

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

**October 2, 2008**

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 of commissioners, *Chairman Ronald K. Ikejiri* called the Commission meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

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

The following was the attendance for the meeting:

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

*Clayton R. Anderson*  
*Fred P. Balderrama*  
*Isaac Diaz Barcelona*  
*Robert Cole*  
*Jonathan S. Fuhrman*  
*Alan M. Glassman*  
*Ronald K. Ikejiri*  
*Janice Kamenir-Reznik*  
*Chun Y. Lee*  
*Bradley H. Mindlin*  
*Adam Murray*  
*Robert H. Philibosian*  
*Robert E. Sax*  
*Solon C. Soteras*

**COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED**

*Hope J. Boonshaft*  
*Royal F. Oakes*  
*Freda Hinsche Otto*  
*Roman Padilla*  
*William J. Petak*

**COMMISSIONERS NOT REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED**

*Tony Tortorice*

*Chairman Ikejiri* asked for a motion to approve absences. It was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: Commissioners requesting an excuse are excused.

**III. APPROVAL OF September 11, 2008 MINUTES**

*Chairman Ikejiri* asked if there were any objections to the minutes of the **September 11, 2008** Commission meeting. Hearing none, the motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted. The minutes of the **September 11, 2008** Commission meeting are approved.

**IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

1. *Chairman Ikejiri* reported that in August, he participated in the LA Roundtable program, a one-hour public affairs show broadcasted live on channel 35 with LA County Supervisor Knabe, a former LA Times editor and reporter Jim Newton, and Cal State Fullerton political science professor Raphael Sonenshein to discuss the problems and issues the Board is facing and the power, efficiency, and openness of the Board. The issues discussed included health care, jail violence, and in particular, the closure of MLK. The discussions on the power of Board centered on the structural changes the Board has made including the appointment of a new County CEO.

**V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Eng stated that Tom Tindall has been appointed the new Director of ISD. He also shared the County's initiative to Go Green and would like to support this initiative by electronically distributing all monthly commission materials. Mr. Eng stated that he would like to create a commissioner-only area on the website to store all static information (i.e. Commissioner Information, Org Chart, Monthly Attendance, and Guest Speaker Roster). Mr. Eng also stated that the possibility of video conferencing will allow Commissioners to participate when they are on business. Through video conference there still exists the ability to meet on a personal level regardless of the physical distance. Chairman Ikejiri stated he would like Mr. Eng and the Commission staff to research the idea to find out how the E & E Commission could implement the proposal for future meetings.

**VI. TASK FORCE REPORT**

**1. Civil Grand Jury Video – Commissioner Sax, Chair**

*Commissioner Sax* reported that this project was developed to help increase the recruitment of Civil Grand Jurors. Commissioner Sax explained that each July, twenty three citizens of Los Angeles County are sworn in as civil grand jurors for a twelve-month service ending June of the following year. Participation in the Civil Grand Jury is a full-time job and that anyone who is nominated to serve on the Civil Grand Jury must be fully cognizant of the time involved. Each prospective civil grand juror should sincerely and thoughtfully weigh any and all family, personal and business obligations before accepting nomination. Commissioner Sax stated the responsibilities of The Civil Grand Jury are to encompass the examination of all aspects of the county government, including special districts, to ensure that the county monies are being handled appropriately. He stated that the Civil Grand Jury is mandated by law to inquire into the condition and management of public jails. Commissioner Sax also expressed on the last day of each year of service, the Civil Grand Jury is required by law to submit all final reports to the Supervising Judge of the Criminal Courts. All reports include all studies and

investigations conducted by the Civil Grand Jury during its term with appropriate recommendations. Copies of individual reports are submitted to each county entity investigated, with instructions that findings/ recommendations be responded to by the responsible governing body within 90 days. Commissioner Sax shared that the video was approved by Judge Wesley, and will be viewed in all Court buildings by various pool of jurors. Judge Wesley also requested that the Civil Grand Jury Taskforce conduct two focus groups to gauge responses and reactions. Commissioner Sax introduced the final draft of the Civil Grand Jury Video. Chairman Ikejiri asked for a motion to approve the distribution of the video, and it was Moved, Seconded and Adopted. Mr. Eng shared that in addition to the video, a 30 second PSA will be produced and distributed to public access television stations.

## **2. Succession Planning – Commissioner Petak, Chair**

*Mr. Eng* stated that the taskforce is about 90% complete on the updated report. The report was written under the old county structure, and the taskforce would like to update the information to reflect the new county government structure.

## **3. Child Care Fraud – Chair-Emeritus Philibosian, Chair**

*Chair-Emeritus Philibosian* reported that the taskforce met with the help of the Executive Director, staff from DPSS along with the Director, his Assistant Director Michelle Callahan, and also personnel from the District Attorney Office. *Chair-Emeritus Philibosian* stated that DPSS presented the Childcare Welfare Fraud Action Plan which addresses a lot of the recommendations made in the report. DPSS and the District Attorney Office will work together to refine the action plan and will then report back to the Task Force in January with a cooperative action taken on all activities.

## **4. Strategic Planning Project: Commissioner Glassman**

*Commissioner Glassman* explained that currently there are four Commissioners, one from each Supervisorial District who joined the Taskforce. The Taskforce included Commissioner Fuhrman, Commissioner Otto, Commissioner Barcelona, and Commissioner Sax. Commissioner Glassman welcomes all Commissioners and shared that he hopes to formalize the taskforce by the end of October. Commissioner Glassman tentatively laid out a preliminary schedule for completing the report. A meeting has been tentatively scheduled with the CEO on October 23, 2008 to discuss the plan design and methodology. He also stated that the taskforce will notify the Board Office regarding this study. Commissioner Glassman stated he will provide some research on what is happening in the public arena regarding strategic planning issues, as well as county documents going back to 1996 that will serve as the basis of the proposal. The task force will meet in November to discuss the protocols, design, and what the Commission would like to see in the design of the survey. In December the design and protocols will be reviewed to incorporate any changes. In January Commissioner Glassman will ask the Executive Director to setup all logistics, and people who the taskforce will need to collaborate with. From February to April the taskforce will focus on data gathering, and from May thru June the taskforce will deliver a report on all results.

## **VII. LIAISON REPORTS**

**1. Local Government Service Commission – Commissioner Fuhrman**

*Commissioner Fuhrman reported that he attended the Local Government Services Commission Taxi Cab Task Force meeting in September. He stated there is nothing to report until next meeting.*

**2. Quality & Productivity Commission – Commissioner Anderson**

Commissioner Anderson stated there is nothing new to report.

**Countywide Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee – Chair-Emeritus Philibosian**

*Chair-Emeritus Philibosian reported that there is a countywide warrant system ran by the Sheriffs Department which is substantially out of date. The Department is working on upgrading the data system. Chair-Emeritus Philibosian also stated that the jail overcrowding sub-committee is now considering video arraignments, which the Commission reported on about three years ago. Chair-Emeritus Philibosian suggested that the Executive Director, Edward Eng contact DCEO Doyle Campbell, who is the former Assistant Sheriff, to see what the Commission can contribute in terms of the E&E Commission Reports on video arraignments. The last item Chair-Emeritus Philibosian presented was the county inter-agency taskforce and how it relates to the countywide Gang Strategy. It was revealed that the taskforce hasn't met for several months, discovering this, Chairman of the Board Supervisor Burke directed the taskforce to meet and come back with a report.*

**VIII. PRESENTATION**

William T. Fujioka, Chief Executive Officer, presented information regarding Issues Facing the County of Los Angeles (see attached).

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**X. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Ikejiri at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Edward Eng, Executive Director*