
Economy & Efficiency Commission

Meeting Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2006
ROOM 525, 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

Chair Hill called the meeting as a Committee of the Whole to order at 10:15 a.m.

V. INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Hill asked those present to introduce themselves.

I. CALL TO ORDER

With the presence of a quorum Chair Hill called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER'S ABSENCES

Chair Hill asked for a motion to approve absences.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Clayton Anderson
Fred P. Balderrama
Isaac Diaz Barcelona
Hope J. Boonshaft
Joanne Baltierrez
Robert Cole
Jonathan S. Fuhrman
Jaclyn Tilley Hill
Ronald K. Ikejiri
Chun Lee
Charles Parks

Robert H. Philibosian
Solon C. Soteras
Tony Tortorice

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

William J. Petak
Royal F. Oakes
Roman Padilla

COMMISSIONERS NOT REQUESTING AN EXCUSE

None

It was Moved, Seconded and Adopted: The members requesting and excuse are excused.

III. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 5, 2006 MINUTES

Chair Hill asked if there were any corrections or amendments to the minutes of the October 7, 2006 Commission meeting. The following motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The minutes of the October 7, 2006 Commission meeting be approved as corrected.

IV. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 5, 2006 PRESENTATION

Chair Hill asked if there were any corrections or amendments to the presentation of the October 5, 2006 Commission meeting. Being none, the following motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The presentation of the October 5, 2006 Commission meeting be approved.

VI. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Hill reminded the Commission of the January election for Chair. She then requested that each of the Supervisorial Districts appoint a member to the Nominating Committee. Vice Chair Ikejiri was appointed as liaison to the Local Government Services Commission.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS - TASK FORCE REPORTS

Child Care Fraud Task Force

Chair Emeritus Philibosian made introductory remarks stating that the Child Care Welfare Fraud Task Force report was approved by the Commission at the last meeting. The report was forwarded to the Supervisors and copies were also sent to those that assisted in its preparation. The departments identified in the report will respond to the direction of the Board of Supervisors, with the exception of the independent District Attorney's Office. Indications from two newspaper articles are that the District Attorney's Office is very pleased with the recommendations and is seeking to implement them as quickly as possible.

VI. CHAIR'S REPORT (Continued)

Chair Hill asked Commissioner Anderson to elaborate on the Productivity Investment Fund (PIF). Commissioner Anderson stated that the fund has been loaning and granting a lot of money due to the fact that the quality of requests is higher than it's ever been. The PIF was running low on cash reserves but received a new infusion of money which enables the Fund to keep operating. Commissioner Anderson said that there will probably be a cut back on the number of projects financed by the Productivity Investment Fund. Chair Hill noted that \$9 million was committed last year by the Fund. Commissioner Anderson indicated the PIF will have to concentrate more on loans and less on grants in order to ensure the health of the Fund.

Commissioner Parks reported that he had attended the Ethics Training Workshop which was conducted by County Council. To his surprise, the attendance was sparse - 20 people. Nevertheless the information disseminated was helpful and informative. Chair Hill stated that the County is under a mandate to present this training to all commissioners who receive stipend.

Chair Hill noted her upcoming presentation at the Inner Agency Gang Conference that will be held by CCJCC on November 17 to address the problems posed by a gang population in Los Angeles County of about 80,000 individuals. The topic is Collaborations and Alternate Funding Resources. In addition, Mr. Robert Taylor, Chief Probation Officer,

has requested Chair Hill to participate in a strategic planning conference for the Probation Department; with a follow up report next month. Chair Emeritus Philibosian asked for more information on the gang conference and if commissioners could attend. Chair Hill will get the applicable information and have it distributed.

VII. PRESENTATION

Chief Jim McDonnell
Assistant Chief, Chief of Staff
Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD)
Topic: LAPD Management and Operations

Chief McDonnell opened with a discussion on the challenges facing the Los Angeles Police Department. This included factors ranging from the endemic gang violence, officer recruitment, to the ever present threats of terrorism. Chief McDonnell addressed how the LAPD has dealt with key issues in the past and gave an insight as to how the Department is gearing up to deal with the current and future issues. After his report, Chief McDonnell took questions, and then closed by thanking the Commission for the opportunity to make a presentation.

VI. CHAIR'S REPORT (Continued)

Chair Hill announced the presentation of a scroll to recognize Former Commissioner Julia Sylva and requested Chair Emeritus Philibosian to speak on behalf of the Commission. Chair Emeritus Philibosian noted as the Chair of the Economic Development Task Force, Ms. Sylva's active involvement helped in building the County's economic strategy. Ms. Sylva thanked the Commission for having the opportunity to serve for 12 year tenure and commended the EEC for their good work in the County.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Chair Hill asked the Commissioner's to focus on the Commission Bylaws Revision recommendation. The verbiage summarized that Commissioner's must be physically present at meetings to vote on matters. The motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted.

Chair Hill announced the annual Holiday Luncheon after the December 7th Commission meeting at Kendall's Restaurant. An email will be sent to all Commissioners with the details and RSVP.

Commissioner Fuhrman requested permission to submit a Minority Report as an addendum to the Child Care report. He felt that the County Council missed the point saying the Minority Report is a substitute for the report. Commissioner Fuhrman said County Council implied the Commission needs to make a motion and have a formal acceptance of the motion. Commissioner Fuhrman moved for the Commission to accept his Minority Report as an addendum to the Child Care Welfare Fraud Report. Chair Hill recognized the motion and asked if anyone would second it. Commissioner Boonshaft seconded the motion for discussion.

Mr. Staniforth discussed the process that could impact the report submitted to the Board of Supervisors. A substantive change to the tendered report requires a motion to reconsider. Mr. Staniforth said this motion would have to be made by a person who originally voted for the approval of the document which would preclude Commissioner Fuhrman and Commissioner Parks from making the motion.

Chair Emeritus Philibosian suggested a vote on the sense of the Commission for a better gauge as how this issue sits with the commissioners. He stated that if Commissioner Fuhrman wanted to bring the issue back as an Agenda item for the next meeting, it can be noticed in compliance with The Brown Act. Commissioner Fuhrman agreed to this recommendation. Chair Hill noted, without a sense of the Commission, Commissioner Fuhrman could request the Agenda reflect his motion for the addendum. Chair Hill asked for this item to be placed Agenda for the December 7th meeting.

Commissioner Fuhrman noted David Jansen announced his intent to retire and thus, this might be a useful time to investigate the role of the Chief Administrative Office. Questions posed may refer to the strength of the Office and whether there are structural features within the Office that can change in order to reflect higher efficiency.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hill adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted.



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