
Economy & Efficiency Commission Meeting Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION

THURSDAY, February 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 AS A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Lacking a quorum of commissioners, Chair Hill called the meeting to order as a Committee of the Whole at 10:00 a.m.

V. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Hill announced that Commissioner Boonshaft had been reappointed to the Commission.

The Chair introduced new Commissioner Solon C. Soteras and praised his previous contributions to the Quality and Productivity Commission and the LACERA Board. The Chair also acknowledged the continuing service of Vice-Chair Ikejiri. Commissioner Soteras made a short presentation on his background.

VI. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Hill stated the need for all Commissioners to obtain current appointment status, and asked that staff check on each commissioner appointment status. Chair Hill also encouraged all commissioners to update their bios and send them to the Executive Director.

Chair Hill stated that the remodeling of the office is on hold. Status updates will be provided at each meeting.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Staniforth made no report.

VIII. LIAISON REPORTS

Local Government Services Commission

No liaison was present to make a presentation.

Quality and Productivity Commission

Commissioner Anderson announced that the date of the Commission's Leadership Conference has been set for May 25. The topic of the presentation will be "Emergency Response in Los Angeles County". Commissioner Anderson encouraged all members of the Economy and Efficiency Commission to attend. He also noted that the Board of Supervisors honored former Quality and Productivity Chair Hill by presenting a scroll in recognition of her six years of service as Chair.

Commissioner Parks inquired about the evacuation plan in the Hall of Administration and the Criminal Courts buildings, noting that visitors may not know what procedures to follow. Chair Hill pointed out that there is a sophisticated plan including trained individuals on each floor and in each department, and that regular drills are conducted. Commissioner Petak stated that the Little Hoover Commission is studying emergency preparedness and response on a state-wide level, and that Sheriff Baca would be the person in charge in the event of an emergency here. He also noted that he has not seen any evacuation information and that visitors do not have adequate access to the evacuation plan. Mr. Staniforth stated that there were two wardens for each floor who would be identifiable by a helmet and vest, and that drills were conducted regularly.

Chair Hill asked Mr. Staniforth to provide a summary of the plan for the Commission's review. Commissioner Petak suggested having a speaker explain the plan, and Commissioner Baltierrez inquired about information made available to the public.

Chair Hill noted that she is chairing the May 25 Leadership Conference which will be held at the Music Center. This conference will present a comprehensive picture of emergency preparedness response in Los Angeles County. The event will include many high level federal, state, and local officials.

X. PRESENTATION

Chairman Philibosian introduced Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich and welcomed him to the meeting.

Dr. Ryan Ratcliff, PhD

Economist, UCLA Anderson Forecast

Topic: The Past and Future Economic Performance of Los Angeles County

Dr. Ratcliff used graphics in support of his presentation that focused on the economic effects of the real estate market on job growth and contraction, the recent historical trends in job sectors and the real estate market, and the effect of interest rates and the national economy on Los Angeles County.

Dr. Ratcliff offered a modestly optimistic view of the Los Angeles County economy for 2006. He predicted that the housing market will level off with more traditional rates of appreciation, job growth would be stagnant, and that the County economy would be sluggish but would not fall into recession. Dr. Ratcliff elaborated on the demographics of production, service, and construction jobs, and pointed out that high paying quality jobs require higher education, and that the County needs to find ways to help many of its citizens increase and improve their education.

IX. OLD BUSINESS - TASK FORCE REPORTS

Grand Jury Task Force

Commissioner Parks stated that he had would review the 2003-2004 Grand Jury Report on domestic violence, which he considered to be an explosive issue. He proposed offering suggestions to the Task Force to determine what approach to take.

Video Arraignment Task Force

Commissioner Anderson stated that he and Commissioner Philibosian were continuing their efforts to arrange a meeting with the presiding judge to determine if a more reasonable funding level for the recommended video arraignment pilot project would be acceptable to the Court.

Succession Planning Task Force

Commissioner Petak stated there had been no response from Supervisor Knabe's office, the Board of Supervisors, or the Chief Administrative Office. Chair Hill suggested that Commissioner Petak follow up with Supervisor Knabe's office to determine the status of the report.

I. CALL TO ORDER COMMISSION

With the presence of a quorum of commissioners, Chair Hill called the Commission meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER'S ABSENCES

Chair Hill asked for a motion to approve absences.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Clayton Anderson
Joanne Baltierrez
Isaac Diaz Barcelona
Jaclyn Tilley Hill
Ronald K. Ikejiri
Chun Lee
Roman Padilla
Charles Parks
William J. Petak
Robert H. Philibosian
Solon C.Soteras

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

Fred Balderrama
Robert Cole
Royal F.Oakes
Julia Sylva
Tony Tortorice

COMMISSIONERS NOT REQUESTING AN EXCUSE

Hope J. Boonshaft
Jonathan Fuhrman

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

IV. APPROVAL OF PRESENTATION

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

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of a Proposal by the Chair to Recognize the Contributions of Former Chairman Philibosian by Creating the Title of Chair Emeritus

Chair Hill praised former Chairman Philibosian for his six years of service as Chairman of the Commission. The Chair brought forth a motion to bestow on him the title of Chairman Emeritus. It was Seconded, and Adopted: The Commission bestows upon Robert Philibosian the title of Chair Emeritus.

Chair Hill congratulated Chairman Emeritus Philibosian, who then thanked the Commission.

Discussion of a Proposal by the Chair to Submit a Request for Commission Membership to the Countywide Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee

Chair Hill explained that the Countywide Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee represents federal, state, and local justice agencies, and that she had represented for the Quality and Productivity Commission as a voting member for seven years. Chairman Emeritus Philibosian detailed the history of the Committee and noted its relevance to the Commission, since the Committee examines various issues in the justice system and makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

Chair Hill asked for a motion to approve the proposal. It was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The proposal to submit a request for Commission membership to the Countywide Criminal Justice Committee be approved.

Commissioner Padilla requested information regarding the work and functions of the Committee.

Discussion of the Future Direction of the Commission

Chair Hill stated that the Commission was open to suggestions regarding speakers and areas of interest, and invited the commissioners to give thought to the direction of the Commission. The Chair asked the commissioners to bring forth creative, innovative approaches to Commission operations, and to consider the possibility of the entire Commission working on issues with a single focus rather than in smaller groups. The Chair stressed the need to create interest, encourage attendance, and fill vacant positions.

Commissioner Baltierrez suggested itemizing Task Force projects and issues under each Task Force heading on the agenda.

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 Emeritus Philibosian brought forth a motion to adjourn the meeting in memory of Robert Alison Hill, Chair Hill's father-in-law, and announced that a scroll was being prepared in Mr. Hill's memory for presentation to the family. It was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted. Chair Hill adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted.



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