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

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

THURSDAY, May 4, 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 10:05 a.m.

#### **V. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chair Hill introduced Ruth Wong, Executive Director of the Quality and Productivity Commission. Chair Hill commented on both the Annual Report of the Quality and Productivity Commission and extended another invitation to commissioners to attend the conference on Homeland Security at the Music Center that is being presented by the Quality and Productivity Commission.

#### **VI. CHAIR'S REPORT**

##### **Report on Office Remodel**

Chair Hill referred to the office remodel and to developing a history of the Commission. She pointed out that she likes to document activities and has done so with the Quality and Productivity Commission. In addition, for the information the Commission the administrative position has not been filled during the remodel. Without objection from the Commission, Chair Hill would like to have Commission meetings in the E&E Conference Room whenever possible.

##### **Formation of an Executive Committee**

Chair Hill appointed Vice Chair Ikejiri and Chair Emeritus Philibosian to an Executive Committee.

##### **Commission Reporting**

Chair Hill questioned the validity of continuing to list reporting items when there is no activity.

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

##### **Video Arraignment**

Commissioner Anderson reported that after the submission of the report the Sheriff had requested funding from the Quality and Productivity Commission. He and Chair Emeritus Philibosian and the Executive Director meet with the courts to see if the funds being requested could be reduced. Unfortunately, it could not be reduced. Since these positions can not be reconciled and the original objectives do not seem to be achievable at this time, it is his recommendation that this report be tabled at this time until future circumstance dictates otherwise. The task force will be ended.

Chair Hill commented on the benefits of video arraignment and the future potential for its implementation. Commissioner Solteras asked if the Sheriff had made any comments regarding the proposal and Commissioner Anderson replied that funding was the issue for them. Commissioner Anderson also felt that one solution was to place judges in the jails.

### **Grand Jury Task Force**

Commissioner Parks did not have a report, but continued in his suggestion to have Ms. Cohen make a presentation to the Commission on the topic of domestic violence. He felt that the Commission should consider the possibility of have additional resources assigned to this issue.

In an additional matter, Commissioner Parks felt that, given the current economic environment that the Commission should consider recommending the incentives for commissioner participation, i.e. mileage. Chair Hill replied that historically resources have been made available by the Board to address issues. In regard to commission remuneration, the majority of commissions do not receive anything. The Quality and Productivity Commission since 1981 has received \$50 each for a maximum of four meetings per month. Commissioner Solteras noted that during his term as a commissioner on the Board of Investment commissioners received \$100 per meeting, which did provide some incentive for attendance.

Commissioner Padilla asked what had brought commissioners to meeting in the past. Chair Hill and Commissioner Tortorice felt that it was a matter of composition and more actively funded projects. Chair Hill recommended that some of the task forces be terminated and that the Commission undertake one project. The concept is to have staff resources research and draft the project and then utilize commissioner expertise in the review role to insure that it is something that can be supported by the Commission. This approach can move the Commission forward without taxing the time of individual commissioners. The Commission can rely more on staff and upon additional resources where necessary. Using this approach, Chair Hill has developed a panel approach to address the domestic violence concerns of Commissioner Parks.

Commissioner Petak asked, concerning the role of the Commission, whether the Commission was going to get into social problems or whether it was going to address issues of economies and efficiencies of local government operations. Commissioner Padilla suggested looking at the service delivery systems that address these kinds of problems. Commissioner Petak agreed that the functioning of services may be a valid issues to be considered, as did Chair Hill. Commissioner Oakes expressed the thought that many of the county issues undertaken by the Commission have social and political implications. Commissioner Petak restated his concern for Commission attempting to address large social issues. His position was refined by Commission Tortorice who commented that the role of this Commission was to (a) look at what works and (b) is there a way to do it more efficiently. Commissioner Lee felt that the Public Social Services Commission might be able to contribute to this discussion.

