
Economy & Efficiency Commission Meeting Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION

THURSDAY, January 4, 2007
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

With the presence of a quorum Chair Hill called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER'S ABSENCES

Chair Hill asked for a motion to approve absences.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Clayton Anderson
Fred P. Balderrama
Joanne Baltierrez
Isaac Diaz Barcelona
Jaclyn Tilley Hill
Ronald K. Ikejiri
Chun Lee
Royal F. Oakes
Roman Padilla
William J. Petak
Robert H. Philibosian
Solon C. Soteras
Tony Tortorice

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

Hope J. Boonshaft
Jonathan S. Fuhrman
William Max

COMMISSIONERS NOT REQUESTING AN EXCUSE

Robert Cole

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

III. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 7, 2006 MINUTES

Chair Hill asked if there were any corrections or amendments to the minutes of the December 7, 2006 Commission meeting. Being none, the following motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The minutes of the December 7, 2006 Commission meeting be approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 7, 2006 PRESENTATION

Chair Hill asked if there were any corrections or amendments to the presentation of the December 7, 2006 Commission meeting. Being none, the following motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The presentation of the December 7, 2006 Commission meeting be approved.

V. INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Hill asked those present to introduce themselves. After these introductions, Commissioner Barcelona introduced Officer Jesse Garcia of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Metropolitan Division. Officer Garcia spoke briefly about his 300 person unit and the five week school which is required prior to assignment. Assignments include uniformed crime suppression details, as well as responding to high-risk barricaded situations, stakeouts, security details, warrant service, and assisting investigators in solving major crimes. He commented further that the implementation of COMPSTAT Plus (a computer statistics crime control model) by the department has placed individual responsibilities on all persons employed by the LAPD.

VI. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Hill announced the presentation of a scroll to recognize the service of Former Commissioner Charles Parks. She noted that during his tenure Former Commissioner Parks represented the Grand Jury and served as the 21st Commissioner. Chair Hill commended the actions taken by Mr. Parks for his responsibility in the development of the report concerning the Retired Peace Officer Corps (RPOC).

Chair Emeritus Philibosian also spoke on behalf of the Commission stating that the RPOC report was a great idea that was presented by Mr. Parks. The RPOC report is now before the Sheriff for their consideration and the Department is very interested in the findings. Chair Emeritus Philibosian pointed out that the report was included in the Commission's Sunset Review and thanked Mr. Parks for his outstanding service.

Mr. Parks took this opportunity to thank the Commission. He stated that he had enjoyed his time as a commissioner and the interaction that he had had with everyone.

Chair Hill spoke about the Auditor-Controller's Sunset Review Recommendation which states the Commissions' should be approved to remain in good standing till 2011. She asked the commissioners to review the document for opportunities to continue the Commission's commendable work.

VII. OLD BUSINESS - TASK FORCE REPORTS

Child Care Fraud Task Force

Chair Emeritus Philibosian stated the report that was submitted to the Board of Supervisors has had no feedback as yet. At the last meeting Commissioner Fuhrman asked the Commission to reconsider the report and/or issue a Minority Report. Since Commissioner Fuhrman was absent, Commissioner Padilla suggested that the Commission write a letter acknowledging the responses of the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) Commission and Commissioner Schniderman, DPSS Commission.

Chair Hill commented that the Commission has fulfilled the task assigned to it by the Board of Supervisors and any further correspondence is a moot point until the required feedback comes to the Commissions attention. Chair Emeritus Philibosian said, in his opinion, unless there is direction from the Commission he does not feel the need to write letters to anyone.

Commissioner Padilla said since his appointment to the Commission in 1992 he has seen numerous reports from the

Commission. Accordingly, the response to this report by DPSS concerned him. Chair Hill stated that from the perspective of the Economy & Efficiency Commission due diligence was exercised. The Task Force developed a position that was supported by the entire Commission.

Commissioner Soteris felt that since several discussions have taken place on this issue and that the position of the Commission has been clearly stated numerous times that further deliberations would serve not reasonable purpose. He made a motion to a close future discussion. The following motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: Lacking future substantial change in the Child Care Fraud circumstances or further Board direction that discussion on the Child Care Report is closed.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Padilla reported that the Nominating Committee is recommending Commissioner Ikejiri to be the Chairman for 2007. Commissioner Padilla then made the motion to nominate Commissioner Ikejiri as the Chairman. Chair Hill asked if anyone else wanted to submit names for nomination. No further nominations were received.

Chair Emeritus Philibosian made the following motion that was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: Commissioner Ikejiri is elected by acclamation as Chairman of the Economy & Efficiency Commission for 2007.

Chairman Elect Ikejiri accepted the position stating that he looks forward to the opportunity to make this upcoming year meaningful to the people of the County and his fellow commissioners.

Chair Emeritus Philibosian made an additional motion that was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: It is resolved that the Commission honor, commend and thank Chair Hill for a stellar job over the past year. Commissioner Hill thanked the Commission for this recognition.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

The Civil Grand Jury Foreperson, Mr. Sacs, commented that the obligations of the Grand Jury include looking at issues and concerns of the County and to conduct investigations where necessary. The Grand Jury has funding of \$300,000 for audits. Currently there are six investigations being conducted, with the possibility of two more. The Grand Jury is faced with the challenge of presenting accurate reports while attempting to achieve continuity on the recommendations of pervious reports. After the submission of its report departments have 60-90 days to respond to the Grand Jury's recommendations. If a department responds with implemental changes, the Grand jury can conduct a further follow-up.

Chairman Elect Ikejiri asked that the Commission meeting be adjourned in memory of President Gerald Ford.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hill adjourned the meeting in the memory of President Ford at 11:10 a.m

Respectfully Submitted.



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Executive Director

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