion to approve absences.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Clayton Anderson
Isaac Diaz Barcelona
Annie E. Cho
Jonathan Fuhrman
Jaclyn Tilley Hill
Ronald K. Ikejiri
Chun Lee
John L. Lewis
Robert H. Philibosian
Julia Sylva
G. Thomas Thompson

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

Fred Balderrama
Joanne Baltierrez
Hope J. Boonshaft
John Crowley
Tony Lucente
Royal F. Oakes

Roman Padilla
William J. Petak

COMMISSIONERS NOT REQUESTING AN EXCUSE

Tony Tortorice

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

III. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 6, 2003 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 February 6, 2003 Commission meeting be approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 6, 2003 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 February 6, 2003 Commission meeting be approved.

V. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Philibosian noted there were no introductions or announcements.

VI. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Philibosian informed the Committee of the event titled "California State Forum – Law and Order" to be held on March 20, 2003 at the Skirball Cultural Center in West Los Angeles will include Chief of Police, William Bratton and County Sheriff Lee Baca. Any Commissioner interested in attending should contact Mr. Staniforth.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Staniforth had no items to report.

VIII. LIAISON REPORTS

Local Government Services Commission

No liaison was present from the Local Government Services Commission.

Quality and Productivity Commission

Commissioner Hill stated Commissioner Waddell asked to be relieved of the liaison role due to a conflict with other duties. Commissioner Hill asked the Commission if a liaison was needed. Commissioner Thompson suggested that Chairperson Hill could serve as liaison. Commissioner Fuhrman concurred that an additional liaison was not necessary. Commissioner Hill accepted the role and proceeded with her report. A certification program for network managers, first suggested almost 10 years ago, has just been launched. This program consists of 27 students taking 64 hours of class room training. The program is made possible by a \$60K investment from the Commission. The professors teaching in this program are from Cal State Northridge, which is conducted under the auspices of the Los Angeles County Academy. This is the first time the Academy has been asked to create a program for a function. Graduation is slated for late June.

IX. OLD BUSINESS - TASK FORCE REPORTS

Emancipation Services Task Force

Commissioner Thompson commented that he is looking into future actions that can be undertaken by the Task Force.

Grand Jury

Commissioner Hill deferred her report to Commissioner Lewis. Commissioner Lewis offered several documents to the Commission as a result of his meeting with the current grand jury foreperson. They contain 13 recommendations for training future grand jurors and will be turned over to the Judges' Grand Jury Committee for review and comment. Commissioner Lewis will report next month on his assessment of how the responses measured up to the recommendations of last year's grand jury report.

Commissioner Fuhrman wondered if the Academy could take on the task of training future grand jurors.

Commissioner Hill responded that since the courts are now separate from the County and the courts are state employees, the Academy is not the appropriate resource.

Organization & Accountability Task Force

Commissioner Oakes was out of town so there was no report. Mr. Staniforth commented he learned from Rocky Armfield, the new Risk Manager, that the grand jury report on workers' compensation scheduled for March has been deferred till June. Mr. Staniforth, at the urging of Commissioner Oakes, will continue his efforts to arrange a Task Force meeting with Mr. Armfield. That meeting should occur within the next few weeks.

Economic Development

Commissioner Sylva commented that the task force heard a report from Commissioner Cho who plans to co-ordinate with the LA Area Chamber of Commerce various means to streamline the utilities industry and meet with ISD to discuss programs they may have to reduce costs to the County. Commissioner Ikejiri attended a meeting to discuss homeland security issues as they pertain to economic development.

Sheriff's Transportation Task Force

Commissioner Anderson reported that the meeting was cancelled as financial documentation from the Sheriff did not arrive in time. As soon as the Sheriff's Department provides the current costs to transport prisoners, a meeting will be scheduled.

X. PRESENTATION (a)

Chairman Philibosian introduced Mr. Fine and welcomed him to the meeting

[Mr. Howard Fine, Reporter](#)
[Los Angeles Business Journal](#)

[Topic: The Effect of the State Budget, Workers' Compensation and Economic Development in Los Angeles County](#)

Mr. Fine's remarks covered proposals to relieve the budget crisis, the depth of the workers' compensation calamity, issues hindering economic development, redistricting and reaction to the local election results.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Philibosian asked for a report from the Nominating Committee in order to proceed with the election of a Chairman.

Report of the Nominating Committee

Commissioner Hill, acting on behalf of the Nominating Committee at the request of Chairman Padilla, placed in nomination the name of Robert Philibosian for Chairman of the Commission

Discussion

Chairman Philibosian asked if there were any other nominations.

Commissioner Fuhrman nominated Commissioner Sylva for Chairman of the Commission.

Chairman Philibosian asked if there were additional nominations or discussion.

Commissioner Fuhrman asked for comments from the nominees. In response to this request,

Commissioner Sylva stated that her vision for the Commission is to be at the forefront of the economic issues within Los Angeles County. Technology could be a tool to reduce cost and improve the quality of government services. Commissioner Sylva advocated implementing internal changes such as a master calendar of commission and task force meetings; posting the agenda and minutes on the EEC website; seeking suggestions from the public and providing office staff assistance for the Executive Director.

Chairman Philibosian thanked the Nominating Committee and members of the Commission for their confidence in him and his leadership. Chairman Philibosian cited as Commission accomplishments the activity of the task forces; providing leadership opportunities for those that sought it; the composition of the task forces represent the diversity of

the Commission and the diversity of the appointing authorities. Chairman Philibosian also expressed his gratitude for the hard work of the Commission members during his chairmanship. He plans to continue in the same manner with some fine tuning, but no dramatic changes.

Chairman Philibosian asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, the question was called. By a show of hands, Chairman Philibosian was unanimously re-elected. Chairman Philibosian acknowledged Commissioner Sylva's suggestions as well taken and it was agreed that Mr. Staniforth will develop a master calendar for the Commission

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.



Bruce J. Staniforth
Executive Director

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