
Economy & Efficiency Commission Meeting Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION

THURSDAY, September 2, 2004
ROOM 830, 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 Philibosian called the Commission meeting to order at 10:25 a.m.

V. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Sylva introduced Chairperson Helen Anderson, Vice-Chairperson Reginald Jones-Sawyer, Ms. Victoria Fullerton, and Executive Director Edna Bruce, all from the Small Business Commission. Other guests included Mr. Martin Zimmerman and Mr. Vincent Emerson, from the CAO's Office, both of whom are working with the Economic Development Task Force and the Small Business Commission.

II. APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER'S ABSENCES

Chairman Philibosian asked for a motion to approve absences.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Clayton Anderson
Fred Balderrama
Isaac Diaz Barcelona
Jaclyn Tilley Hill
Ronald K. Ikejiri
Chun Lee
Royal F. Oakes
William J. Petak
Robert H. Philibosian
Julia Sylva
Ira Thierer

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

Hope J. Boonshaft
Annie E. Cho
Jonathan Fuhrman
Tony Lucente
Roman Padilla
G. Thomas Thompson
Tony Tortorice

COMMISSIONERS NOT REQUESTING AN EXCUSE

Joanne Baltierrez

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Philibosian asked if those present had any corrections or amendments to the minutes of the June 3, 2004 Commission meeting. Hearing none the following motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The minutes of the June 3, 2004 Commission meeting are approved.

Chairman Philibosian asked if those present had any corrections or amendments to the minutes of the July 1, 2004 Commission meeting. Commissioner Lee requested to be changed from Not Excused to Excused Absence, because he was ill and in the hospital. After approving the amendment the following motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The minutes of the July 1, 2004 Commission meeting are approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF PRESENTATION

Chairman Philibosian asked if there were any corrections or amendments to the presentation of the June 3, 2004 Commission meeting. Hearing none the following motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The presentation of the June 3, 2004 Commission meeting is approved.

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X. PRESENTATION (a)

Chairman Philibosian introduced Mr. David Janssen and welcomed him to the meeting.

Mr. David E. Janssen
Chief Administrative Officer, Los Angeles County
Topic: The County Budget

Mr. Janssen's presentation covered the current status of the County's finances and budget. His presentation covered a wide range of issues facing the County including the fiscalization of land use, the impacts of the passage of Proposition 1A, the current condition of the retirement system, strategic planning issues and what things the County has to look forward to in the future.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Philibosian directed the commissioner's attention to the Workers' Compensation Fraud Report. He commended the Task Force for the great effort they put into the report. Chairman Philibosian also commended Mr. Staniforth for his efforts, research and consulting with the County DA's office, CAO, Risk Management Office and Senator Poochigian's Office.

Commissioner Oakes, the Task Force Chairman, also commended Mr. Staniforth for his efforts. Commissioner Oakes invited commissioners to comment on the report, but noted that the report is extensive and thorough and has concrete answers to questions of implementation. He also stated that the focus on cost savings is important because \$290 million a year is spent on workers' compensation cost. Just saving 1/2 of 1% would be over a million dollars.

Mr. Staniforth informed the Commission that he would be incorporating minor structural changes based upon comments from the DA's Office and the Auditor's Office. Chairman Philibosian asked to approve the Workers' Compensation Fraud report, including the additional structural changes. The approval was Moved, Seconded, and

Adopted: The Workers' Compensation Fraud Report is approved.

V. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Continued)

Commissioner Barcelona announced the new business directory for the Chamber of Commerce of the City of Palmdale. He handed copies out to the commissioners, along with maps of the City.

VI. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Philibosian informed the Commission that he had made a presentation to the North Santa Barbara Rotary Club. The request for him to speak was organized by Mr. Staniforth and the Program Chair of the Rotary Club. Chairman Philibosian spoke of his experience as District Attorney, as a commentator for ABC news, and about the EEC Commission and the Workers' Compensation Report.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Staniforth introduced Ms. Amanda Robinson, who will be his administrative assistant for the next 3 months. She will be doing some additional working on the EEC web site. He announced that the new site will include a search function. Also, the pictures of commissioners will be included in the biography section of the website.

VIII. LIAISON REPORTS

Local Government Services Commission

Commissioner Selditz stated that the LGS Commission will meet on the following Tuesday, September 7, 2004. The meeting will incorporate demos of the following websites: the Los Angeles County Assessor's Data with the mapping GIS Services, the existing mapping system of publicly owned property in Los Angeles, and the Real Estate Management System called REMS. He invited the Commission to attend the meeting.

Quality and Productivity Commission

Commissioner Hill announced the October 27th event for the "Recognition of the Top 10 in the County." She explained that the top 10 projects are selected from 113 proposals. This is a major event for county employees, department heads, and is supported by the Board of Supervisors. She also noted that the event has been sponsored by commissioners in the past and she is the contact if anyone is interested in attending.

Commissioner Hill also announced the completion of the Commission's board assignment to review the following 3 departments: Sheriffs Department, Health and Services and the Library.

IX. OLD BUSINESS - TASK FORCE REPORTS

Emancipation Services Task Force

Chairman Philibosian stated that there wasn't much to discuss about this task force at this time.

Grand Jury

Commissioner Hill stated that efforts are made by the Superior Court to encourage citizens to perform their jury duty. If individuals do not chose to participate a fine will be assessed which ranges from \$250 to \$1500.

Organization & Accountability Task Force

Chairman Philibosian noted this report was addressed under New Business.

Economic Development Task Force

Commissioner Sylva addressed the proposal they would like to recommend to the Commission. This focuses on the next step to formalize the economic development dialog between the cities, departments, the CAO and unincorporated areas.

Sheriff's Transportation Task Force

Commissioner Anderson reported that the task force report is now being worked on. He explained that the primary problem for this project is the lack of Sheriff's Department data to evaluate. Chairman Philibosian asked if the problem is that they don't keep the data or they can't retrieve the data. Commissioner Anderson answered that they don't maintain the data.

Asset Management

Chairman Philibosian informed the Commission that Commissioner Lucente is currently in Japan, and thus is not here to report. Commissioner Hill stated that she has signed up for two meetings on asset management systems, scheduled for September 7 and October 5 by the Local Government Services Commission. Mr. Staniforth will attend as well.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Lee asked if the Commission can do anything about excessive commissioner absences. Chairman Philibosian replied that the authority resides with the Supervisor appointing the commissioner. Commissioner Lee asked if the Board could be notified of the absences. Chairman Philibosian pointed out that each Supervisor receives a list of absences in their monthly agenda packet.

Chairman Philibosian suggested scheduling the DA for the October meeting to discuss the propositions on the upcoming ballot that addresses public safety.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. Ms. Genevieve Clavreul commented on the purpose of the Grand Jury Task Force.

V. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Continued)

Commissioner Ikejiri introduced Mr. Fred Pfaeffle, who has been a Los Angeles County Deputy County Counsel since 1991. Ikejiri informed the Commission that he enjoyed working with Mr. Pfaeffle and wanted to thank him for attending the meeting.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted.



Bruce J. Staniforth
Executive Director

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