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## **Economy & Efficiency Commission Meeting Minutes**

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 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**

Lacking a quorum of commissioners, Chairman Philibosian called the meeting to order as a Committee of the Whole at 10:15 a.m.

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

Chairman Philibosian asked the present commissioners to note the following absences.

##### **COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Clayton Anderson  
Fred Balderrama  
Isaac Diaz Barcelona  
Jaclyn Tilley Hill  
Ronald K. Ikejiri  
Chun Lee  
Robert H. Philibosian  
Julia Sylva  
G. Thomas Thompson

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

Hope J. Boonshaft  
Annie E. Cho  
Jonathan Fuhrman  
Tony Lucente  
Royal F. Oakes  
Roman Padilla

William J. Petak  
William A. Sullivan  
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 stated that without the presence of a quorum of commissioners no corrections or amendments to the minutes of the January 6, 2005 Commission meeting could be made.

### **IV. APPROVAL OF PRESENTATION**

Chairman Philibosian stated that without the presence of a quorum of commissioners no corrections or amendments to the presentation of January 6, 2005 Commission meeting could be made.

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

Dr. Lakshmanan Sathyavagiswaran, Chief Medical Examiner/Coroner  
Los Angeles County  
Topic: The Role of the Coroner/Medical Examiner of Los Angeles County

Dr. Sathyavagiswaran discussed the role of the Medical Examiner-Coroner's Office in Los Angeles County. As part of his presentation he discussed several recent cases that were examined by his office and the role that technology has played in determining the circumstances of the events. In addition he noted that, as a result of the efforts of his office, the Consumer Products Safety Commission has been able to remove a number of unsafe products from the marketplace.

### **XI. NEW BUSINESS**

Since there was an absence of a quorum no new business was discussed.

### **VIII. LIAISON REPORTS**

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

Commissioner Selditz reported that Local Government Services Commission is working on their Sunset Review Report. In addition, the Commission is working with the Sheriff's Department, Highway Patrol and local police departments on the operations of the 911 emergency communications system. They are looking into whether the system can utilize GPS technology so that individuals calling 911 on cell phones are directed to the appropriate local police for response rather than the Highway Patrol, as is currently the case.

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

Commissioner Hill reminded everyone of the upcoming Commissioner's Leadership Conference to be held on the morning of May 26th. The conference includes a luncheon.

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

#### **Grand Jury Task Force**

Commissioner Sullivan was not present and thus, a task force report was not made. Commissioner Hill did note that a tighter jury summons response system is necessary because Los Angeles County needs 10,000 jurors daily to adequately staff the courts.

#### **Organization and Accountability Task Force**

Commissioner Oakes was not present and thus, a task force report was not made. Mr. Staniforth reported that the Commission had received a copy of the CAO's response to Board of Supervisor's request for additional information that resulted from the Commission's Worker's Compensation Report. Supervisor Molina requested the report from the CAO because of her concern at the high percentage of fire and safety personnel retiring with workers' compensation

claims.

### **Economic Development Task Force**

Commissioner Silva reported that the Executive Director of the Small Business Commission, Ms. Edna Bruce, had retired. In part, because of her retirement the Commission has yet to adopt the economic development mission proposed by the Economic Development Commission. She hopes that at the Commission's March meeting they will put the mission statement on the agenda. The CAO is circulating the mission statement to all the department heads for their input.

### **Video Arraignment Task Force**

Commissioner Anderson stated that the task force was waiting to see if the Board of Supervisors would be taking any action on the report.

### **Succession Planning**

Commissioner Petak was not present and thus, a task force report was not made. Mr. Staniforth commented that the report was being worked on and that it is anticipated that an initial draft would be ready within the next few days. Commissioner Barcelona added that the task force had met with representatives of the Department of Human Resources and they discussed both the various programs that are currently in place and what additional actions need to be taken.

## **V. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no introductions or announcements

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

Chairman Philibosian met with the Grand Jury to discuss the operations of the Commission. Some of the grand jurors expressed an interest in working more closely with Commission. Chairman Philibosian suggested that any request they may have go through the current grand jury foreman.

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

No report was given.

## **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. No members of the public commented.

## **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Philibosian adjourned the meeting of the Committee of the Whole at 11:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted.



Bruce J. Staniforth  
Executive Director

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