Commissioner Petak stated that to be successful the Commission has to bound any problem so that it is in the scope of ability and the mission of the Commission. Chair Hill agreed. Commissioner Parks pointed out that existing legislation prevents the institutionalization of mentally ill individuals. Changes to this legislation would help both society and the individuals involved in solving these problems. He also noted that any law enforcement convicted of spousal abuse is not able to carry a firearm.

As part of the discussion Commissioner Tortorice expressed interest in business continuity planning and how the county would recover after a disaster. Chair Hill agreed that this would be a profitable area for investigation. Commissioner Petak suggested that the commissioners review the charter for the Commission to determine its role and responsibility. He also concurred that the emergency management area is a problem for both government and business. Commissioner Tortorice moved that the Commission begin a review of the state of the county's business continuity planning. The motion was Seconded, and Adopted: That the Commission begins a review of the state of the county's business continuity planning. Chair Hill requested Commissioner Tortorice and Commissioner Petak to come up with a scope for the project.

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

Commissioner Oakes reported that the task force had a telephonic meeting to discuss the Retired Peace Officer Corp

Proposal and that the Executive Director met with the Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff is putting together an implementation plan for the Commission's review.

#### **Economic Development Task Force**

Chair Hill has met with Supervisor Molina's Office. She will also contact Commissioner Sylva. Until then, it is recommended that this task force be discontinued to focus the efforts of the Commission on more pressing projects.

#### **Succession Planning Task Force**

Commissioner Petak commented that there had not been any response from the Board on this report. Chair Hill asked that a letter requesting an update be sent to Supervisor Knabe Office. Chair Emeritus Philibosian commented that the Commission should be prepared to do any additional work that the Board may request.

### **I. CALL TO ORDER OF COMMISSION**

With the presence of a quorum of commissioners, Chairman Hill called the Commission meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

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

Chair Hill asked for a motion to approve absences.

#### **COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Clayton Anderson  
Jaclyn Tilley Hill  
Chun Lee  
Royal F.Oakes  
Roman Padilla  
Charles Parks  
William J. Petak  
Robert H. Philibosian  
Solon C.Soteras  
Tony Tortorice

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

Joanne Baltierrez  
Isaac Diaz Barcelona

#### **COMMISSIONERS NOT REQUESTING AN EXCUSE**

Fred Balderrama  
Hope J. Boonshaft  
Robert Cole  
Jonathan Fuhrman  
Ronald K. Ikejiri  
Julia Sylva

### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Hill asked if there were any corrections or amendments to the minutes of the April 6, 2006 Commission meeting. Hearing none the following motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The minutes of the April 6 Commission meeting be approved.

### **VI. CHAIR'S REPORT (Continued)**

#### **CCJCC**

Chair Hill reported that the Commission had been accepted as a full member of the Countywide Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee. She asked that Chair Emeritus Philibosian serve as an alternate to the CCJCC.

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

Chair Hill asked if there were any corrections or amendments to the presentation of the April 6, 2006 Commission meeting. Hearing none the following motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The presentation of the April 6,

2006 Commission meeting be approved.

**VI. CHAIR'S REPORT (Continued)**

Commissioner Padilla asked the Chair whether the Quality and Productivity Commission has held formal hearings on issues. Chair Hill replied that this Commission rarely does studies, although recently they have done studies on warehousing within the county and a study on Health Services, the Sheriff and the Libraries. Historically, studies are done by the Economy and Efficiency Commission. The Quality and Productivity Commission has a very sophisticated staff and are responsible for the Productivity Investment Fund. The Economy and Efficiency Commission has been effective in preparing in-depth and objective reports and in the sophistication of its commissioners.

Commissioner Parks inquired as to the status of the real estate issue. Chair Hill stated that the Commission has been working on it and that she had been working on it for 10 years. Currently, there is litigation pending in this area. The E&E Commission participated until the point that there was little activity or direction. Chair Emeritus Philibosian that the Executive Director was doing the work and it wasn't producing any result. Chair Hill stated that the County now has the capability to know what property it has and how it is being used.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Hill adjourned the meeting at 11:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted.



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