
Economy & Efficiency Commission Meeting Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION

THURSDAY, October 6, 2005
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

Having achieved a quorum of commissioners, Chairman Philibosian called the meeting to order at 10:27 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER'S ABSENCES

Chairman Philibosian asked for a motion to approve absences.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Clayton Anderson
Fred Balderrama
Isaac Diaz Barcelona
Robert Cole
Ray Considine
Jaclyn Tilley Hill
Chun Lee
Charles Parks
Robert H. Philibosian
Julia Sylva

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

Joanne Baltierrez
Hope J. Boonshaft
Ronald K. Ikejiri
Royal F. Oakes
Roman Padilla

COMMISSIONERS NOT REQUESTING AN EXCUSE

Jonathan Fuhrman
William J. Petak
Tony Tortorice

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 of the September 1, 2005 Commission meeting. Hearing none the following motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The minutes of the September 1, 2005 Commission meeting be approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF PRESENTATION

Chairman Philibosian asked if there were any corrections or amendments to the presentation of the September 1, 2005 Commission meeting. Hearing none the following motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The presentation of the September 1, 2005 Commission meeting be approved.

V. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

VI. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Philibosian acknowledged Commissioner Lee who has been reappointed for another two year term. This makes him the second most senior member of the Commission with only the Chairman having more seniority. Commissioner Anderson has also been reappointed.

Chairman Philibosian then introduced Ray Considine newly appointed by Supervisor Antonovich. Additionally, Chairman Philibosian introduced Charles Parks who is the immediate past-foreperson of the Los Angeles County Grand Jury.

Commissioner Considine described his background. He began his career in the clothing business, moved into financial advertising, then direct mail, which led to a job at Metromedia's KTTV. After his successes in direct mail, Mr. Considine began a speaking career which has resulted in speaking engagements around the world. He has also written two books, *The Great Brain Robbery: How to Steal Ideas and Make More Money and Have a Good Time* and *Why Are You Making It So Hard For Me To Give You My Money (WAYMISH)*.

Prior to his appointment to the Grand Jury, Commissioner Parks had a career in the Long Beach Police Department spanning more than 30 years and retiring as a Commander. Early in his career, he met Chairman Philibosian through his interactions with the District Attorney's Office. After leaving the Police Department, Commissioner Parks served two terms on the Water Commission. As a Water Commissioner, he was instrumental in hiring the inventor of the two-stage ocean desalination process. The inventor, Mr. Diem Vuong, was initially hired as a water quality expert. The desalination process, recently patented is still being evaluated in-house, and will be shared at no cost to other governmental agencies once the process receives its license in or about 2008. A native of Texas, Commissioner Parks relocated to Long Beach, California at the age of 17 to attend college.

Chairman Philibosian welcomed the new commissioners and mentioned that there has been a number of instances on the Commission of former Grand Jury fore-persons receiving a two-year supervisory appointment. He made this comment to both Commissioner Parks and Former Commissioner Sullivan who was present.

X. PRESENTATION

Chairman Philibosian introduced the individuals making the presentation:

Mr. Jonathan Freedman, Chief State Legislative Policy
Mr. Mark Tajima, Chief Federal Legislative Policy
Chief Administrative Office, Los Angeles County
Topic: The Current Status of Legislation Affecting Los Angeles County

The Chief Administrative Office is responsible for the development of the County's legislative agenda. To accomplish this, proposed legislation at both the State and Federal level is reviewed and analyzed. Based upon the results of these

efforts direction is provided to the County's lobbyists to assist them in protecting the County's interests. With 40% of the County's \$19.6 billion budget being funded by state and federal grants or reimbursements and given that 75% of the County budget is in non-discretionary spending this effort takes on significant importance to the County.

VI. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Continued)

Chairman Philibosian called Former Commissioner Sullivan forward and presented him with his nameplate from his time on the Commission. His scroll will be presented at the November meeting.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Staniforth asked commissioners whether they'd prefer to receive their weekly articles electronically rather than in hard copy. Chairman Philibosian suggested remaining with hard copies of the articles as it would take a while to print out the articles. He mentioned that any commissioner preferring electronic distribution should ask Mr. Staniforth who will accommodate the request.

Mr. Staniforth mentioned that the process of digitizing former Commission documents for the website is continuing. The focus is currently on placing the past minutes of Commission meetings on the web site. Currently these minutes are posted back to 1995, but will ultimately stretch back to 1992.

VIII. LIAISON REPORTS

Local Government Services Commission

Commissioner Selditz reported that there was no LGSC meeting held October 4th because of the religious holiday. During the September meeting, the Commission considered improvements to the 911 system. Currently, 911 calls made from a cell phone go to a central dispatch. Technology now allows for the identification of the call's location which will enable routing those calls to local authorities to be more efficient. Initially, some jurisdictions were uncooperative, but they have begun to be more flexible as time goes on.

Quality and Productivity Commission

Commissioner Tilley Hill mentioned that October is Quality and Productivity Month. There is a banner on the mall side of the Hall of Administration declaring that fact. The Board has recently increased its commitment to the Productivity Improvement Fund (PIF) by \$3 million. This is the largest grant to the PIF since 1996.

October the 26th is the 600 plus event at the Music Center. Commissioners of the Economy and Efficiency Commission are invited. The theme is, "Celebrating Innovation: The County's Best and Brightest." Mr. Chuck Henry will be the Master of Ceremonies for this event.

IX. OLD BUSINESS - TASK FORCE REPORTS

Grand Jury Task Force

Former Commissioner Sullivan deferred to Mr. Staniforth who described the progress of implementation of the Commission's recommendations. He mentioned that the Domestic Violence Council has been transferred to the Executive Office. The Domestic Violence Unit has not been transferred and is still with CSS - the agency that the Grand Jury report investigated.

Chairman Philibosian stated that it is historically the Grand Jury appointee who Chairs the Commission's Grand Jury Review Task Force. He offered the responsibility to Commissioner Parks who accepted. He encouraged Commissioner Parks to consult with Former Commissioner Sullivan to be briefed on the Commission's recommendations regarding improvement in the County's services to those who are victims of domestic violence.

Organization and Accountability Task Force

Commissioner Oakes was not present to make a report.

Economic Development Task Force

Commissioner Sylva invited all the commissioners to join her on October 19th for the connections workshop being held in District 2 at the Community Center in the City of Carson. The agenda in previous years has been procurement. This year, the agenda includes other issues including access to capital, and workforce development. There are already 400 businesses registered to attend this event.

The area of Commissioner Sylva's interest is Workforce Development which describes the proactive planning by educational institutions in a given area to provide education and training opportunities that match the potential employment opportunities in that area.

Video Arraignment Task Force

Commissioner Anderson said that Mr. Staniforth has obtained a draft grant request by the Sheriff's office to the Quality and Productivity Commission for a pilot project in Video Arraignment. The proposal seems to be ambitious and needs to be rescaled to fit the original objectives of the project. Chairman Philibosian agreed that the Task Force should assist in refining the proposal before the request is submitted to the Quality and Productivity Commission.

Succession Planning

Commissioner Petak was not present to make a report.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was brought up.

XII. 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. No members of the public commented.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Philibosian adjourned the meeting at 11:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted.



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Executive Director

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